








# The Wee Friday Note

## Friday 27th September 2019



1. **Remember** – Cregagh Primary School is closed on Monday 30th September for staff training (School Staff Development Day One, 1-day holiday for the children, see school holiday calendar for further details).
2. **The Wizard of Oz Production** – on Thursday 17th October, M&M Theatrical Productions will be staging a hilarious version of The Wizard of Oz. This forms part of Cregagh Primary's 80th Year celebrations. The performance will start at 6:30pm and finish around 7:30pm. It is open to all families of Cregagh Primary School pupils and their relatives however; the play is unsuitable for children younger than P1 and so babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers should not attend – sorry! Children coming to see this show must be accompanied by an adult who must also stay for the full duration of the performance. The PSA, along with staff, will be selling drinks, popcorn and sweets to raise funds for School Fund. Raffle tickets for a delicious hamper full of goodies will also be sold for adults to buy. Tickets for *The Wizard of Oz* are limited to 150 and will go on sale next week at a cost of £5 per ticket. This is a professional theatrical company's production and so the ticket price is dictated by school having to meet the cost of staging the show. It will be fabulous though: it will be the talk of the school among the children – so don't miss out, get your tickets early! They will be available to purchase from the school office or if you have an older child at the school, they can buy them for you from Mr Irwin.
3. **Spanish is back!** – we had a terrific first day of Spanish lessons on Tuesday 24th September. Please remember to send in your £1 per child each week to help us pay for this activity. Learning a second language at an early age brings many benefits & gives children greater confidence in this area when they eventually move to secondary school and are already familiar with a foreign language - *gracias!*
4. **Follow us on Twitter** – we are always trying to increase our levels of parental engagement. We are now using Twitter. Follow us on Twitter @CregaghPS
5. **School Counsellor & Family Worker** – our school counsellor's name is Julie Magowan & our school's Family Worker is Alex Barnes. If you would like to speak to either of them, just leave your name at the school office & either Mrs Pearson or myself will quickly get in touch with you & arrange a meeting for you ☺ Alex is currently putting together a calendar of activities for parents and we will be starting a weekly **Coffee & Chat Drop-In** for parents very soon.
6. **Child Safeguarding** – with school counsellors, parent workers, homework clubs, breakfast clubs and so many other activities being provided by Cregagh Primary School for the benefit of its school families, I just wanted to reassure parents that anyone who comes into contact with our pupils in connection with school-related activities is AccessNI-approved (Police-checked) and known to the school. This is school policy and is constantly monitored.
7. **Free School Meals Entitlement** – please remember to check your family's eligibility for Free School Meals & register for them: even if you don't think your child(ren) will use them regularly. School budgets are calculated using various measures & the more families who register for FSM, Cregagh Primary School receives a little extra funding. Ring Dundonald for information &/or advice on 028 9056 6200. Please do this as soon as possible.
8. **Breakfast Club** – our school Breakfast Club now meets over in Mount Merrion Parish Church's recently renovated buildings. It opens at 8am each morning; costs £1.50 per child per morning & is supervised by AccessNI-approved adults (including two of our own school staff). Children are walked over to Cregagh PS when breakfast is over & in time for supervised play in our playgrounds at 8:45am. Parents need to register before sending their children: this can be done online (see our school Facebook page) or by calling in to MMPC & completing a simple form.

### Important Dates for your Diary

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- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - School Staff Development Day (1-day holiday for the children)
- Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October (all week)** – Parent-Teacher Interviews. Children go home 1pm each day.
- Thursday 17th October**, M&M Theatrical Production of The Wizard of Oz
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Hallowe'en Holidays (5 school days)
- Wednesday 20th November** – Cregagh Primary School *Open Evening*, 6:00-8:15pm

