

5th November 2021



CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Welcome Back

We hope that everyone enjoyed the half-term break and can look forward to the next couple of months. The children have settled back into their school routines and we hope that this will be an enjoyable and productive run up to the festive holidays. It is important that a good bedtime routine is re-established as there have been a few sleepy heads this week!



Reconnect

Covid has taken so much away from school life and continues to affect this. However, it is hoped that some form of normality can resume very soon. If society continues to open up, then it is our intention to look at ways in which we fully reconnect with our school community i.e. PTF, Parent Forum, Families Connect etc... Let us hope that we are able to do this soon as so much of our ethos revolves around that sense of partnership and community.

SEN Survey

The Education Authority is currently reviewing how they provide information to parents and other stakeholders. Their overall aim is to make it easier, clearer and more straightforward to access information about Special Educational Needs (SEN). As part of this process they have launched an online questionnaire and have asked parents to complete it. The questionnaire can be accessed at the below link but we will also send it as a text:

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/de-education-authority/72f76982/>

Approaching Children/Other Parents

From time to time, children fall out or incidents can occur. We encourage all of our children to speak directly to a member of staff when this happens in order to resolve the issue. As a school we will always attempt to resolve school-based incidents to the satisfaction of all concerned. With this in mind, I would like to remind parents and carers that they should not approach any child / parent directly as a result of an alleged incident that occurred in school. We would ask that parents speak directly to the class teacher or another staff member.

School Photographs

Please note that the school photographer will be coming to school on the **Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November**. During this visit, he will take individual photographs of all pupils. Unfortunately, as it stands, no family photographs will be taken at this time. Whilst Tempest Photography will do their best to deliver before Christmas, there is no guarantee.



Flu Vaccine

Consent forms for the flu vaccine have now been sent home with your child. It is important that you return this form on or before 10th November. We are facilitating this for the Belfast Trust and have been informed that they will only be offering a nasal spray. Any child returning a form, requiring the injection, will be issued with a letter to go to their GP. For those who return this consent form by Wednesday 10th November, the immunisation sessions will take place on **Tuesday 23rd November**.



School Meals Menu – Monday 8th November (Week 2)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Burger in Bap Tossed Salad Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes	Italian Lasagne Crunchy Fresh Coleslaw Garden Peas Selection of Salads Homemade Garlic Bread	Roast Breast of Chicken Herb Stuffing, Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrot & Parsnips Roast & Mash Potatoes	Fresh Breaded Cod Goujons With Lemon Slice & Tartar Sauce Mushy Peas Mashed Potatoes	Breaded Chicken Bites Sweetcorn Selection of Salads Salsa Dip Chips Baked Potato
Homemade Rice Pudding & Peaches	Homemade Shortbread Watermelon	Rice Krispie Squares Custard	Apple Crumble Custard & Fruit	Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit Salad

Covid Update



Parents must continue to take all precautions to protect everyone within our school so please do not, under any circumstances, send a child to school where they display symptoms – cough, temperature and loss of smell or taste. If this is the case, it is essential that you inform the office so that they can ensure that the appropriate absence mark is recorded against your son/daughter's name.

A child with Covid symptoms should only return to school on receipt of a **negative PCR test** result, provided they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours. If a test is not carried out, the child should not return to school for 10 days. Parents should inform the school office if their child receives a **POSITIVE PCR TEST**.

Finally.....



Next Thursday is the anniversary of the end of World War One. Unfortunately, we will not be having an assembly this year but teachers may discuss WW1 with their children and I know that our Primary Seven classes have also been learning all about this dark period in world history. It is important that we discuss and mark this event and discuss the sacrifices made by both sides of our community. Please take time to tell your children about members of your family that fought in WW1 or were affected by it. These personal stories are in danger of being forgotten forever and it is important that history is brought to life in the classrooms of our schools.