

CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL & DEAF UNIT

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EDUCATION IS ONE
THING NO ONE CAN
TAKE AWAY FROM YOU.

-Elin Nordegren

@weareteachers



Friday 18th October 2024



1. **Preschool (year below P1) Enrolment Events**

- 🕒 **Wednesday 13th November** - 1.00-1.45pm – Come & Play Open Afternoon for mums and dads with children due to start P1 in September 2025.
- 🕒 **Saturday 7th December** (morning) - Breakfast with Santa: Christmas themed event for Pre-school children (aged 3+) and our own P1 and P2 pupils
- 🕒 **Wednesday 15th January 2025** - Open Night. 5-6pm for families with children due to start P1 September 2025 and 6:00-7:30pm for existing pupils and their families 😊

2. **Special Harvest Assembly on Thursday 24th October**

We are planning to have a special Harvest Assembly on Thursday 24th of October. **If any parents, grandparents or guardians are free on this morning they are very welcome to join us for this assembly at 9:30am.** 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 and packets of food that will in turn be distributed to needy families in our local area. This year, like last, TeamDot will be helping to distribute the food.

We ask that where possible, 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 help with this do not worry! 😊

- 🕒 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.
- 🕒 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 to our community harvest table is Wednesday 23rd October** (the day before our assembly).

3. **Eco Council 2024-25**

Our recently elected Eco Councillors and Mrs Standley already have big plans for the year ahead! Congratulations to them all on being voted onto the 'Green Team' by their classmates.



4. **Poppy Appeal**

The RBL poppy appeal has begun and poppies, along with other poppy-related items such as pencils, bracelets, badges, etc. are available for sale from the school office. Each item has a listed price. Please support us as we support this year's Poppy Appeal.

5. **Sponsored Walk school fund raiser**

Thank you very much for supporting our recent sponsored walk. The children enjoyed it and the money raised will help school fund tremendously. Photos of the event are being added to the school website.

6. **Wearing of school uniform and good manners – a thank you to parents!**

I received an email earlier this week from someone who had recently visited our school. This person works in local government. In their email they commented on how they loved our school's multicoloured uniform (sweaters and polo shirts) and how proudly the children wore it. The email went on to mention the "lovely manners" displayed by our pupils during their visit. So, thank you parents for continuing to turn your children out so smartly every day and for encouraging your sons and daughters to display such good manners – both at home and in school. They are a credit to you and to us. These things are important and get noticed by other people. It was a lovely email to receive on a Monday morning 😊

7. New school club starting after half-term break – ‘Sportstopia’ is coming to Cregagh PS

Sportstopia
Get Active. Play. Have Fun
Cregagh Primary School

Multi Sport Games
P1- P3
Every Tuesday
2pm- 3pm

Multi Sports clubs are great for learning new skills, playing ball games and enjoying fun PE games that children will love.

We aim to keep the children engaged and play games which are inclusive and ensuring everyone has a great time

Multi Sports
P4-P7
Every Tuesday
3pm - 4pm

Multi Sports clubs are great for trying new sports but also playing sports which they may already enjoy.

We play many games that children can enjoy and have the opportunity to get involved in.

Sportstopia Clubs Promise
We aim for plenty of fun and enjoyment which we believe is the core values in children having a healthy and active lifestyle in sports and want all children going home with a smile on the face and wanting to do more.

Book Now @
<https://sportstopia.classforkids.io/term/106>

This will be a paid for afterschool club as it is run by an external provider (run by a fully qualified PE teacher). Each session costs £3, which is excellent value. Both the P1-P3 and P4-P7 clubs need a minimum number of children to run. Parents can book places by clicking [here](#) or searching the web address above.

Bookings and payment are made directly to **Sportstopia**, who run afterschool sporting clubs in various Belfast schools.



Week beginning Monday 21 st October	Parent-Teacher Interviews School will close at 1pm each day this week <i>**If any parents require Beyond the Bell Afterschool Club this week, please contact Miss Murphy directly to see what can be offered**</i>
Thursday 24 th October at 9:30am	Special Harvest Assembly Parents & grandparents welcome to join us 😊
Monday 28 th to Friday 1 st November	Half-term (Halloween) holidays (5 schools days)
Monday 4 th November	CPS closed to all pupils (School Development Day 1)
Monday 11 th November	PSA Bingo Night
Wednesday 13 th November	Come & Play Open Afternoon for Preschool-aged children (starting P1 September 2025)
Friday 6 th December (morning)	Christmas Nativity at Mount Merrion Parish Church Details TBC.
Saturday 7 th December (morning)	Breakfast with Santa Christmas themed event for Pre-school children (aged 3+) and our own P1 and P2 pupils
Wednesday 11 th December (evening)	P4 to P7 Christmas Carol Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Details TBC.
Wednesday 18 th December	Class Christmas parties followed by Aldo the Magician in the afternoon
Thursday 19 th December	P4-P7 go to the Panto at Belfast's Waterfront Hall
Wednesday 15th January 2025	Cregagh Primary School Open Night There will be 2 separate sessions: an earlier session for Preschool parents and children (5-6pm), followed by the main session (6:00-7:30pm)

