



02/09/24

Dinner Menu
Week 1
(on website –
Parent Area)

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and families! For some of you, this is your first year at our school and we want you to feel welcome and informed about our school. Bulletins will be weekly and sent as a hard copy as well as posted on our school website. The website also contains the weekly dinner menu. The information within the bulletin provides updated information about what is happening within the school.

On Wednesday, you will also have received a copy of our A-Z guide which outlines information that is important throughout the school year and I would urge everyone to read it regardless of how long your children have been at the school as it is updated each year.



I would also like to extend a warm welcome to new staff who have joined us this year. Joining the staff, we would like to welcome non-teaching staff who will be supporting the teachers – Mrs Arthur, Mr McCrea and our Building Supervisor, Mr Clarke.

New Routines




The children have been settling into their new routines since Wednesday and should now know the door that they enter in the morning. From next week, with the exception of Primary One children, all other children should be entering the main playground gate on their own. Staff will be on hand to supervise and assist all children arriving into their classrooms safely. This is not only good child protection practice, it also helps children become more independent and self-sufficient. We ask all parents to adhere to this and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Remember, the gates will not open before 8.50am and will close again at 9am.

School Bus

As you are aware, Cliftonville Integrated operates a school bus and this bus will recommence on Monday 2nd September 2024. The bus is a safe and cost-effective way to get your child(ren) home from school. A note of the current route and stops is as follows: -

	Bus stops: Cliftonpark Avenue → Summer Street → Manor Street → Agnes Street → Shankill Road → Woodvale Road → Crumlin Road then onto part of Ballysillan Road and turning down onto the Oldpark Road
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Please look at these and email into the school if you would use the bus if an additional stop was added. The cost of this bus is £1.15 per day, paid directly to the bus driver.

Parking on and around Cliftonville Road

Parents are reminded that Easton Avenue is a private road and only residents' vehicles are permitted to enter this street. Therefore, parents should park safely on the Cliftonville Road and other side streets, ensuring that they are not blocking streets, parking on chevrons or blocking visibility for those crossing the road.

We know that parking outside the school is problematic and sympathise with all parents but unless we all work together on this, a child could get hurt or worse.



Use the traffic lights and respect the markings! The PSNI have informed us that they will be monitoring parking on the Cliftonville Road so please ensure that you don't end up with a parking ticket!



Punctuality

All of us can and will be late on the odd occasion and if this is the case, please send your child into the office lobby if the gate to the playground is closed. However, whilst we recognise that we can all be late on a rare occasion, we also know that there are families that are persistently late. I would ask that if you believe that you are one of these families, you make the necessary adjustments to your routines to ensure that you leave ample time to arrive and pick up punctually. As stated in the A to Z Guide to the Year Ahead, we will be looking at ways to improve punctuality and ask that parents work constructively with the school on this.

Attendance

It is essential that our pupils attend school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career. Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential. Please take time to read the Attendance Matters guide, included with this bulletin, to find out how you may support your child meeting their potential.



If your child is absent, for any reason, from school then please complete an absence slip or send in a note to explain their absence. A set of absence slips will be sent home with each child next week. As stated in the A to Z Guide to the Year Ahead, we will be looking at ways to improve attendance and ask that parents work constructively with the school on this.



Contact Information Reminder

You were provided with a Data Capture form on Wednesday, 28th August. Please ensure that you complete and return this form on or before Monday 2nd September. This information will ensure that your child's details are kept up to date on our computerised system. We will not be held responsible if you do not receive text messages as a result of not providing us with updated mobile phone numbers.

After-School Clubs

Breakfast Club will recommence on Monday 2nd September and consent and booking can be done through the School Money app. Initially, Breakfast Club is only open to P2-P7 children and operates from 8am each morning. To guarantee a breakfast, all children must be in the canteen before 8.30am. You will receive additional information about 2-3 Clubs and other clubs next week with a view to these starting shortly afterwards. Please ensure that you read this information carefully and only sign up for clubs that you are going to use as attendance is a mandatory requirement of keeping a place at any club and additional information is contained within the A-Z.



