



THE WEE FRIDAY NOTE











Friday 17th May 2019



- School Holidays 2019-20** – our school holidays have not yet been confirmed by the authorities for 2019-20. The calendar for next year is rather different from 2018-19 e.g. Easter is much earlier and schools having to close on St. Patrick's Day. The flexibility to plan next year's holidays has been reduced as the Education Authority has increased the level of 'harmonization' across all N.I. schools. The number of days children must attend school over the course of an academic year remains at 185 days. To make sure the children get a decent break at Halloween, Christmas and Easter, the children will be starting back to school on Tuesday 27th August (last year they started back on the 28th).

On Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th August 2019 school will finish at 12 noon for all pupils to allow for staff training. There will be no dinners or packed lunches on these days. Monday 2nd September will be our first full 'normal' day of school: with Breakfast, Homework and 223 (Two to Three) Stay and Play Clubs running. Monkeynastix does not start until later in September.
- P7 Secondary School Places** – Families of P7 pupils will receive notification of secondary school places on Saturday 1st June through the post. The Education Authority will once again provide a helpdesk on Saturday 1st June 2019 between the hours of 3.30pm and 5pm which parents can contact in the event that they do not receive a placement letter from the post primary school which has selected their child for admission. The Education Authority will write to parents of pupils who have not yet been allocated a school place. The helpdesk number is 028 959 85595.
- April's Parent Survey** – thank you all so much for taking time to complete and return surveys during parent-teacher interview week. They gave staff plenty of food for thought, ideas for some improvements and made us thankful that we teach in a school with such a supportive community.
- School Show 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'** – tickets are now on sale and selling fast (£5 adults and £3 child) available from Mr Irwin and the School Office. Performances on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May.
- Any outstanding school fund?** We really appreciate the school fund contributions parents send in every year. It allows us to pay for things such as sports day equipment and Santa's travel expenses at Christmastime. If possible, please send any outstanding contributions into the school office. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

-  Thursday 23rd May – **European Elections, Cregagh Primary School closed**
-  Friday 24th May – **School Development Day No.5, school closed for pupils**
-  Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May – **KS2 School Show: *Pirates of the Curry Bean***
-  Friday 7th June – **Sports Day.** Starts 9:30am; finishes around 12 noon. Parents welcome. Seating area through Community Centre. Tea and coffee will be available in the Sports Hall.
-  Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th June - **P7 Residential to East Coast Adventure, Rostrevor**
-  Friday 14th June – **Cash 4 Clobber collection fundraiser**
-  Thursday 20th June - **Prize Day and Final Assembly.** Starts 9:30am; finishes around 12 noon. Parents welcome.
-  Friday 21st June – **P1 & P2 Prize Morning.** Details TBC.
-  Tuesday 25th June (12noon finish) - **P7 Final Day**
-  Friday 28th June – **Last day of summer term.** School closes at 12 noon.