



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 20th October 2023



1. Harvest Assembly

We are planning to have a special Harvest Assembly on Thursday 26th of October. If any parents, grandparents or guardians are free on this morning they are very welcome to join us for this assembly at 9:15am. The school choir will be singing and we hope to have a guest speaker who will speak to the boys and girls for a short while.

As well as this, we hope to help the wider Cregagh community by collecting tins of food that will in turn be distributed to needy families identified by our friends from Mount Merrion Parish Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. We ask that each pupil donates one or two tins of food (or packets of dried food) to our harvest service table and 'community food basket'. Anyone wanting to donate more than one or two tins, may of course do so. School also recognises that money is tight for a lot of people right now, so if you can't manage to do this, please do not worry about it.

- Please make sure that any tins or packets of food being donated have a long shelf life left (at least three or four months before expiration) and are unopened.
- Basic food items are best (things that most people like to eat, rather than very fancy foods)
- Tins and packets can be brought to school by the children and given to their class teacher or, if preferred, parents and grandparents can leave them off at reception.
- The last day for donations is Wednesday 25th October (the day before our assembly).



2. Rise & Shine & Be on Time!

Remember, classroom lessons at Cregagh PS start at 8:55am (not 9am!)

3. School Open Day Events



Note: the petting farm will be at CPS for both Open Day events.

The 5-6pm 'Mini Open Afternoon' time is ONLY for families with children due to start P1 in September 2024.

We look forward to seeing & welcoming you!



4. Christmas Trips

Every December, our P1-3 children go to the cinema to enjoy a festive movie and the older children visit the pantomime. Because these trips are quite expensive (although we try our best to keep the costs down as much as we can), we like to give parents the facility to pay for the cost of these trips off in smaller instalments. This can now be done online using the *ParentMoney* App for the P4-7 pantomime trip (payment is “live”) and soon the same will be done for the P1-3 cinema trip.

5. School Fund

School Fund 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. Thank you to everyone who has already paid some or all of their school fund contribution – it is greatly appreciated.

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

Thursday 26 th of October	Harvest Assembly (starts at 9:15am)
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	Parent-Teacher Interviews School will finish at 1pm every day this week School dinners as normal
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)
Wednesday 15 th November	CPS Open Day Events
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