



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 30 Oct – 3 Nov 2017 (incl)

School re-opens on Monday 6 November at 8.15 am for Early Bird Club; remainder of the school at 8.45 am.

DANCE DAY

Don't forget our Non-Uniform and sponsored Dance Day (No Halloween costumes please) on Friday 27 October.

Children should wear trainers/comfortable shoes. This will be a normal school day and swimming will run for P5 children in the afternoon, as normal. All donations and sponsor cards should be returned to school by week commencing Mon 23 October. Thank you for your support.

123 CLUB

Remember our Half Term party for P1-P3 children will be on Friday 27 October costing £2.

New registration forms for 123 Club should be returned by Monday 6 November.

P4 -P7 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

See the attached timetable and return your reply slips and money as soon as you can to secure a place.

Your child will not be allowed to stay for the club until the payment has been made.

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2017

Make sure you have returned your child's consent form before this date otherwise they cannot get the vaccine on the day.

P6 and P7 children will receive the vaccinations first thing, before they go on their trip to Radar.



THE WATER BUS VISIT TO WOODS

The Water Bus will visit our school on Monday 13 November. The children in P4-7 will have the opportunity to board the bus and explore the resources inside. They will learn about the Water cycle and the importance of saving water. There will be no charge for this event.

School Open Night for Prospective P1
Wednesday 29 November 2017
6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Please invite any new families in the area or any family with a child ready to start P1 in September 2018.

PARENT INTERVIEWS TUESDAY 14 – THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017

School will close at 1.30pm for P1- P4 pupils and older siblings and 1.45 pm for P5 – P6 children on these dates.
 J & K Coaches will run at 1.45 pm and Ulsterbus will run at 2 pm.

YOU SHOULD NOTIFY THE TEACHER, IN WRITING, OF ANY CHILD WHO WILL BE USING THESE BUSES, WHO DOES NOT NORMALLY DO SO.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 123 CLUB ON THESE DATES.

P7 CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AN EXTRA MATHS LESSON FROM 2 PM – 3 PM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, IF THEY ARE ABLE TO STAY. PLEASE NOTIFY THE P7 TEACHER IF YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO STAY. ALL P7 WILL GO HOME EARLY ON THURSDAY AS MRS BELL WILL BE INVOLVED IN INTERVIEWS.

AR READING SCHEME

During school hours we timetable quiet reading time for all P4-7 classes. Your children should always bring their AR book to school so that they can make good use of this timetabled session. If parents could encourage their child to put their AR book back into their schoolbag after they read each night that would be most helpful. Congratulations to those children who have already reached 50% of their target on the AR scheme. Keep up the great reading everyone!



The book fair will be back in school on 16 November. The fair will be open to parents as follows:

Friday 17 November	2-2.30pm and 3- 3.30pm
Monday 20 November	2-.2.30pm and 3.3.30pm
Tuesday 21 November	2-.2.30pm and 3.3.30pm



Please note that our school will receive **60% commission** on book sales and with this money we want to buy more reading materials for use in all classes. The fair will also be open to pupils in school hours on Monday 20 November and Tuesday 21 November.

P7 MAGHERAFELT HIGH SCHOOL TRIP

Magherafelt High School has invited our P7 class into their school on the morning of Monday 6 November (9.30 am – 12 Noon) for their annual taster session of a variety of subjects, offered to year 8 pupils (including PE). The children should wear their school uniform, **with trainers**, and they will be provided with a snack at Magherafelt High.

All children attend this morning as part of the transition process whether they plan to put Magherafelt High school first choice or not. If any parent does not give consent for their child to participate they should speak to Mrs White ASAP.

P6/P7 'RADAR', BELFAST TRIP

P6 and P7 children will receive a FREE trip to 'Radar' in Belfast on Tuesday 7 November. RADAR is Northern Ireland's first Interactive Safety Education Centre. With a full sized street scene and purpose built scenarios from town and country life, it's engaging, fun and informative. Young people will learn how to deal with dangerous situations in a risk free and supportive environment.

P6 & P7 parents please complete and return the reply slip attached by Monday 6 November, AT THE LATEST! Your child will not be ready for collection from school until 3.50 pm on this day.

POPPIES FOR SALE

Poppies will be on sale in school week commencing Monday 6 November. Please send in money with your child if they wish to buy a poppy or other items eg wristbands, reflectors, friendship bracelets, snap bands.

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2017

Our school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 22 November, commencing at 5.30 pm, to take family photographs. If you would like to book a private 5 minute session, fill in the reply slip below and forward it to school with a £5 non-refundable deposit. Please phone Davina to confirm a time for your photograph.

HEALTHY SNACKS IN SCHOOL

At Woods Primary School we are committed to encouraging all of our pupils to develop healthy eating habits.

As part of our Healthy Break's Policy children are encouraged to drink water and eat only fruit, vegetables or bread based products at break-time. The kitchen staff provide a range of items daily for children to eat in school for a small charge of 30p a day. **However, if your child has opted out of the school snack programme we would still encourage you to send in a healthy snack for your child as per DENI guidelines.** The idea is to help reduce the intake of sugar, salt and fat in your child's diet. If you are sending in a snack for your child, please remember, it should not be sugary foods such as biscuits, cake and buns, nor should it be crisps.

A suitable snack for mid-morning break may include one or more of the following:

Banana	Clementine or Apple
Pear	Carrot/Celery stick pot
Cherry tomato pot	Fruit pots
Plain or wholemeal scone	Filled rolls, sandwiches and baguettes
Breadsticks/crackers and cheese	Yogurt/Fromage Frais



REMEMBER NO PEANUTS OR ANY ITEMS CONTAINING PEANUTS TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL!

