



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 15th September 2023



**“Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles.
It takes away today’s peace.” Anon**

1. Board of Governors – reconstitution of school boards 2024-2028

Governors play a very important role in the life of any school. Cregagh Primary School has been very fortunate over past years with excellent people volunteering their time and expertise to serve our school community and support me as principal. A term of office for governors normally last 4 years, after which the Board is ‘reconstituted’. This usually leads to a few changes in a Board’s membership. In January of 2024, all schools across NI will see their Boards of Governors renewed. I will write to you closer to the time to explain in more detail what this involves here at Cregagh Primary School.

2. After-school clubs for P4-P7 pupils

These will start back next week, on Monday 18th September. It is very important that parents collecting their children from school after these clubs finish, do so in good time. Of course, many P4-P7s have been given parental permission to walk home themselves after school clubs are over.

3. Breakfast Club

- ✓ Breakfast Club now costs £2 per child per day (this is still less than it costs school to operate Breakfast Club)
- ✓ Doors open at 8:15am.
- ✓ Children coming to Breakfast Club should not arrive at school earlier than 8:15am as they will not be supervised & this is potentially unsafe (stranger danger / accidents).

4. Two-to-Three Waiting Club (P1-P3 only)

- ✓ This is a paid-for-service aimed at helping **parents who have children* in both P1-3 and P4-7** (*own children: not nephews, nieces, family friends etc.)
- ✓ Places must be pre-booked & paid online. Speak to Miss Murphy our school secretary (90 401246) if you need help doing this.
- ✓ Cost per day is £2.50 (same as in 2022/23)

5. Children cycling to school

- ✓ If you allow your child to cycle or scoot to school, please make sure they wear a helmet – even if they protest and say they don’t want to. It’s for safety, after all!
- ✓ Also, please remind your child that once they arrive at the school gates, they are to dismount and push their bikes and scooters down the school paths, across the playground and over to where they are stored.

6. Morning drop-off time

Now that the new term is well under way, only P1 parents will be able to walk across the playground area. Speak to your child’s class teacher if unsure. Thankyou ☺

7. School Fund

Most school staff are parents themselves and understand that money doesn’t grow on trees – especially at the moment! However, without school fund contributions the boys and girls would miss out on a lot of things. The amount remains at £20 *per family* per school year. This can be paid through our online payment system School Money in either one or several instalments. Speak to Miss Murphy our school secretary (90 401246) if you need help doing this.

8. Healthy breaks, no nuts & water only – please remember!

***** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR *****

Monday 30 th October to Friday 3 rd November	Half-Term Holidays	(5 school days)
Monday 6 th November	School Development Day 1 School closed to all pupils	
Saturday 11 th November	SEAG Paper One	
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)	
Thursday 23 rd November	Family Bingo! (PSA event)	
Saturday 25 th November	SEAG Paper 2	
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Market (PSA event)	
Friday 8 th December	P1-P3 Nativity Mount Merrion Parish Church	
Wednesday 13 th December	P4-P7 Carol Service St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime trip for P4-P7 Waterfront Hall, Belfast	
	Class parties with Aldo the Magician & Disco	
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term – 12 noon finish	

