



12th January
2024

Week Two
Dinner Menu
From 15th January

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Happy New Year

Wishing a very Happy New Year to each and every one and best wishes for a prosperous 2024. All the children are back and looking very smart in their school uniforms as well as well-rested. This is an important term for your child(ren) so please ensure that they start the term as they mean to go on – punctual, in full uniform, homework in on time and working hard. Our Coby Bear focus is on this very area - **Being Ready for School**. Whilst this looks slightly different in every year group, it is important that this is reinforced at home.

Industrial Action



As you know from the previous bulletin, teaching and non-teaching unions have directed their members that a full day of industrial action will take place on **Thursday 18th January**. After consultation with staff, unions and guidance provided by the Education Authority, I can confirm that school will be **closed for all pupils on Thursday 18th January 2024**. School will open as normal on Friday 19th January. Governors and staff are fully aware that this causes disruption to families but parents should be aware that the decision to strike is not taken lightly by any member of staff. Unions and employers continue to meet but the absence of a Stormont Executive hinders these negotiations and creates a vacuum.

Enrolment for September 2024



The online application portal for both Nursery and Primary One admissions (for September 2024) is now open. Parents of prospective Nursery or Primary One pupils must complete an online application before the deadline **12 noon on Friday 26th January 2024**. We advise all parents to complete this online application process as soon as possible as we already have a high volume of applicants.

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). 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.**

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place in school on the week beginning **5th February**. More details will follow soon.





P4-P7 Clubs

Earlier this week, you received a letter about the online booking system that we are trialling for clubs. The clubs will start next week and can be booked, **free of charge** for the next week from today. The clubs are as follows:

Monday: Outdoor Learning

Tuesday: P4/P5 Multi skills

Thursday: P6/7 Multi skills

Thursday P4-P7 Good News Club

Please remember that you need to book your child in **each week** for clubs via School Money.

TIP:- tick the parent consent box to view and reserve the booking!



Parent Teacher Association

We would like to invite parents to our PTFA **AGM on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 9.05am**. Further information on the different roles and responsibilities can be obtained from the PTFA directly by emailing cips.ptfa@gmail.com. For planning and preparation purposes, it is essential that parents email (same address) to indicate their attendance before 12 noon on Friday 19th January 2024. The PTFA is a great opportunity for you to become involved in your school and we really hope to see as many people as possible attending this AGM.

New Benches

You may have noticed the lovely benches in the front playground. We had these made by Men's Shed and are very pleased with these. During the past year, we have been refreshing equipment and facilities across our playgrounds. This has included picnic benches in the back playground as well as new thermoplastic markings such as Snakes n Ladders and other interactive games in both playgrounds. As you will appreciate, this has come as a considerable financial cost, so it is important that we look after these playgrounds.



Internet Safety Day



Safer Internet Day will take place on **6th February** this year. We would encourage you to look at the fantastic resources that the NSPCC have about talking to your child about online safety at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Our pupils have settled well into the new term and we hope they will enjoy the learning and fun in the term ahead.

And finally,

We would like to welcome Miss Rogers to our team. Miss Rogers will be replacing Miss Todd in Primary Two and working with Mrs Copeland. We want to thank Miss Todd and wish her all the best but are very excited to be working with Miss Rogers who has already settled into our school as a member of CIPS 😊

Cliftonville Integrated Primary School
PTFA



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Come along and find out how to get involved as a committee member or volunteer.

Thursday 25th January 2024
9am in the school



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Member Association