



1st March 2024

Week 3
Dinner Menu
From 4th March

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

World Book Day

This week on **Thursday 7th March** we celebrate World Book Day. This is a day the pupils really enjoy and we all get to celebrate the joy of reading for pleasure.



As you know our theme for this year is, '**Snuggle Up with a Good Book**'. Children will come into school dressed in their cosy pyjamas and bring their favourite book along so that they can share this with their friends. We have decided to go for this theme as we are aware the current cost of living crisis affects many families. We do not wish to add to this with expectations on parents having to purchase an expensive outfit, especially if they have more than one child. Lots of fun activities have been planned so remember to ask your children about their day and of course remember to use the £1 book voucher they will be given in school!

SATURDAY GARDENING CLUB



March 2 nd	11.00am -1.00pm
March 16 th	11.00am -1.00pm
April 13 th	11.00am -1.00pm
April 27 th	11.00am -1.00pm



Integration Breakfast

The month of March is Integration Month and we will be engaging in lots of activities to celebrate this important event in our calendar.

As part of this month, we will be holding our Integration Breakfast on **Friday 15th March 2024 at 9am**.

This is where you will be invited to come to your child's classroom for breakfast.

This year is slightly different than previous years in that we have obtained a grant, from the Belfast Charitable Trust, that will allow us to offer this for free to all parents and children. However, we still need to know how many we are catering for. Quite a lot of parents have already signed up and we are extending the sign up date to Monday, 4th March. After this date, booking will be closed for this event as the dining hall needs to know the final numbers!

PLEASE ONLY INCLUDE ADULTS ON THIS LIST AS WE HAVE ALREADY BOOKED A BREAKFAST FOR EACH PUPIL -

Link for Integration Breakfast - <https://forms.office.com/e/5qUAVC6JCU>

Breakfast Club

In addition to our Integration Breakfast on 15th March, this grant, from the Belfast Charitable Trust, also allows us to offer Breakfast Club for free during Integration Month. So, whether you are a regular attender at our Breakfast Club or have never been before, you are welcome to attend this during the month of March for free.

All that we ask is that you ensure that you book for Breakfast Club on School Money from 4th to 29th March and this will also provide you with the opportunity to provide consent. The cost will be set to zero for each day to let you avail of this amazing opportunity.

Breakfast Club runs from 8am each morning but **all children must be in before 8.30am** to attend. Unfortunately, if you have not completed the online booking on School Money then they cannot attend as we need your consent.

In addition, this offer is only for children who want a breakfast and cannot be used as an early drop-off!



Governors' Day

As part of our integration celebration and to make it easier for parents, we will be holding a **Governors' Day event on Friday 15th March at 9.30am** to coincide with the Integration Breakfast.

This will allow parents time to attend the breakfast in the Classroom before making their way to the hall, to meet with Board of Governors. This is a very informal event where you will be able to chat over a cup of tea and a traybake. More importantly, it will give you a chance to meet our Governors. This event will run from **9.30 to approx. 10.20am**. You may stay for as long or as short a time as you like.



Free Pizza Fridays



As stated in the text last week, we are offering free Pizza Friday lunches up until Easter with the exception of the last day of term which is Friday 22nd as this is a 12 noon finish. However, we will offer the Free Pizza lunch on Thursday 21st that week.

When booking dinner for Pizza Friday, please choose "packed lunch" if you normally pay for dinners. This ensures that you will not be charged. On the Friday morning a member of office staff will go around each class and get the numbers for Free Pizza Friday.



We are hoping to start a walking bus in partnership with Belfast Healthy Cities. The idea behind this is to encourage children to be able to walk to school rather than to be driven and thus cut down on congestion outside the school as well as improve health. However, this is reliant on parent volunteers. Volunteers would be provided with certification to work with children and would be

visible as part of the walking bus so that parents know who they are.

Finally...

We are moving the day of our weekly bulletin from a Friday to a Monday from next week. This change will hopefully reduce the number of calls, to the office, where information has already been provided in the bulletin. More importantly, by providing the bulletin at the start of the week, instead of the end of the week, we are hoping to be able to reduce the content and thus the time to read. The next bulletin will be Monday 11th March 2024.



**DON'T FORGET THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON
MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024.**



Walking Bus

Would your child like to walk to school?

A Walking Bus will be starting at Cliftonville this spring in partnership with Belfast Healthy Cities! It will provide your child with a chance to walk, chat and be outdoors! Please fill out this short survey to help us get the project started.

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