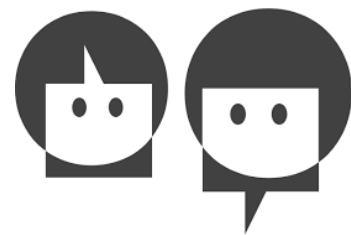


Parent Info Sessions

As you will know, we always run parent information sessions during the month of September. The dates for these parent information sessions are outlined at the end of the bulletin. These sessions are essential for all parents whether they are new to the school or have already had children through the school. We urge all parents to take up this opportunity to attend the session for their child as important information is discussed and it is also the opportunity to ask questions.

Peace by Piece

We are delighted to be able to provide counselling for our pupils through Peace by Piece Counselling. Louise, our counsellor will be in school on Thursdays. If you think your child would benefit from counselling please chat to your child's teacher. We also run a 'Drop In' service with Louise for pupils from P5-P7. If you do not want your child to avail of this service please complete the reply slip on the 'Drop In' forms given out this week.



Dogs on school property

Please do not bring your dog onto school property – this is an Education Authority regulation. Dogs, even on leads, cannot enter the playground or be inside the school gates or on the school paths. Even the cutest, gentlest and most obedient dog can have a 'bad day' which could result in a child being scarred for life! Please work with the school to keep everyone safe.



The school office

We will always endeavour to answer your queries in a professional and timely manner. If you contact the office and do not get through then this means that there is someone already on the phone or that office staff are dealing with a parent at the hatch or a child at the office door. Please be patient and either call back or if urgent, leave a message on the answer phone and await a call back. Staff will listen to the messages when they are free and if you have provided enough information, will try to call you back.



OFFICE HOURS:
8:30am – 3:30pm (3:00pm on Friday)
CLOSED FOR LUNCH – 12:50PM – 1:20PM

However, office staff would often take calls from parents looking for information that is already contained within the bulletin, has been put on school website, sent on Seesaw or that has been provided in a text message.

The weekly bulletin was created to provide you with as much information as possible in relation to what is happening in school as well as provide you with key dates, times and other useful information that you may need. We supplement this with a text message service.



I would urge all parents to ensure that they are signed up for See-Saw as this is how we deliver information outside of the Bulletin and text messaging service.

And finally...

On Wednesday you should have received a letter and Pupil Readiness Policy. It is important that you have read both and are aware of our expectations for the year ahead. As we have said many times, this is a partnership where we work together to help your children reach their potential. It is important that the year starts as we mean to go on and every child is **READY**, every child is **RESPECTFUL** and that every child is **SAFE**. Let's work together to make this an amazing year!



HANDY TIP!

PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. WHEN THEY GET MISLAID, THEN THEY WILL ALWAYS BE IDENTIFIABLE!

Nursery Development Proposal

During the summer, the Minister of Education approved our Development Proposal (DP722). This proposal will see the expansion of our Nursery provision and also see a modular unit created within the school premises.

The Department of Education have allocated £500,000 for the works, to be delivered by the Education Authority. A provisional date for completion has been earmarked for our September 2025 intake but this will be reliant on the Education Authority procuring and delivering this on time. Either way, this is fantastic news for our school 😊



Would anyone in the wider school community be willing to play piano to help the children practice for their Sacraments?

Please contact the school office if you are interested – the teachers and pupils would really appreciate your help.

Parent Information Sessions

Year Group	Date	Time
Primary One	Wed 25 th September 2024	11.30-12.00
Primary Two	Wed 25 th September 2024	1.30 -2.00
Primary Three	Tues 24 th September 2024	1-2pm
Primary Four	Tues 24 th September 2024	9-10am
Primary Five	Thurs 26 th September 2024	2-3pm
Primary Six	Tues 24 th September 2024	2-3pm
Primary Seven	Wed 11 th September 2024	1-2pm

Mini Rugby

- Boys and Girls P1-7
- All schools welcome
- 🕒 9.15am
- 📍 **Castle Grounds
Ben Madigan
Antrim Road**

Join via
<https://group.spond.com/IFSD8>

MORE INFO
academyrfc@yahoo.co.uk
www.academyrfc.co.uk

Starts
7th
September








 cd-group.com









Holy Communion Dresses, Suits and Accessories.

We want to create that special day for some of our young boys and girls in 2025.

Do you need support making sure your child has a wonderful, blessed & perfect day.

Please call our office for your own private one to one appointment.

Tel: 90715165

