



16th September
2024

Dinner Menu
Week 3

CIPS Weekly Bulletin



Board of Governors Reconstitution

The election of Parent Governors will take place on **Thursday 17th October 2024**. The term of office will run from 2024 to 2028. Anyone interested in applying for this important role or wanting to nominate someone else, should email the school on info@cliftonville.belfast.ni.sch.uk and state clearly Parent Governor Nominations in Subject.

Within the email, please state your full name, your Children registered within our school and whether you want to nominate someone (stating their name also) or interested in the role for yourself. You must have the permission of someone who you are nominating and the email should be received on or before **Friday 20th September 2024**. An expression of interest, in writing, may also be hand delivered to the School Office.

Once expression of interest has been received, we will write directly to all those individuals who have contacted us. The format of the election meeting will be determined by the response to the expression of interest. Following this, a formal letter to all parents will be shared in the next bulletin outlining the format and timings of the election as well as the next steps. I would urge parents to consider this important role Carefully.

Free School Meals Survey



I would ask that all parents complete the Free School Meals Survey to ensure that our records are correct. The school receives extra money for every child registered for Free School Meals and this money helps to provide essential resources for classrooms.

A copy of the survey link has also been listed below. This link has also been sent by text message. This survey will remain open until the end of the week.

<https://forms.office.com/e/rPixNzrACX>



Easton Avenue

There has been a complaint from the residents of Easton Avenue. They have found litter on the avenue at school times and children running up the street unsupervised and running into gardens. The school is disappointed to hear that parents are not reminding their children to

respect other people's property and making sure that families walk Carefully up this small street where the residents may have to drive out slowly to get to work.

The residents have been very patient and kindly allowed us to use the avenue however it is a private road and pedestrians should walk along the hedge, with their children by their side. Please be Careful and respectful of our neighbours.



Internet Safety Talk

There will be an Internet Safety Talk for parents/carers, about how to keep their children safe online on Tuesday, 1st October at 2.15pm-2.30pm in the semi-circular room. Internet safety is everyone's concern, and it would be great to see as many parents/carers at this meeting as possible.



Punctuality for Pupil Pick Ups

Please remember to pick your child up from school on time at the end of the day. Unfortunately, there are some parents who are continually picking their children up late from school. This is upsetting for the child, and it can make them anxious. It also delays teachers from meetings and duties which they must undertake at the end of the school day.

Some parents have been more than thirty minutes late!

Afterschool Clubs

Our Afterschool Clubs are now up and running and our pupils are really enjoying them. For P2/P3 the 2-3 Club is available each day and can be booked at a cost of £2.00 per day via School Money. In addition, we have a Fundamental Movement Skills Club on a Tuesday from 2.00pm-3.00pm. This can be booked and paid for directly with our coach Neil.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Outdoor Learning Book via School Money- £1 per session	P2/P3 Fundamental Movement Club 2-3pm	2-3 Club Book via School Money- £2 per session	P5-P7 Multiskills £1 per session Booked with and paid directly to Neil
P4/P5 Multi Sports £1 per session Booked with and paid directly to Neil	P6/P7 Football £1 per session Booked with and paid directly to Neil		Good News Club (free) P4-P7 Starting 26/09/24



Data Capture and Special Diet Forms

Please ensure that you complete the **Data Capture Forms** and **Special Diet Forms** for your child as quickly as possible. This is vital as we need to have the most up-to-date information for your child when they are in our care at school.



Parent Info Sessions



We are running parent information sessions during the month of September. The dates for these parent information sessions are outlined overleaf. 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.

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	HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE

Morning Welcome

We are delighted with how all the pupils are settling into school this year. We would ask that parents/Carers (apart from P1 parents or carers) leave their children at the gate. There will be staff at the gate to welcome the children and to direct them to the correct door for entry into school. We thank you for your assistance in this regard.



Saturday Morning Gardening Club



As you know, Gardening Club returns on 28th September 2024. Aisling, who runs the club for us, is keen to have new people joining the group. The Gardening Club is a great opportunity to spend time with your children in a structured, outdoor environment for a couple of hours of fun. It is also a great opportunity to speak to other parents and make new friends. The other great thing about our

Saturday Morning Gardening Club is that it is not restricted to children within the school so your older and younger children can join in too.

Garden Club is a fortnightly club that runs from 11am to 1pm on Saturdays. We always say to wrap up for all weather and make sure that your children use the loo before they arrive as there is no toilet facilities at the outdoor Classroom and polytunnel.

As an incentive and to make the first day special, we will be holding a prize draw for all those turning up on Saturday 28th September. The winner will receive a £20 Tesco voucher. Apart from the voucher, this is a great opportunity to get active, learn some new skills and join the fun!

Date	Time
28 th September	11.00 am – 1.00pm
5 th October	11.00 am – 1.00pm
19 th October	11.00 am – 1.00pm
16 th November	11.00 am – 1.00pm
30 th November	11.00 am – 1.00pm
14 th December	11.00 am – 1.00pm



Parent/Carer Fitness Club

Thinking of joining a gym or taking up sport again? Maybe you would like to gain a little fitness first?

Come along and join others at our Adult Fitness Class on Monday mornings from 9.10am- 10.00am.

Neil, our coach, will be running these beginner classes.

They are free of cost! Come along in suitable clothing and enjoy!

School Photographer

Our School Photographer will be coming into school on Thursday, 17th October. Details will follow closer to the time.





SCHOOL GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

During this term, we will be reconstituting our Board of Governors. We are required to follow procedures that have been designed to assist with this and will be providing you with more information in the coming weeks, including a date for the election of Parent Governors. As well as Parent Governors, there are four other categories of governor – EA Representatives, Transferors, Trustees and Teacher Governors.

For further information and application forms to apply to be an EA representative, please visit:

www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/school-governor-appointments

The Department of Education (DE) is looking to attract people from all sections of local communities in becoming school governors.



Early morning Mathletics Club has started again and is very popular. This club is for P4 – P7 only and starts at 8:30am.

Please let the Children know that they cannot join after 8:45am.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools scheme

The Cashpot for Schools initiative allows customers to raise money for their chosen school or Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) each time they shop with us and use their Asda Rewards App.

0.5% of the value of each shopping trip will be donated to a customer's nominated primary school until the scheme ends on 30th November. We will also kickstart each school's Cashpot with a £50 donation once they register for the initiative, and an additional £1 will be added for every customer who signs up and nominates them as their chosen school.



MOBILE PHONE USE IN SCHOOL



The Minister of Education, Paul Givan, has sent guidance for schools and families on the use of mobile phones and other devices during the school day.

The letter is on our website at the bulletin section of the Parent Area. It is also attached to Seesaw.

And finally...

Reminders

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



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.

Join us for **FAMILY GARDENING WORKSHOPS**

Discover the joy of wildlife gardening, playing outdoors, and connect with other families.

Starting on Saturday 28th September at
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cliftonville I.P.S.
Come in the school side entrance!

