



The Wee Friday Note





Friday 8th November 2019



It's difficult to believe its November already and only seven weeks until a certain person in red comes a-visiting (and I don't mean Jeremy Corbin!) Since our last *Wee Friday Note*, we've learned that there's to be a General Election on Thursday 12th December. This will mean that the second half of this first term will be even busier than normal!

- 1. Parents' WhatsApp Groups** – This week, a few concerned parents have spoken to me regarding certain *WhatsApp* groups used by some of our pupils' parents. Some of the content included harsh criticism of certain school staff and other nasty (and untrue) comments. I also noted that some comments were aimed at other parents and some posts even referred to particular children by name. I appreciate that our school enjoys excellent relationships with 99.9% of its pupils' parents and that there is a mutual-respect between us. We understand parenting is not easy and most parents appreciate that teaching children is also *not* simple. While I fully respect the right of parents to chat about whatever they wish, please remember that school staff are *real* people too with families and feelings of their own. Just imagine your horror if you found out you were being criticised or ridiculed by a group of school staff on social media! Is this kind of harmful, critical 'gossip' not the exact opposite of what we are all trying to teach the school children not to do? Having been 'born, bred and buttered' in Cregagh, one thing I know well is that the 0.1% do not outweigh the 99.9% who work with us to keep Cregagh the positive place it is. We are all in this together! Thank you very much everyone.
- 2. Remembrance at Cregagh PS** – every year, we sell poppies and other poppy-themed bits and bobs for the Royal British Legion. Children also learn about the importance of remembering in class. On Monday, which will be the 11th day of the 11th month, we will all observe a minute's silence at 11am. A poppy wreath, given to Cregagh PS by the RBL, will be hung by some pupils at the school's front entrance at this time also. A small group of P5 pupils have been invited to attend a little Remembrance ceremony at the Orange Heritage Museum on Monday morning.
- 3. Children in Need** – Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day. The school council have decided that we will have a Bake Sale on the day, with items ranging from 20p - £1.00. As an added bonus, the children may come to school dressed in their pyjamas (and bring along their teddy!) for a suggested donation of £1. Every year our children and parents continue to amaze with how incredibly generous they are. Thank you for your continued support. (Miss Christie and School Council)
- 4. Best wishes to P7s sitting AQE Tests** – I'm sure we all want to wish those boys and girls sitting their first AQE (11+) paper on Saturday 9th November all the very best. Keep calm and do your very best 😊

Important Dates for your Diary

-  **Friday 15th November** - is Children in Need Day
-  **Wednesday 20th November** – Cregagh Primary School *Open Evening*, 6:00-8:15pm
-  **Friday 22nd November 9:00-10:30am** – Open Coffee Morning for Parents of Pre-schoolers
-  **Friday 6th December 9:00am-12noon** – Cregagh Pre-school Open Morning

