



17/11/23

Week Three
Dinner menu
From 20th Nov

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Open Day



We are really looking forward to showcasing the amazing work which goes on in our school at our Open Day on **Wednesday 6th December from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.**

Our choir will be singing and there will be lots of activities in the classrooms for our new prospective pupils to engage in.

Please inform anyone who is considering us for Nursery or Primary One for September 2024.

Applications will open in **January 2024** and parents of prospective pupils can obtain further information at the Open Day. Admissions criteria will shortly be published by the Education Authority.

To facilitate staff and children returning for this event, **school will close early for all children on Wednesday 6th December.**

Nursery children will leave at 12noon and all other children (p1-p7) will leave at 1pm.

There will also be no after-school clubs or school bus on that day. Breakfast Club will remain unaffected.

Free Christmas Dinner



A couple of weeks ago we applied for a grant from the Belfast Charitable Trust and we were successful. As part of this grant, we would like to offer all children the opportunity to go to Christmas dinner in the canteen on **Thursday 14th December.** So, this means regardless of whether or not you pay for dinners or get free school meals, all children, free of charge, can attend this special festive dinner. Even though it is free, parents must still book the dinner for Thursday 14th December and

this must be done before **24th November** to allow the canteen to order enough supplies.

Over the coming months, we will also be doing other exciting things with this grant, thanks to the Belfast Charitable Trust.

Flu Vaccine

Don't forget that the Belfast Trust will be in school next **Wednesday 22nd November** to carry out the immunisation programme for all parents that have given consent. As previously stated, we are facilitating this for the Belfast Trust and have been informed that they will only be offering a nasal spray. Only children, who returned a form will be immunised.



Anti-bullying Week



Throughout this week, staff have been speaking to the children about bullying and how they can help. This culminated in a special assembly on Friday where we marked the end of Anti Bullying Week and celebrated all that is diverse with our school wacky hairstyles. Thanks to all the staff for their help with Anti-Bullying Week and a special thanks to Mrs Gray for organising the events.

Colder Weather

Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school with appropriate clothing and footwear for colder weather. Our weather is changeable, and we know it will be cold and wet in Winter therefore, please ensure they wrap up in a warm coat for the journey to and from school and during breaktimes. We also recommend sensible, leather shoes for wetter weather.



School Photographs

To order your photographs –

- Go on-line www.tempest-orders.co.uk
- Follow instructions below -

The infographic is a vertical strip with three colored sections: green at the top, orange in the middle, and pink at the bottom. Each section contains an icon and a step number.

- Step 1 (Green):** Icon of a barcode with numbers 1 2 3 4 5 below it. Text: "Enter your reference number."
- Step 2 (Orange):** Icon of two overlapping photographs. Text: "View your photos, make your selection and check out."
- Step 3 (Pink):** Icon of an open cardboard box. Text: "Await your delivery."

At the bottom left is the logo for TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY. At the bottom right is the contact information: "Having problems? Call our team on 01736 751555 www.tempest-orders.co.uk"



Patrol Person

As you know, there has been no patrol person since school started back. We understand that this is very frustrating for parents and have been actively liaising with the Education Authority on your behalf. The Education Authority has trained our caretaker and Mr McAlistar will assist the children at the start and end of the school day.

In the meantime, parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their children arrive at school safely. So, if you have any concerns about your child crossing the road by themselves, we advise that you walk them to school.

We will inform you as soon as a patrol person is in place.

Afterschool Clubs



Clubs that run after 3pm will be finishing at the end of November. Please note the last sessions for these clubs as listed below:

Outdoor learning - Monday 27th November
P4/5 Multi-skills - Tuesday 28th November
Good News Club - Thursday 30th November
P6/7 Multi-skills - Thursday 30th November

2-3 Club and Breakfast Club will continue and can be booked on School Money,

Details about clubs for January will be published in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

And Finally.....



We are fast approaching the festive season! Please see dates and details below in relation to events that are happening in school.

Friday 15 th December	Christmas Concerts	9.30am P3 and P4 1.15pm P5, P6 and P7
Tues 19 th and Wed 20 th December	Nativity	
Thurs 21 st December	Disco	
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term	12pm finish for all children. No clubs and no bus.
Monday 8 th January 2024	School starts back	



For those taking part in the Class Fundraising Christmas card project.

The deadline for ordering cards or any other product is
Friday 17th November.

No orders will be accepted after this date.

The PTFA and the school appreciate your continued support in raising funds for the school that will directly benefit the children.



Reminders

Easton Avenue

Despite numerous appeals for parents not to use Easton Avenue for their vehicles, some parents continue to ignore this or because they are late, take the chance to park here. Either way, there is never an excuse to drive into this avenue. Yesterday, an incident occurred where a child's scooter was crushed by a parent driving out of this private road. This could easily have been a child and instead of sending a note out to parents, we could have faced a tragedy and the death of a child. We have passed information to the PSNI but would urge all parents to observe the simple rule of-



**NO PARKING, NO DROPPING OFF & NO PICKING UP FROM
EASTON AVENUE, IN ANY VEHICLE!**

Your urgent co-operation with this matter is essential. If parents continue to ignore this appeal, the gates at Easton Avenue will be shut.

Taking Photographs

We all love to take photographs of our children, particularly when it is a special day like the first day of school, fancy dress or a birthday. We would actively encourage you to do this as these are memories that you will look fondly upon in later years. However, if you do this on school property, then please be conscious that other children may be in these photographs. This creates a child protection issue for the school as you may not have permission to take a photograph of another parent's child. The simplest and easiest way to avoid this is to ensure that other children are not in the frame of the photo and if they are, crop it or delete it. Thank you for your co-operation on this.





Morning Gate

The gate at the front playground will close at 9am each morning. Please ensure that your children arrive punctually so that they may go into school with their friends. However, if a child does arrive at school after the gate is shut at 9am, they must now use the main entrance to the school. Parents are reminded that all lateness should be explained to the school through a note or by completing the book at the front office. Unfortunately, office staff may not be in a position to walk children to their room, and

this should be explained to your child before they arrive at school late, as well as the door that they need to use. Pupils who are late should walk independently to their own classrooms. The school continues to monitor punctuality and where frequent lateness is identified, the school will liaise with both the parent and Education Welfare Service to try and ensure that this is addressed for the benefit of the education of the child.

Free Fruit Friday

Free Fruit Fridays are very popular.

P5 24th November

P6 1st December

P7 8th December

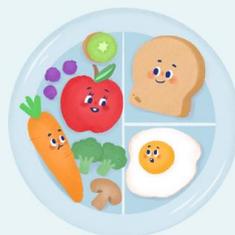
P3 15th December

P4 Wednesday, 20th December



P.E Lessons

WE would just like to remind pupils that platform style trainers are not suitable for P.E. lessons.



The Formative Years Fussy Eating

Parentline is delighted to have Dr Kirsty Porter a Children's Dietitian from Nutrition4kidsNI deliver this session for parents. Dr Kirsty will share expert advice, practical tips, and answer your fussy eating-related questions. Don't miss this opportunity to master mealtimes and get your kids to try new foods.

When: Friday 1st December, on Zoom

Time: 10 - 11.30am

To book a place call free

0808 8020 400

