

28th January 2022



CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Covid Update

This week has ~~again~~ been at the most difficult week of the pandemic ~~since the pandemic began that we have experienced~~, bar none! Despite us being proactive and booking additional sub teachers in advance, we were unable to maintain face to face teaching for all classes. The outlook is better but we are still in a very precarious position but will attempt to rotate remote learning, in the event of staff levels remaining acute. I would advise all parents to ensure that they have a Plan B in the event that their child's Class is put onto remote learning.

As we have been seeing an increased number of cases amongst our school population, we will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with the Education Authority and the Public Health Association. If there is a cluster of cases identified within a particular year group or class, you will receive a letter that will advise that your child should take a lateral flow COVID test (LFT) at home before coming back into school.

We all have a responsibility to keep everyone safe and avoid multiple classes being put onto remote learning for sustained periods. However, the only way we can do this is if:

- We have available staff
- Parents keep children off who are displaying symptoms
- Children do not attend school if awaiting results of a test
- Parents report positive Lateral Flows & PCR results to the School Office

I would urge all parents who believe that their child(ren) have symptoms, to keep them off and even if they return a negative lateral flow, book them a PCR if in any doubt.

Parents should not send children to school who are awaiting the results of a PCR.

Enrolment for September 2022

The online application portal for both Nursery and Primary One admissions for September 2022 closed today at 12:00 noon. Applications received after today will be classed as "late".



Parents can still upload supporting documents such as Birth Certificates, onto the portal. The deadline for these documents is **Friday 4th February**. The Education Authority (EA) have set up a Parent helpline to assist with this process.

(TEL: 028 9598 5595 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)



In addition, Cliftonville Integrated is happy to assist any parent that requires additional support in completing the online process. If you require further assistance, then please contact the school office on 028 9035 1638.

Please note: before contacting the school office,

ensure that you have already contacted the EA Helpline.

School Development Survey

As stated in the previous bulletin, the surveys going out over the next number of weeks will all be related to our **School Development Planning**. You will receive the first of these this afternoon and I would ask that all parents complete this survey and all subsequent ones as they are linked. These surveys ask a series of questions about areas of our school so all feedback is welcomed. There will be space for you to comment and these comments will also be used to develop our 3 Year Plan. **If you would like to be entered into a prize draw for a £20 Tesco voucher, then please put your name and the class of your child at the bottom of the survey. All completed surveys will be entered into the draw.**



Post Primary Applications



Applications for enrolment at secondary school will open online on **Tuesday 1st February at 12:00 noon**. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 23rd February at 4:00pm**.

The Education Authority (EA) have set up a Parent helpline to assist with this process. (TEL: 028 9598 5595 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)



P7 Confirmation

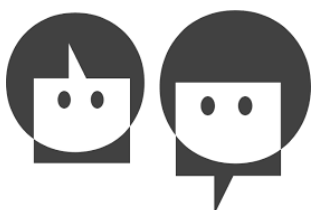
Wednesday 2nd February 11:00am
Sacred Heart

First Communion

Saturday 21st May 11:00am
Sacred Heart



Parent/Teacher Interviews



Parent Teacher Interviews will take place **week beginning 7th March 2022**. To facilitate these interviews, all children will be dismissed at lunchtime that week. Unfortunately, we are unable to state whether these will be face to face meetings or that we will once again use School Cloud Video Conferencing. We will make a decision on the format in mid-February. Hopefully, by that point in time, we will have a clearer picture of how Covid is behaving.



School Photographer

Tempest Photography will return week commencing 4th April to take photos of our Class groups and family groups.



Meals Menu – Week 1 from 31st January 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Italian Pasta Bake Homemade Garlic Bread Tossed Salad Sweetcorn Mashed Potatoes	Salmon Bites Baked Beans Tossed Salad Chips Chilli Baby potatoes	Roast Loin of Pork Apple Sauce Herb Stuffing, Gravy Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli Florets Roast & Mash Potatoes	Homemade Cottage Pie & Gravy Wheaten Bread Fresh Sliced Carrots Green Beans Mashed Potatoes	Oven Baked Homemade Chicken Goujons Selection Dip Sauces Garden Peas Tossed Salad Mashed Potatoes
Ice Cream, Mandarins & Chocolate Sauce	Melon Boat With Yoghurt	Yoghurt & Pineapple	Carrot Cake Custard	Swiss Roll Custard

FAMILIES CONNECT



Save the Children

For Parents/Carers of Primary 1 children

Please see the attached leaflet introducing our Families Connect program.

If you would like to join us, let your child's teacher know or contact Nichola at the school office.



HOLIDAYS

Half Term – Wednesday 16th February to Friday 18th February

Finally.....

It is hard to believe that we have nearly made it through January but parents are reminded that with the weather remaining changeable that children should still be coming to school with a winter coat. Some days the sun is shining but it is still extremely cold!