

11th June 2021

Weekly Bulletin

REMINDER

School will be closed, for pupils, this Monday 14th June - School Development Day.

Important Advice

All schools have received information from the Department of Education warning that there have been reports of Cannabis oil being disguised as sweets. The Public Health Agency are aware of products that look like familiar sweet products with colourful packets, familiar cartoon images and which are appealing to children, but that in fact contain Cannabis extract, or THC (the main psychoactive ingredient in Cannabis). We have also attached an information sheet on this. The main thing is that you make the children aware of these packets, if they found one when playing. There is no indication that any of these have been found within the vicinity of the school or indeed the general area.



PTFA

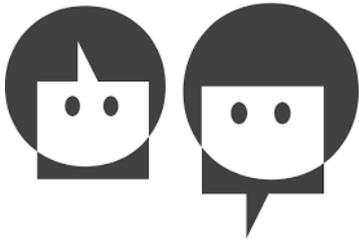


The PTFA have kindly agreed to sponsor some of our Primary Seven events. This year has been a difficult year for us all but I know that the PTFA are keen to hit the ground running in the new academic year and will be reaching out to parents for their support. Having a PTFA within our school is not just about fundraising, it is as much about involving parents in the education of their children.

Fitness Week

Fitness Week is from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th June. Throughout this week, children may attend school in their PE outfits or other sports gear. The only stipulation that we have is that they **do not wear football or GAA tops**. We have some wonderful teams across both sports but we also know that our pupils can become very passionate about their teams and this usually ends up in an argument. Nevertheless, we plan to keep the children active that week and ensure that they have no time to argue over their favourite team but please remind them about the GAA and football tops.





Parent Teacher Interviews

This week we have been trying to enable video conferencing for parent teacher interviews. Unfortunately, the technology has been winning and we are still awaiting answers from School Cloud and Capita. We would like to battle on with this until Monday as success will mean parents can choose their own times, from what is available and it will also mean video

conferencing. Failure will mean that we will have to do parent teacher interviews by telephone and parents will be allocated a time. If this is the case, we will provide times to all children on Tuesday. I understand that this will be inconvenient for some parents but we have been doing our best to resolve this.

Neither way affects what time each class finishes at (see below):

Class	21 st - 25 th June Finish Times
NURS	12.20pm
P1	12.40pm
P2	12.30pm
P3	12.50pm
P4	12.20pm
P5	12.50pm
P6	12.20pm
P7	12.30pm

As already stated, lunch will still be available and served as normal. In addition, there will be no school bus that week.

CEF

As you know Cliftonville is an integrated school that values, respects and teaches children about all religions. We are pleased to say that Julie Fenton, from Child Evangelism Fellowship, has prepared an online series of bible-based children's activities and talks, for the end of term.

In normal circumstances these would be delivered by Julie and her team, at the end of the school year, as an assembly for the whole school, but due to the current COVID guidelines, this is not possible. The children will therefore be watching the series of videos over three days in their classroom, together with their teacher.



School Meals

The menu for week beginning 14th June is below:

Monday 14/6	Tuesday 15/6	Wednesday 16/6	Thursday 17/6	Friday 18/6
School Closed for School Development Day	Pasta Bolognaise Baton Carrots Crusty Bread Fudge Yoghurt Milk Shake	Roast Beef Carrots & Parsnips Cream Potatoes Gravy Ice Cream & Fruit Orange juice	Baked Chicken Nuggets Sweetcorn Cream Potatoes Gravy Date Fudge Chocolate Milkshake	Mild Chicken Curry Boiled Rice Naan Bread Petit Filous & Fruit Orange Juice

Want To Get Involved?

Would you be interested in helping us, on a voluntary basis, in our school library?

We are looking for someone who would commit to coming into school, to work as librarian for a set time each week. Activities would include checking books in and out to children, using the school's library system and keeping the library books in order, or helping children to find books etc. Days and times are flexible and can be agreed with the volunteer.



There would be Access NI checks, which will be paid for by the school, but the role would be on a voluntary basis. It is ideal for perhaps a retired person, who would like to contribute to this area in the life of CIPS.

If you think you might like to volunteer, or would like to know more about what the role would entail, please contact our office – 028 9035 1638 (info@cliftonville.belfast.ni.sch.uk)

We would be very grateful for any help you feel you could give in what would be a very enjoyable and rewarding service to our school.

We can't wait to hear from you!

Finally...



We wanted to say good luck to all our P7 children who find out which school they will be going to next year. It has been a tough year for children and I know that some might not get their first choice school. We wish them all the very best for tomorrow morning.