



# September 2022 Newsletter



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Principal: Mrs. Mary Bacheta

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to tell you that everyone has settled back into school and already looking forward to the weekend. I want to extend a special welcome to our new children and their families. We hope you will be very happy at CRPS. We are so proud of our new P1 children who have started their primary school journey without any hesitation. We hope you will all enjoy the family atmosphere and a warm welcome from everyone in our school community.

We believe in maintaining close communication with parents/guardians and will try to ensure you are kept informed of all aspects of your child's education. We encourage you to contact the school if you have any concerns or queries so that your questions can be answered quickly or where necessary an appointment can be arranged. As always it is important to talk to the class teacher in the first instance as issues are usually resolved much quicker this way.

As we get the school year off to a busy start it is important to share some important information relating to calendar dates & procedures that are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. Please read this information carefully and keep for reference. Any additional information will follow where necessary.

## 325 CLUB

I am delighted to announce that our 325 Club will resume on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. This club is popular and we are looking forward to providing this much needed facility again.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ❖ The 325 Club will operate from Monday to Thursday-3.00pm until 5.00pm and Fridays-3.00pm-4.00pm. Prompt collection is expected. (Please note that the Shepherd's Glen gate closes at 4.00pm)
- ❖ The club is for P1-P7 children. A snack and drink will be provided.
- ❖ The cost of full attendance from 3.00pm-5.00pm is £2.00. Payment can be made on the day or in advance. If your child is attending for the full session daily, you can pay in advance for the week.
- ❖ If you wish your child to avail of this club between 3.00pm and 4.00pm only-the cost will be £1.00 per child per day. Collection is at 4.00pm for this session.
- ❖ This club is not for children who are collected late. Children must be collected at 3.00pm unless staying for the club.
- ❖ This club will facilitate homework and **FUN**.
- ❖ If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- ❖ If you need your child to attend at late notice, you can phone us to book your child in.
- ❖ The club will not operate during school holidays and may be closed at short notice in adverse weather conditions (if school has to close early). See other key dates below.
- ❖ The club **will not** be available on the dates below. (Please make a note of these)
  - **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**
  - **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**
  - **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**
  - **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**
  - **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**
  - **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023**
  - **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.**

The club **will finish on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023** for this academic year.

You can email us if you have any further questions. [info@chapelroadps.derry.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@chapelroadps.derry.ni.sch.uk)

# REMINDER-SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## OTHER TERM 1 SCHOOL CLOSURES

### HALLOWEEN HOLIDAYS

We finish at 12 noon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

(Wear fancy dress)

School is closed from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Children return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We finish at 12 noon on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

School is closed from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.  
Children return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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DATES MARKED IN GREEN ARE DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

## LIVE DECADE OF THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**, Our Lady's Birthday, via the webcam Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry 9.30am.

<http://www.steugenesacathedral.com/webcam.htm>

## MULTISPORTS

A letter has been sent to the relevant classes. Please respond appropriately.

## YOUTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Our P6 and P7 children will participate in FIRST AID training on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This is a fantastic opportunity for the boys and girls to learn valuable lifesaving skills.

## UNIFORM

We are very proud of our uniform which tells everyone that we belong to the fantastic Chapel Road School community. Please wear it with pride. Remember, on PE days you should wear navy bottoms, a white t-shirt and school jumper. Footwear should be black or navy.

Thank you in advance for your attention to the school uniform.



# NEW OUTDOOR PLAY TRAIL

Year on year we are involved in continuous improvement in all areas of our provision. Our outdoor play equipment needed replacing, so we invested in a new and bigger outdoor play trail. We are very happy with the results and have enjoyed watching the children exploring and playing on it these past few days. The opportunity to improve physical skills whilst playing and having fun with your friends is always a bonus.



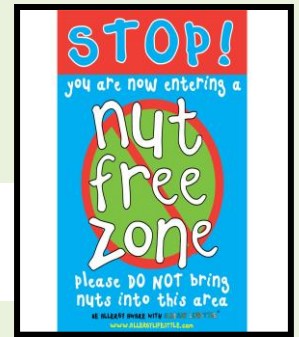
## ALLERGIES

If your child has allergies or medical issues, please contact us as soon as possible.

No medicines to be sent to school with pupils. Please contact the office.

A number of children in our school are allergic to nuts. Please check all lunch items to ensure they do not contain nuts or nut traces.

No nuts or food/drinks containing nuts should be sent to school.



## MEALS IN SCHOOL-WE ARE A HEALTHY EATING SCHOOL

In September, it is a good time to remind everyone about healthy eating and the lifelong benefits this brings.

Morning break should be a healthy snack.



You can apply for Free School Meals by clicking in this link- <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>



## MEDICINE POLICY



Our Medicine Policy reflects current legislation and ensures our procedures are in line with what is considered 'best practice' for staff and pupils.

The policy is lengthy and detailed and has important information for parents. It does involve filling out some paperwork so that our records are correct and up to date. This policy is available to view on our website.

<https://www.chapelroadps.co.uk/cmsfiles/items/downloads/ChapelRoadPSPolicyfortheAdministrationofMedicine2016.pdf>

You can also request a paper copy from the school office.

I would ask any parent who has a child with long term medical needs to contact the class teacher or myself so we can ensure arrangements are in place to meet your child's needs.

## MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT-ATTENDANCE

Our Pupil Attendance Policy is guided by the Department of Education. All absences must be accounted for so let us know if your child is sick or not attending school. Please keep in touch with us if there is a problem getting your child to come to school.

Mrs. Ashford in the office will assist you with any queries you may have.



# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## Traffic

Please take the usual precautions regarding parking and reduce your speed. Always keep your child/children close by.

## Shepherd's Glen Gate

The steps and the paths on the boundary between Shepherd's Glen and the school will be accessible to pupils from 8.30am and again at 2.00pm. The gate is usually closed shortly after 4.00pm every evening. Our caretaker (Paul) very kindly opens and closes this gate daily to allow quicker access to the school, however, the path and steps outside the school boundary are not school property and therefore anyone using this access is not covered by school insurance. The steps are quite steep so make sure you are happy with your child/children using them. Remind your child often about taking care and being safe.

# SCHOOL WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE

Please download the website app onto your phone so that you receive texts from the school. The app is called **Schools NI**. Contact the office if you have any questions about this service. We also use Facebook and Twitter to share more general news.

The website is our main method of contacting parents. We are trying to move away from paper copies of letters/notes and become more ECO friendly.

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*We are looking forward to a safe and happy school year. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to achieve this.*

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs. Bacheta and staff*