

# CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL & DEAF UNIT

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## NEWSLETTER

"A society's destiny rests on how it treats its children."

(Robin Grille)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### 1. Principal's Competition Challenge!

Reading and playing are the two most important things children do; so anything school and home can do together to promote and celebrate the importance of reading is worth doing!

- Using SeeSaw, send your child's class teacher a photograph of your son or daughter reading a favourite book, magazine or comic in an unusual place or position! This could be up a tree, sitting on a bicycle, on a beach, outside Stormont or the City Hall or doing a headstand!
- Wherever you choose to take your photos, please make sure the children are safe.
- Photos will be shared and displayed, so please make sure all entries are suitable: we don't want any taken in bathrooms or with anything inappropriate in the background 😊
- Each child whose photograph is sent in will receive a treat and I will select an overall winner from each class, who will be awarded a special prize in assembly
- This fun competition will close on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, so get thinking, get snapping and get those kids reading!

### 2. Earrings!

Some schools do not permit pupils to wear any earrings. we do but they must be small plain silver or gold stud earrings. The only other items of jewellery children are permitted to wear to school are watches (not 'smart' watches). Thank you.

### 3. Wrap-around (before and after school) care

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, we plan to pilot after-school care between now and the New Year to see how it goes.

- 'Wrap-around care' will be available to parents from 8am to 5pm Mondays-Thursdays and 8am to 4pm on Fridays (term-time only).
- The cost to parents will be £5 per hour for afternoon care.
- The school staff who will lead and supervise our **Beyond the Bell After School Club** will aim to provide a varied programme of fun activities, both indoors and outdoors, and make the children feel relaxed in a home-like environment. A snack will be available.
- It will be based in our lovely Family Resource Hub building and parents will pick children up from the school's rear (yellow) gate. Booking and payment will be online; just like how school dinners etc are booked and paid for.

### 4. Reminder of school's early closure on Wednesday 25th September

Cregagh Primary School and Deaf Unit will **close at 1pm for all pupils on the Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** to facilitate important staff training that cannot take place at another time. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but all children will benefit from the school staff undergoing this training.

**5. Have you changed your contact number recently?**

Please let Miss Murphy (our school secretary) know if you change your telephone number, email or home address. We can't contact you in an emergency if we don't have your most up-to-date details!

**6. School Fund**

School fund remains unchanged at £20 per family for the school year. School fund is a really important source of income for our school and enables us to provide 'nice' things for the children that we otherwise could not do.

**7. Parent School Association (PSA)**

If you would like to join with other mums and dads in helping support our school in practical ways, why not join Cregagh Primary's PSA? If you'd like to know more about this, let Miss Murphy in the office know and she will get some information to you 😊

**8. Could you be eligible for Free School Meals? (2024-25)**

If you need help or advice with applying or you want to know if you might be eligible, speak to Miss Murphy in the school office or phone school on 028 90 401246.



<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School closes early for all children on this day at 1pm to facilitate important staff training
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Note change of date!</b>	PSA Bingo Night
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> (morning)	Christmas Nativity at Mount Merrion Parish Church Details TBC.
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> (morning)	<b>Breakfast with Santa</b> Christmas themed event for Pre-school children (aged 3+) and our own P1 and P2 pupils
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> (evening)	P4 to P7 Christmas Carol Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Details TBC.
<b>January 2025</b> <b>Exact date &amp; times TBC</b>	Cregagh Primary School Open Night <b>This is a change of time of year for us</b>



Breakfast with Santa	December	Preschoolers and CPS P1 and P2 children
School Open morning for parents of pre-schoolers	December	Parents of preschoolers