



9th February  
2024

## CIPS Weekly Bulletin

### **Dinner Menu**

**Monday 12th**

Sausage Rolls

Chips & Beans

Muffin & Milkshake

**Tuesday 13th**

Chicken Nuggets & Chips

Ice cream & Orange Juice

### Punctuality



This year, we have issued letters where persistent lateness is occurring and will continue to do so to ensure that the education of children is not disrupted.

All of us can and will be late on the odd occasion and if this is the case, we do not issue letters. However, we do ask that where a child is late, the reason for this lateness is recorded when you bring them to the reception.

We also know that persistent lateness often occurs because of poor morning routines. If your child(ren) is persistently late then you must address this immediately and ensure that they arrive to school before the gates close at 9pm. The school will continue to liaise with the Education Welfare Officer on this and will do everything that we can do to eradicate lateness as we all know that this disrupts the flow of teaching, makes the child who is late anxious and has a long-term impact on the education of latecomers as they miss important teaching points.

### Half Term

Don't forget that school will finish at **2pm** for all pupils on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.



School bus will be at this earlier time of 2pm and there will be **no 2-3 Club on Tuesday** but Breakfast Club will operate as normal.

School will be closed from **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, which is also Ash Wednesday, **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. School will re-open on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** as normal. **Clubs will resume as normal on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – please remember to book your child's place.**



### PTFA Valentine's Fundraiser

Don't forget that next **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, PTFA have organised a themed fundraiser of "**Wear Red to Show Your Love**" for Valentine's non-uniform day. Parents are asked to make a £1 donation with all proceeds going to the PTFA and then ultimately to the children through the work of the PTFA. You do not have to wear everything red but instead can accessorise with something red or wear red socks, top etc.

However, the red theme does not extend to football tops of any code so please keep these at home. Donations may be paid through School Money or on the day but please let you child know if you have paid on School Money so that they can inform staff.

## Parent Teacher Interviews



All parents should now have had their Parent Teacher Interview with the exception of parents requiring an interpreter and parents of P1-6 children who are statemented. Separate arrangements are in place for both these groups and information has already gone out to these parents.

## 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**, that has been re-issued with this bulletin.



Each month, we meet with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to discuss the individual attendance of our pupils. As a result of these meetings, we then issue letters to parents, hold meetings with parents and make referrals to the Education Welfare Service (EWS) where an EWO is assigned to that family. If poor attendance persists, the EWO will recommend further action which may include prosecution and in a magistrate's court, a parent could be fined up to £1,000 for each child who misses school. In some circumstances, the EWS may apply for Education Supervision Orders in the Family Proceedings Court. So, attendance is taken very seriously by both schools and the EWS.

We understand that children get sick and know that some absenteeism from school is often unavoidable. However, we can also see patterns emerging where children are off frequently for a day here and a day there and this happens on a regular basis. Whilst we do not want you to send your children into school sick, we do ask parents to question whether the absence from school is necessary and think of the long-term impact that absence will have on academic potential. Even relatively good attendance of 95% across the seven years of primary school is the equivalent of 14 full weeks of school missed in primary school. Attendance of 80% across the seven years of primary school is equivalent to 1 year and 15 weeks of primary school missed. This is time that cannot be made up and education that will be lost which will mean potential is not reached.

**Please think carefully the next time you are considering an absence.**

## Safer Internet Day



This week we held Safer Internet Day and I would like to thank all the staff for making sure this was a focused, informative and fun day for the children. Our pupils had the opportunity to engage in several interesting activities whilst thinking about how to stay safe on the internet. I would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Holdsworth who co-ordinated throughout the school.

However, internet safety is not just about one day in the year but instead should be ongoing throughout the year both at home and more importantly, when your children are outside of school where we know many incidents can occur. We must all ensure that children remain safe at all times. The NSPCC have excellent advice for parents around the topic of talking to your child about online safety and these can be found by copying the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

### And finally...

There will be no bulletin next week as it is a two-day week for the children. Whatever you do over the mid-term break, have a great time. Once again, we want to thank you, our parents, for everything that they do to support your children at Cliftonville IPS. Have a good break!

## Reminders



### After-School Clubs

There will be no after-school clubs on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** (**Outdoor Learning**) and **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** (**Multi-Skills P4-P5**).

Breakfast Club which will operate as normal on both Monday and Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>)

The 2-3 Club will operate on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> but not on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> as all children will be going home at 2pm as it is the start of the half-term holiday.

Afterschool Clubs for P4 – P7 will start again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Monday – Outdoor Learning Club (P4 – P7)

Tuesday – Multi Skills (P4/P5) PE Kit required

Wednesday 2-3 Club

Thursday – Multi Skills (P6/P7) PE Kit required

Good news Club (P4 – P7)

We are delighted to announce a **Cookery Club** for P7 children starting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Costing £1, place can be booked and paid for on School Money. Please remember to give parental permission.

## **SATURDAY GARDENING CLUB**



February 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am -1.00pm
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am -1.00pm
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am -1.00pm
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am -1.00pm
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am -1.00pm

### World Book Day

This year's theme is "Snuggle up and Read" and will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Children can wear their pyjamas to school that day to join in with our event.

