



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY.

School will close 12-16 February 24

P6 & P7 Swimming -Term 2

Swimming sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons in Term 2 **Wed 10 January 2023 for 9 weeks £30 via SchoolMoney App paid in 2 instalments 10/01/24 & 21/2/24 £15 each.**

AFTER SCHOOL TIMETABLE

5 weeks 3-4pm

8 January - 8 February 2024

Mon P6 & 7 GIRLS HOCKEY £5
P4 & 5 ART Club £7.50

Wed P5-7 Football £7.50
P4 & 5 Book Club £5

Thurs P6 & 7 Netball £5

PE UNIFORM Children may wear PE uniform to school on the following days this term:

P1-3 Tues and Frid
P4 Tues & Wed
P5 Tues & Thurs
P6 & P7 Wed & Frid

Please note if you have not bought the PE uniform your child should come to school wearing normal school uniform and change in school. Trainers can be worn with PE uniform.



We want to thank all our families for the staff Christmas cards and gifts. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by everyone.

Happy New Year Everyone! Wishing all our families every good blessing in 2024.

Since we are experiencing a cold snap of wintery weather, please remember to send a named coat into school with your child each day as we will make every effort to get the children outside during the day unless conditions are too icy/dangerous. Please remember to name all items of uniform. We want to **thank our families** for the neat and tidy presentation of our pupils. Visitors to our school always comment on the children's behaviour and excellent presentation of uniform. We thank you for your support in this. Please be reminded that our uniform policy states black shoes should be worn with school uniform and trainers with PE uniform. Jewellery Policy - only stud earrings and a watch permitted to be worn each day at school

Dates for the diary...

22 Jan	Rehearsals commence for School Musical P4-6
25 Jan	Rainey Open Night 2.45pm & Booking essential.
26 Jan	Closing Date for Online applications for P1, Internet safety Talks P6&7
30 Jan	Hockey Blitz – Royal School Dungannon
7 Feb	Internet Safety Day – activities in school
8 Feb	P6 & 7 Girls Netball Blitz – Cookstown Leisure Centre
9 Feb	Be Bright Fun Run - Wear something fluorescent with PE uniform
27 Feb	School Nurse in for P1 Health Checks

P7 PARENTS Applying for a Year 8 Place in Post Primary

Online applications will open at 12 noon on Tuesday 30 January 2024 and will close at 12 noon on Thursday 22nd February 2024.

We will share with you an electronic copy of the key information leaflet 'Applying for a Year 8 Post Primary Place' in the coming weeks. This leaflet and further guidance will be accessible on the EA website in due course.

Before starting your child's application, you should:

- Read admissions criteria for each Post Primary School that you wish to nominate as a preference.
- All schools will require the birth certificate to verify a child's name and date of birth. Either a full (long) or short birth certificate may be used or an amended birth certificate or an adoption certificate, where appropriate, is acceptable. If you do not have a copy of your child's birth certificate, please contact the schools you wish to nominate to see what other documents they may accept.
- You should refer to the admissions criteria to find out if other supporting documents are required by each of the schools you have chosen e.g. proof of address.
- Scan or take a photo of the documents you require for each school and save them on the device you will be using to make your Post Primary Application. **Make sure the photos or scans are clear and legible.**
- For GDPR purposes you may wish to remove personal/sensitive/private information from your documents before uploading e.g. financial details in bank statements.

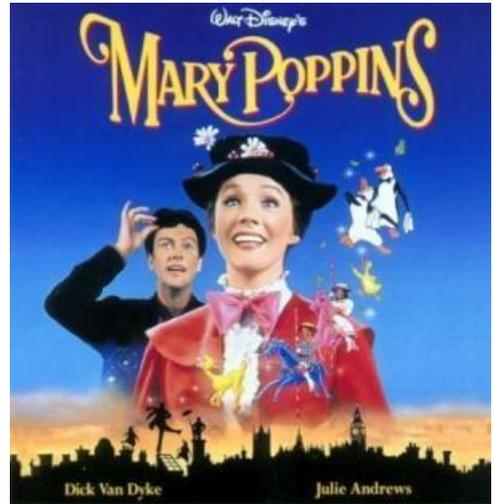
You will require an email address to be able to register on EA Connect to apply. For more information go online to the EA Website: -

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

P5-7 COMPETITION - Call all artists or designers!

We are inviting children in P5-7 to design and produce a ticket for the Mary Poppins Show. It should contain the following information:

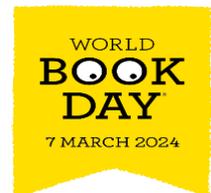
- Name of the Show: Mary Poppins
- Performed by P4, P5 and P6 pupils
- At: Woods Primary School
- Date: Wednesday 13 March @ 7pm
- Cost of Ticket: £6
- Proceeds to go to School Funds



All entries should be printed out or drawn on A5 Paper and given to Mrs White on or before **19 February 2024** so that they can be judged and winners decided. Electronic copies should be kept safe, as the winning entry will need to be emailed to school (if it was made digitally) to produce the final tickets. If the entry is hand drawn we will be able to scan it. There will be a prize for the top 3 entries.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024



WORLD BOOK DAY takes place on **Thursday 7th March**, and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate World Book Day at Woods Primary School.

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. Feedback from the children has shown how much the children enjoy dressing up as their favourite character from a book, so we would love to do this again this year. We don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden, either financially or taking up too much of your time.

When considering a character to dress up as, remember there are many characters who are just young boys or girls, who would be simple to dress up as. Examples such as Matilda, Dirty Bertie, Horrid Henry or Danny, from Danny the Champion of the World.

ALL costumes are amazing and don't need to be shop bought.

Dressing up is a big part of the celebrations and what families particularly enjoy about World Book Day. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up, and hearing them tell us all about who they have chosen to dress up as.

We will have lots of other fun activities taking place throughout the day.



P1-7 Mind Me, Mind You Programme

Healthy minds is just as important as healthy physical bodies. We are going to be working with all classes in Term 2 and 3 to help them to explore issues related to keeping their minds healthy and making good healthy choices each day. We are excited about delivering this programme which will involve all classes working separately and coming together for 5-6 shared whole school activities. We will keep you all updated by posting news on our website.

CAR PARKING SAFETY FOR EVERYONE

Please be mindful of where you park at drop off and collection times. Please do not park on kerbs or footpaths as they need to be kept clear for pedestrians. Thank you for being safe.