



Money Details

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.60 A DAY.

SNACK	NOV	£6.60
	DEC	£3.60

Money should be sent into school on a Monday for the week ahead or month ahead. It is easier if money is paid for the month ahead.

123 CLUB P1 - P3 (NOVEMBER/DEC 2021)

If you wish for your child to attend this club and have not already filled in a form, please request one from the school office and return it to school accompanied by the money due as soon as possible. This club can be paid for with cash, childcare vouchers or a separate cheque (not to be included with dinner money please).

All cheques should be made payable to 'Woods Primary School'. We are registered with Employers for Childcare, Sodexo, Care 4 and Busy Bees childcare vouchers.

Please note that if your child enrolls for a particular day it is every day in the session e.g. every Monday.

EARLY BIRD CLUB 8.15-8.45am

Where? In the school hall or outside in the playground weather permitting

£1.50 a day

Vouchers accepted or correct CASH.

Please note school will close early on

23-25 November

for parent interviews

P1-3 & older siblings 12.30pm,

P4 & P5 & older siblings 12.40pm, P6 & P7 12.50pm.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PUNCTUAL FOR YOUR PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW AS THE TEACHERS HAVE A FULL TIMETABLE.

Please ensure that if you have requested a phone interview, you phone at the agreed time, to enable the timetable to work efficiently for everyone.

AR BOOK CHARACTER QUIZ

Thank you to Kenny's Spar on the Ballyronan Road for sponsoring 3 tubs of sweets for our prize winners. Check out the photos on our website. We want to congratulate all children who took the time to enter - great effort everyone.

Keep up the great reading!

Anti-Bullying Week 2021 at Woods



Teachers will talk to their class about how they can be kind to each other and the importance of being a good friend to everyone. Activities and stories will be used to promote being kind. All classes will watch the P6 Assembly on Anti-Bullying. Pupils will earn Kindness Tokens throughout Anti-Bullying week by demonstrating kindness in school. P7 will explore the issue of cyber-bullying and violence in online gaming through a class debate/discussion.

P1-7 COMPETITION Submit a photo, picture or poster to highlight the importance of showing kindness to others. Everyone who participates will receive a prize for their efforts with extra prizes for best entries in each class. **Closing date for entries is Wednesday 10 November 2021.** Prizes will be given out during Anti-Bullying Week.

We will also discuss what bullying is and what to do if a child experiences bullying. Look out for updates on the school website.

Dates for the diary...

Monday 1 November	New term -Early Bird & 123 Club open
Monday 8 November	CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION – drop bags into the textile recycling bank by Mon 8 October. Once it is full the extra bags can be left into the school hall.
Wednesday 10 November	Closing Date for the Anti-bullying competition.
Monday 15 November	'Odd Socks Day' for Anti-Bullying Week Children should wear uniform with odd, bright and colourful socks – the more decorative and brighter the better!
Tue 23 - Thurs. 25 November	School Closes early for Parent Interviews P1-3 & older siblings 12.30pm, P4 & P5 & older siblings 12.40pm, P6 & P7 12.50pm. Dinner will be served in school earlier on these dates.
Monday 29 November	Early Closing today (Early lunch). P1-3 12.30pm P4 & 5 12.45pm P6 & 7 1pm. P1 Open Afternoon - Prospective P1 children and parents can make an appointment to visit school between 2.30pm and 5pm to have a tour of school and meet staff.

TRANSPORT HOME

2 pm Ulsterbus

The Ulsterbus at 2pm is currently not running as there is no demand. If a parent does want their child to use this bus service at 2pm, they should telephone Ulsterbus depot in Magherafelt to request the bus for the next school day. **Tel: 02879632218**



EA MUSIC LESSONS

WOODWIND AND STRINGS lessons are taking place weekly. The annual fees will be issued to parents after the half term holiday.



EDU SPOT - School Money

We have decided to introduce an online system for parents to pay for school dinners, snacks, clubs and trips etc. We plan to get this system set up and be ready to go from 1 December 2021. We will be sending out more information for all parents after half term. It is hoped that this new system will make paying for school items easier for parents and school staff.



The children in P4-7 will be focusing on practising and developing their number skills and knowledge, by earning as many points as possible on Mathletics during the week 15-21 November. We will be competing with schools around the UK. Please encourage your child to log on to Mathletics, to complete tasks each day, as part of their homework routine.

Parent Consultation for the New Anti-Bullying Policy

Thank you to the parents who took the time to read and respond to our New Anti-Bullying Policy. We were pleased with the responses and the parent comments were encouraging for staff. This new Policy has now been approved by the Board of Governors and is being implemented by staff. We have consulted with the pupil council on some ideas to help inform our whole school community and promote kindness. Plans are in place for promoting kind and good behaviour throughout the school year. Thank you all for your support as we encourage all pupils to be kind to each other.

NSPCC – Safeguarding Programme P1-7

During October all classes have received an online assembly presentation from the NSPCC ‘Speaking out, Staying Safe’ Programme. This programme aims to raise awareness of the worries and difficult circumstances some children can find themselves in. It helps children to think about who they can turn to for help at difficult times in their lives.



P1 Admissions Criteria for 2022/23

The Board of Governors have agreed the Admissions Criteria for P1 for September 2022. This Criteria is now available on the school website. We anticipate a lower intake this year so please invite any local families with a child due to start school in September 2022 to attend our ‘P1 Open Afternoon’ on Monday 29 November 2.30-5pm. Appointments can be made by phoning the school office. Visiting families will have the opportunity to tour the school, see our facilities and meet staff. Applications will be online as in previous years. More details will be posted on the school website later in November.

THANK YOU PARENTS

*The teachers have been working closely with Mrs White to develop the outdoor learning opportunities for the children. Although we have a good space for outdoor play we have identified areas for improvement and this is our target for the year. **We would like to say a big thank you to Glenn Robinson and Stewart Knox.** Mr Robinson on behalf of Tobermore Concrete has offered to provide all of the paving for extending the clean hard surface in the garden area for outdoor learning, construction and play. Dr Knox has provided the school with a fantastic ‘Mud Kitchen’ for the children to use outdoors. This sponsorship and generosity has been invaluable and will really help us to get this project done in the Springtime. We are really excited to see how the project develops, and the positive impact it will have on the learning and well-being of all of our pupils. If you are a parent who could help us with this project, please contact Mrs Milliken or Mrs White.*