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Week two  
Dinner menu

## CIPS Weekly Bulletin

### After-School Clubs

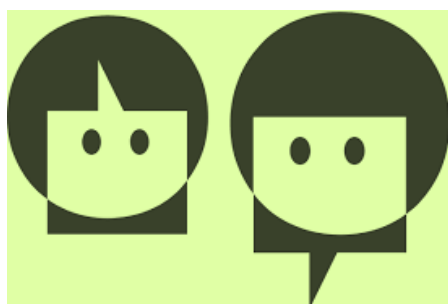
Today your child will have received a note about which after-school activity they got a place in. We tried to accommodate as many pupils as possible in the clubs and as a result children were only offered a place in one after-school club this term, based on when the form was returned. Attendance at clubs will be monitored and places will be reallocated if a child does not attend.



There are still places available in Good News Club and anyone wishing to attend should speak to Mrs Millar.

Outdoor Learning P4-P7 3-4pm FULL	Multi-skills P4 / P5 3- 4pm FULL	2-3 Club for P3-P7 £2 per week. (Pre payment on School Money)	Multi-skills P6/7 3- 4pm FULL
			Good News Club P 4-7 3- 3.45pm (30 places) <b>Starts Thursday 28th September</b>

Any child wishing to attend 2-3 Club can do so by their parent / Guardian pre-booking a space using the School Money website ([www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk))



### Parent Information Sessions

We are planning to hold Parent Information Sessions which will be starting this week.

Please plan to attend as it will be helpful for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about the work which will be covered this year. The information sessions will be as follows:

P1 meeting Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 11.30am-12.00pm

P2 meeting Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1.30pm-2.00pm

P3 meeting Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1.30pm-2.00pm

P4 meeting Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9.00am-9.30am

P5 meeting Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2.30pm-3.00pm

P6 meeting Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2.30pm-3.00pm

P7 meeting Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9.00am-9.30am

These sessions will be held in the assembly hall and tea and coffee will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Punctuality Book

Your child being punctual for school is very important as it gives them a good start to the day and learning is uninterrupted in the Classroom. If your child is late for school and it is past 9.10am then a parent/Carer must come to the school office and sign their child in and write a reason for the lateness.

### Holidays During Term Time

Increasingly, some parents are booking holidays outside of school vacation periods. Whilst the temptation to do so is there, it should be noted that this has a direct impact on the education of their children. Parents should also note that such holidays require a letter to make the teacher aware of this absence. In most cases, unless the circumstances are exceptional, this absence will be unauthorised and will be marked on the attendance register as such.

Work in advance of or during holidays will not be provided for unauthorised absences.



### Patrol Person

Unfortunately, we do not have a Patrol Person available at present. Please exercise vigilance when crossing the road and remind children they must only cross at the Crossing at the lights on the Cliftonville Road.

### Picking Children Up Early

We would like to remind parents that it is important that appointments are booked outside of school times, to avoid children missing key learning. Increasingly, over the past couple of days, parents have arrived in the office lobby to pick children up from school early for an appointment. In some instances, no note had been provided and therefore, both the teacher and the child were unaware of this.



Of course, emergencies do happen and last-minute appointments are not always available from GP's. However, removing children from class on a regular basis will be both detrimental to their child and disruptive to the class and office staff.

Please ensure that all appointments, during school time, are kept to a minimum and that notes are provided in advance clearly stating the reason for the withdrawal.

**In addition, parents are asked to complete the sign out sheet at the office.**



### No Cycling on school property

We encourage our pupils to cycle or use scooters to come school. However, please remember not to cycle or scoot on school grounds to avoid accidents.



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### Early Morning Sessions in the library

The computer suite will be open for pupils to engage in Accelerated Reading, Mathletics or Mathseeds from 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30pm. This was very popular with pupils last year and we hope this will continue.

### Saturday Morning Gardening Club

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Month	Saturday dates	Theme/ long term plan
September	session 1 – 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Sorting out strawberries</b> – planting up runners (to take home in a few weeks.) weeding, sweeping patio area and outdoor Classroom. Cleaning polytunnel <b>art activity</b> – potato printing – make print into little creatures/ bugs
	Session 2 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Blackberry picking</b> – make dye with them. Plant rocket – getting your greens in autumn/winter. <b>art activity</b> – leaf print/rubbing – drying leaves for later
October	Session 3 – 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Plant bulb lasagne in large pots</b> – to keep at school. <b>Art activity</b> – grass heads - to make into a ghouel for Halloween.
	Session 4 - 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Halloween party with traditional games and cooking.</b> (apple and cinnamon)
November	Session 6 – 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Micro greens</b> – getting your fresh greens in winter. <b>Art activity</b> – autumn sensory treasure hunt
December	Session 7 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Taking care of the garden over the winter</b> – frost protection, compost, mulch <b>Art activity</b> – dried leaves on jam jars
	session 8 - 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas gathering – soup over the campfire</b> <b>Art activity</b> – stars decorated with tissue paper/ old Christmas cards.

### **And Finally.....**

The Development Proposal for increased Nursery provision will be published next week. Development Proposal and Case for Change can be found on the Education Authority's website via the link <https://www.eani.org.uk/school-management/area-planning/development-proposals> Thank you to all of you who took the time to respond to the initial consultation as this was very useful.

The next phase of the proposal allows for a two month public consultation on the proposal. If you did not submit a response last time or wish to make another one, please feel free to do so as this will strengthen our case when a decision will hopefully be made shortly, after the two-month consultation period has come to an end.

## **Reminders**

### **New Routines**



The children have been settling into their new routines since Tuesday 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, gates will not open before 8.55am.**

### **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, gentle 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.



### **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.



### **Respectful Behaviour**

Please be respectful in how you interact with other parents when leaving their children at school. You are surrounded by children who should only witness respectful behaviour. The school reserves the right to exclude a person from school property if their behaviour is disrespectful of others.



### **Contact Information Reminder**

You were provided with a Data Capture form on Wednesday 30th August. Please ensure that you complete and return this form on or before Monday 4th 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.

### **School Bus**

As you are aware, Cliftonville Integrated operates a school bus. 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

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 £1.05, paid directly to the bus driver by your child.

### **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 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!**







## Anxiety based School Avoidance



### FREE Parent and Carer workshop

This online workshop delivered together with **Strive NI** will explore reasons why a child or young person may be finding it difficult to attend school, as well as providing practical strategies for parents/carers to support children to return more willingly to the school environment

Tuesday 26th September 7pm **Or** Thursday 28th September 10am

Call now for more information or book your place

# 0808 8020 400

  Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to be kept up to date with upcoming workshops.



## Parent2Parent



### Battling Back to School Blues

Join our online parent chat, one caring conversation could make all the difference. Come and talk.



<b>Pre and Primary</b> Thursday 14th Sept at 11am	<b>Post-Primary</b> Monday 18th Sept at 7pm
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Phone free to book 0808 8020 400