We encourage our children to be independent in school at all times. We would ask parents to keep this in mind when packing your child's lunch for school. **Points to keep in mind....**

- * Please send yoghurts that your child can open by themselves.
- * Send any cutlery needed to eat what you have packed e.g. spoons for yoghurts or forks for pasta.
- * Send your child a small drink: water or lightly diluted juice please.
- * Try to include a piece of fruit each day. Keep sweet treats to one per day
- * See our school website for more information on healthy lunchboxes.

Thank you for your support in implementing our Healthy Eating Policy and keeping your child healthy.

HEALTHY SNACK

November £5.70

December £3.00

ANTI-BULLYING WORK AT WOODS P. S. NOVEMBER 2017

During this month we will be talking to the children about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to everyone at school. We will address what bullying is and what to do if we are being bullied? We will remind the children to always treat others the way we want to be treated ourselves.

The Community PSNI Officers will visit school to talk with P1- P4 about 'Stranger Danger' and 'Road Safety' as well as online safety. They will also discuss 'Cyber Bullying' and what to do if this happens to you, with the older children. Please ask your children about this when they go home and help to reinforce the safety messages!



CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND CARDS

We are asking that children **do not** exchange presents during school hours as some children's feelings can be hurt if they are left out. We would also ask that Christmas cards are held until the final two weeks of term commencing **4 December**. Thank you for your support.

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

If anyone has any old or unused woollen mittens/baby socks/buttons we would appreciate it if you could send them into school, as soon as possible. These items will be used for Christmas Art & Craft activities.

CASH FOR CLOBBER – RECYCLE TEXTILES FOR CASH



We have sent home bin bags to be filled with items to be recycled like old coats, old shoes, handbags, etc. Please return filled bin bags on **Mon 6 or Tue 7 November** (Leave in the school hall). Bags can also be dropped into our clothing bank at any time, if this suits better. The money raised will go towards school funds and help to pay for resources.



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2017

<p>Wednesday 13 December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Concert @ 10am. Children may go home after the concert at approx. 11.30 or be collected from school between 11.45 am- 11.55 am. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening concert 6.45pm start. Children should be brought back into school at 6.15-6.25pm. • P1-3 children may be collected at 7.30pm or after the concert has finished (if parents are staying @approx. 8.15pm).
<p>Thursday 14 December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will start at 11 am instead of 9am to allow the children to have a restful morning following the late concert. • The children will be in school until 2pm or 3pm as normal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children returning to school at 6.15pm for the concert to start @ 6.45pm. • P1-3 children may be collected at 7.30pm or after the concert has finished (if parents are staying to watch the whole concert approx. 8.15pm).
<p>Friday 15 December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will start at the later time of 11am. Children will be in school until the normal 2pm or 3pm finish. 	



50th Anniversary - Can Parents or Past Pupils Help?

Woods will be open 50 years in January 2018. We would like to mark the next school year with a few exciting events for past and present pupils, staff and governors. There is a small committee to co-ordinate events.

- * The first event has been finalised as a Dinner and Ceili in the Royal Hotel, Cookstown, on Friday 9 February 2018. We are collecting old photos of past pupils or school events to put on display at the event. If you have any old photos and are willing to allow us to colour photocopy them for the display, please drop them into school (we can copy them as you wait) or send them in with a pupil, in an envelope for Mrs Derby's attention.
- * Tickets will be going on sale for this event in December 2017. But in the meantime pencil the date on your calendar!
- * We are also planning a Concert/Night of entertainment in March, as part of the celebrations, for past and present pupils and families. No date is confirmed as yet.
- * We are also planning a short play on the night and are asking for volunteers to participate. If you would be willing to attend a few rehearsals and perform on the night, please complete the reply slip below.
- * If you know anyone else who has a connection with the school and would have a talent to share please speak to Mrs White or Mrs Jan Young ASAP. We hope to have a good response and lots of interest in this event.
- * Woods P S will be open to the community on Saturday 28 April 10.30 am - 12.30 pm for visitors to have a cuppa and view the school as it is now. More details will follow.



I would be happy to be contacted about rehearsals and participate in the short play as part of the '50th Anniversary Concert of Entertainment'.

Name: _____ Mobile telephone number: _____

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P6/P7 'RADAR', BELFAST TRIP

I do*/do not* give permission for my child _____ to go on the trip to RADAR on Tuesday 7 November 2017.

I will collect my child at the school door at **3.50 pm**.

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

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P7 EXTRA MATHS LESSON



I do*/do not* give permission for my child _____ to stay for the extra Maths lessons on Tuesday 14 November Wednesday 15 November

Please tick relevant box.

I understand no buses will be running at 3 pm on these days.

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

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FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2017

I would like to have a family photograph taken and enclose a £5 non-refundable deposit. I will contact school to confirm a time.



Child/ren's Names _____

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

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**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
PARENT CONSENT FORM**

PLEASE TICK THE BOXES OF THE CLUBS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING.

- NETBALL (P4 - P7) CHILD'S NAME: _____ £ _____
- NUMERACY (P7) CHILD'S NAME: _____ £ _____
- P6/P7 XMAS ART CLUB CHILD'S NAME: _____ £ _____
(NOT WED 15 NOV)
- P4/P5 FOOTBALL CHILD'S NAME: _____ £ _____
(NOT WED 15 NOV)
- P4/P5 XMAS ART CLUB CHILD'S NAME: _____ £ _____
(NOT THURS 16 NOV)
- LITERACY (P7) CHILD'S NAME: _____ £ _____

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO TAKE PART IN THE CLUBS TICKED ABOVE.

I ENCLOSE TOTAL OF £ _____

SIGNED: _____ (PARENT) _____ (DATE)

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