



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 6th October 2023



1. The funeral of Mateusz Pospiech (P7) took place on Thursday 5th October. Cregagh Primary School would like to add its thanks, along with those of the Pospiech family, to the wider Cregagh community for its support over recent days. Thank you to all those parents and families who signed the Book of Condolence for the Pospiech family.

It is too soon for school to start planning how it will remember Mateusz in the future. The school governors, staff and the Pospiech family will address this together at the appropriate time for them and school. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mr and Mrs Pospiech, Suza, Liliana and the entire family circle.

2. 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.

3. 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 too. 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.

4. Morning drop-off time

Only P1 parents will be able to walk across the playground area. Speak to your child's class teacher if unsure. Thank you ☺

5. After-school clubs for P4-P7 pupils

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.

6. Breakfast Club

- This is a paid-for-service costing £2 per child per day (this is still less than it costs school to operate Breakfast Club!)
- Doors open at 8:15am.
- Toast, juice, choice of cereal, etc
- 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).

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

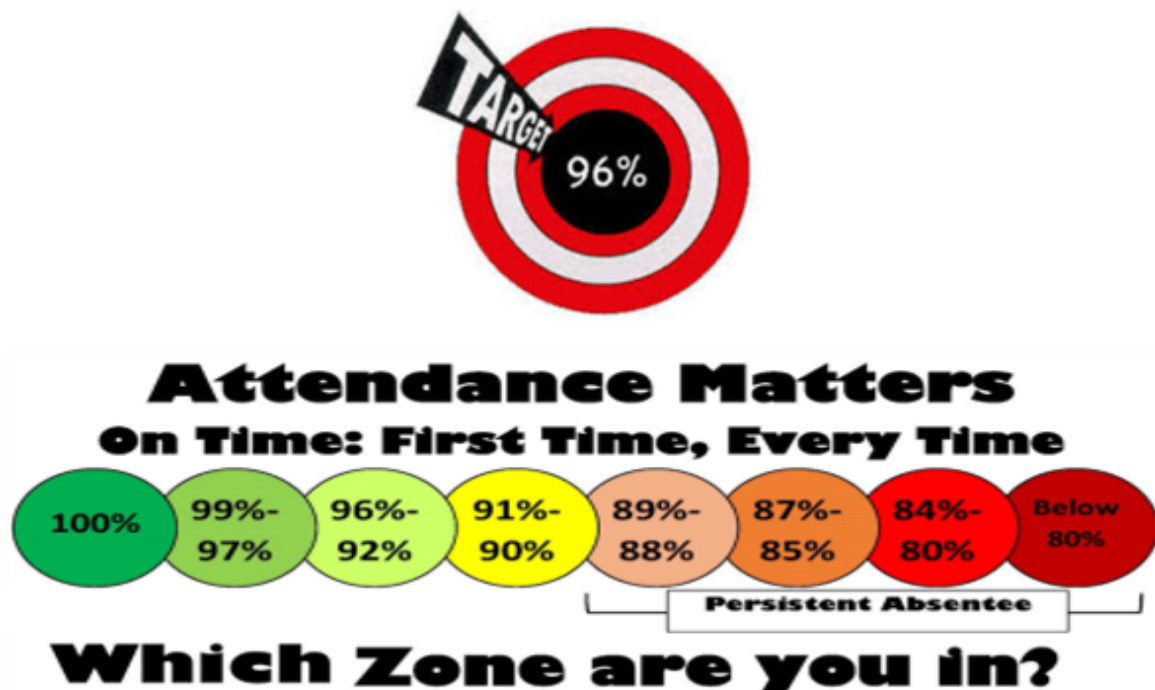
- This is a paid-for-service aimed at helping **parents who have children* in both P1-3 and P4-7** (*own children: not nephews, nieces, family friends etc.)
- Places must be pre-booked & paid online. Speak to Miss Murphy our school secretary (90 401246) if you need help doing this.
- Cost per day is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

8. 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.

9. Healthy breaks, no nuts & water only to drink

On Fridays, children can bring a sweet treat to eat but it's still only water on Fridays!



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

Monday 23rd
to Friday 27th October

Parent-Teacher Interviews

School will finish at 1pm every day this week
School dinners as normal

Monday 30th October
to Friday 3rd November

Half-Term Holidays

(5 school days)

Monday 6th November

School Development Day 1

School closed to all pupils

Saturday 11th November

SEAG Paper One

Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)

Thursday 23rd November

Family Bingo! (PSA event)

Saturday 25th November

SEAG Paper 2

Saturday 2nd December

Christmas Market (PSA event)

Friday 8th December

P1-P3 Nativity

Mount Merrion Parish Church

Wednesday 13th December

P4-P7 Carol Service

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Tuesday 19th December

Pantomime trip for P4-P7

Waterfront Hall, Belfast

Class parties with Aldo the Magician & Disco

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term – 12 noon finish

