



20/10/23

Week Three
Dinner menu
Next week

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Action Short of Strike

We have been informed by two unions, GMB and Unison (NIPSA is likely to follow) that their members will follow action short of strike over the next number of weeks. Start dates for this varies but it involves most, if not all, of our non-teaching staff as well as staff in other schools and canteen staff.

This coupled with Action Short of Strike for teaching staff, will cause significant disruption to services, provision and perhaps even the education within schools.

That said, this action by non-teaching staff is a legitimate action, over pay and conditions and should be supported by parents despite the disruption that it could potentially cause. Staff have no interest in disrupting the education of the children within their care and do not take any form of strike action lightly.

We have also been informed that a day of strike action is to take place on 16th November. At this stage, there is no way of knowing the full impact that this will have on schools. It is nevertheless likely to be significant and may involve partial or full closure as it involves school meals, cleaning, office staff, caretaking and both classroom and SEN Assistants. Further details will be provided when available.

Mathletics and MathSeeds



Pupils have been earning a great number of points using Mathletics and MathSeeds. Some children have been awarded with certificates of merit this week.

Well done to all those pupils! The Mathletics and MathSeeds competition has been running since Monday 16th October. The competition runs for 2

weeks. There will be prizes for children in each class who achieve the greatest number of points in Mathletics and highest amount of active minutes in MathSeeds.

World Mental Health Day

All the pupils enjoyed dressing up in yellow today and it certainly cheered us all up in the middle of the storm! The pupils talked at assembly and in their classrooms how to keep good mental health. Thank you to everyone who participated!





Morning Gate

As you will have seen from the text message that was sent yesterday, the gate at the front playground will close at 9am each morning. Please ensure that your children arrive punctually so that they may go into school with their friends. However, if a child does arrive at school after the gate is shut at 9am, they must now use the main entrance to the school. Parents are reminded that all lateness should be explained to the school through a note or by completing the book at the front office.

Unfortunately, office staff may not be in a position to walk children to their room, and this should be explained to your child before they arrive at school late, as well as the door that they need to use. Pupils who are late should walk independently to their own classrooms. The school continues to monitor punctuality and where frequent lateness is identified, the school will liaise with both the parent and Education Welfare Service to try and ensure that this is addressed for the benefit of the education of the child.

Half-Term Break

There will be some changes during the last week of this half-term. There will be no Good News Club or Multi-skills club on Thursday 26th October. We will finish term on Friday 27th October at 2pm and there will be no 2-3 Club or school bus on that day. We will start the new half-term on Monday 6th November at the normal time.



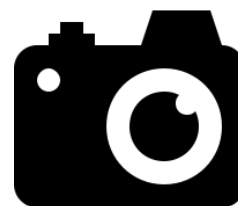
Patrol Person



Unfortunately, we do not have a Patrol Person available at present. Please exercise vigilance when crossing the road and remind children they must only cross at the crossing at the lights on the Cliftonville Road.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday, 7th November and Wednesday, 8th November. This is for individual and family photographs. Details will follow closer to the time.



Half-Term DISCO

We are delighted to inform you that there will be a half-term disco, organised by the PTFA, on Thursday, 26th October. The cost of the disco is £2.00 per pupil (pay for ticket on School Money). Pupils may come to school on that day wearing fancy dress and there will be a tuck shop.

There will be goodie bags available at the tuck shop for Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils at the cost of £1.

P3 – P7 pupils are advised to bring no more than £2.

Harvest

Fighting food poverty from the heart of Belfast City, Storehouse is a local organisation. which partners with schools to receive food donations.



This year, at Harvest, on 27th October, we are asking the children to be thankful for the food they eat and to be kind enough to give food to families who are struggling to pay their grocery bills.

Cliftonville Integrated Primary School has been asked to donate:-

TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED TUNA, BAGS OF RICE.

**We recognise that many families are facing mounting bills.
and appreciate any donation you can give.
Please bring a donation to school office**

Free Fruit Friday

Free Fruit Friday has been very successful and will continue after half-term.

P3 10th November

P4 17th November

P5 24th November

P6 1st December

P7 8th December

P3 15th December

P4 Wednesday, 20th December



And Finally.....

Please ensure that you remind your children about where they must go after school before they come to school. We have had an increase in the number of calls to the office asking for messages to be passed onto class teacher. Whilst we will always attempt to do this, it does mean office staff having to interrupt the task that they had been doing to accommodate this. We would also ask that you ensure that you are familiar with PE Days and other activities happening within classes, so children do not lose out on these activities.

Reminders



P.E Lessons

WE would just like to remind pupils that platform style trainers are not suitable for P.E. lessons.

English Classes for Parents

English Classes for parents have started on Tuesdays from 9.15am to 10.00am with Mrs Crummey our English Language tutor. The parents attending are really enjoying these sessions. Please come along and join them on Tuesday mornings!



Dinners

As you know from previous bulletins, dinner menus are on the school website. However, due to supplier issues, the canteen sometimes has to vary the menu at short notice. They always try to keep changes to a minimal and also always offer a wide and varied menu. The children are loving the new menus and more and more children are going to dinners.

All parents are reminded, free school meals included, that a dinner must be booked on the School Money website by 10pm the night before.

We would also ask all parents to remind their children if they are dinners each morning, particularly if you switch between lunches and dinners on a regular basis.

Respect

This month we are focusing on respect and have talked to the children about how this looks like and staff are also modelling this for children. Last week, during assembly, the children, of all ages, were able to tell us what respect should look like so you should be very proud.



Interactions with Staff

Over the past couple of weeks, staff have reported that some parents have been quite abrasive in their approach with them. We would urge parents to think about how they interact with staff - be it in person or over the phone. We have no doubt that sometimes, where a parent is upset, their interactions may not come across how they intended but I would remind parents that we are all working together, in partnership, for the children. Please think carefully about how you approach staff.

Confirmation

Thursday 1st February 2024
Sacred Heart Church, 11:00am

First Confession

Thursday 14th March 2024
Sacred Heart Church, 12:00pm

Communion

Friday 10th May 2024
Sacred Heart Church, 11:00am



Uniform Policy

Parents are reminded of our uniform policy (available upon request. Whilst most children are wearing full uniform, increasingly some children are not. We have a copy of current uniform below.

GIRLS	BOYS	PE KITS (all children)
School Tie White Blouse Navy Skirt or Pinafore or trousers Navy Jumper or Cardigan Navy and white checked Summer Dress White Socks or Navy Tights Black Shoes*	School Tie White or Grey Shirt Grey Trousers Grey Jumper or Cardigan Black Shoes*	Navy Track Suit Bottoms Bottle Green embroidered Polo Shirt with school crest Navy hoodie with school crest PE Shoes or Trainers
Jewellery		
For health and safety reasons, Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. The exception to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears.		



NMSPORTS
UNLOCK YOUR TALENT

HALLOWEEN SPORTS CAMP

£25

VENUE: Ballysillan Leisure Centre
Indoor Sports Hall

DATES: 30th & 31st October

TIME: 10am - 1pm

AGES: 4-11

Contact Neil on: 07849313526



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A nurturing space to make your own decisions

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