



# September 2023 Newsletter



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Principal: Mrs. Mary Bacheta

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to tell you we had an enjoyable first day back on Friday. Even the weather was kind to us. The sunshine added to the happy atmosphere of seeing our friends and school staff again.

On behalf of the whole school community, 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 also so proud of our new P1 children who have started their school journey without any hesitation. We hope you will all enjoy the family atmosphere and a warm welcome from everyone in our lovely school.

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 questions or queries so that these 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.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Gillian Hall as our new office staff member. She is very much looking forward to getting to know everyone over the coming weeks and months. I hope you will give her a warm Chapel Road welcome on the phone and in and around the school.

## NEW SPECIALISED NURSERY PROVISION

Across Northern Ireland, the demand for places in our special schools has grown dramatically. Work has been ongoing since January 2020 to provide additional accommodation in mainstream Primary Schools. To support this demand, we have established specialised provision to accommodate a dual day nursery. We have been busy throughout the summer and are striving to get the works completed as soon as possible. We are looking forward to welcoming our new children and their families over the next few weeks.

## School Website/Communication

Ongoing investment in our school website is one of the most successful tools we have adopted in recent years. It allows us to communicate effectively and efficiently with you on a regular basis. We strive to maintain as much engagement with you as is possible whilst ensuring it doesn't interfere with teaching and learning.

The continued success of this communication relies on you as parents signing up to the email and ensuring you have downloaded the Schools NI App. On occasion, you will need to update notifications to make sure you receive all updates.

If you experience any problems with the Schools NI App, you can contact the website administrator or get in touch and we will do our best to help resolve the problem.

The screenshot shows a section of the Schools NI website. At the top is a purple header with the word 'Subscribe' in white. Below this is a form with the label 'Enter Your Email Address' and a text input field. A purple 'Submit' button is positioned below the input field. Underneath the form is another purple header that says 'Download School App'. Below this header is a blue square icon containing a white shield with the letters 'NI' inside. Below the icon, the text 'Download to receive the latest...' is followed by a bulleted list: 'Messages', 'News', 'Galleries', and 'Upcoming Events'. At the bottom of the section are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

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This facility will resume tomorrow **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. The children can arrive from 8.15am. The cost of this provision is 50p daily.

This begins at 8.30am. P1, P2 and P3 children will go to their classrooms. P4-P7 children will go to the hall until 9.00am.

I am delighted to announce that our 325 Club will resume on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. More details will follow about this club tomorrow.

School will be closed on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The children finish at 12 noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

School is closed from Monday  
29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023.



Children return to school on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

We finish at 12 noon on  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

School is closed from Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023-  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.  
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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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# MULTISPORTS

A letter in relation to this club will be sent out before the end of the week.

## 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.

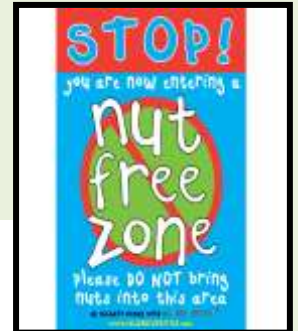
## ALLERGIES

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 to complete the necessary forms.

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>

The cost of a school meal is £2.60 and should be sent into school on a Monday with your child's name clearly marked on the envelope.



## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE



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. You can 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.

The register is taken at 9.00am. If your child is late for school, a code is applied to indicate late after registration. Should you get caught in traffic or other unavoidable circumstances, please ring the office to let us know your child will be late.

All children who are late must use the office reception door so we can check them in for attendance or dinners.

## 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 closed at 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.

## SAFEGUARDING

In the interests of safeguarding, pupils are not allowed to wear smart watches to school. These watches have internet facilities that are not managed by our school system and also camera, audio and video features which pose child protection and data protection risks.

*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*

