



Congratulations to P7 pupils who sat the Transfer tests in November 2019. The results were of an extremely high standard and the pupils are all a credit to themselves and their parents. We want to thank our dedicated staff team who prepared the children so well for these tests. Well done everyone!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**  
School will be closed  
Monday 17 – Wednesday  
19 February 2020  
inclusive.

**Easter Holidays**  
School will be closed  
from Monday 6 to  
Friday 17 April  
Inclusive.

**Advance notice of dates  
for your diary:-**

**Sports Day 2020**  
Wednesday 3 June 2020  
@Meadowbank Sports  
Arena - A timetable for the  
day will be available closer  
to the time.

**Prize Day P4-7**  
Prize Day will take place  
on Friday 26 June @  
1.30pm. P1-3 children will  
go home at 12.30pm on  
this day.

**School will close on  
Tuesday 30 June P1-3 @  
11.30am and P4-7  
11.45am.**

- 7 Feb Pupil Council Mental Health Assembly & Non-Uniform Day
- 13 Swimming Gala (9.20am-2pm) in Greenvale Leisure Centre
- 14 NI Regional Hockey Festival for Girls in Cookstown (3 Teams)
- 17-19 **Half term Holiday – school closed**
- 24 New After School Timetable commences
- 26 ECO 'Nude Food Day' – no single use plastics in lunchboxes please.
- 3 March Cycling Proficiency starts today 2-3 pm
- 4 Digital Leaders Trip to the Apple Store, Belfast
- 6 World Book Day Assembly by P4
- 12 P7 team enter the Primary STEM Challenge
- 13 The Dairy Council in to work with P5 & P6 Healthy Me
- 17 School closed today – Bank Holiday
- 18 Crown Jesus Ministries 10am Assembly & P4-7 RE Lessons
- 24 P7 2 teams enter the Sentinus K'Nex Challenge today
- 25 P2 Domino's pizza Trip – Group 1
- 27 Netball Tournament – 2 teams to attend (Dungannon L.C).
- 31 STEM Workshops for P5-P7 Provided by Sentinus
- 1 April P2 Domino's Pizza Trip - Group 2
- 1 P4 Trip to Springhill for the Evacuees Programme
- 1-3 Colin Tinsley Holiday Bible club 9.15-10.15 (3 mornings)
- 3 School will close early: P1-3 11.45am and P4-7 12noon.  
**Please send a healthy snack to school today.**

**Please keep visiting our school website for all our latest news and to check our school calendar for dates. These dates may be added to or changed.**

### Parent Interviews

Our school hold parent interviews at the end of November each year. These are compulsory for all parents to attend. We will not be timetabling a second interview but we are willing to speak to any parent, at any time, if they have a concern about their child's well-being or progress/work in school.

**Please be aware of the procedure for arranging a meeting with a teacher:**

- Telephone the school and speak with the school secretary – Mrs Clements and she will arrange an appointment with the teacher at a mutually convenient time.
- If a teacher has a concern about your child in school, they will telephone you to discuss or arrange for a suitable time to meet and discuss.
- If you do not hear from your child's teacher, then you should know that all is well in school.
- Each family will receive a written report in June with details of your child's attendance and progress in school. Reports will be sent home with your child on **Thursday 25 June 2020**. If your child is not in school on this date you may arrange to collect their report from the school office.

### EARLY BIRD CLUB

A reminder that the Early Bird Club is running from 8.15 am – 8.45 am each day at a cost of 50p a day.

#### SNACK

Feb	£5.10
March	£6.30
April	£3.30

Please note all Meals and snack cheques are payable to 'EA Southern Region'.

### HEADLICE

Please check your child's head for head lice. One parent has informed us that their child has been treated. Early detection and treatment is key to reducing the spread.

### Safety at drop off and pick up times

Parents please be reminded that it is your responsibility to supervise your children in the mornings at drop off and in the afternoons at pick up times when walking to your car. We want to remind parents to park in the school car park, and not on the Oaklea road, as there is no footpath to walk your child safely to the back entrance of the school. Children should not be walking on the one-way road around the school for their safety.

### UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure that your child has their named PE KIT in school for PE lessons as it was sent home before Christmas to be washed. Children should only wear a watch and/or stud earrings in school. No jewellery should be worn in school for health and safety reasons.

### Employers for Childcare Vouchers Payments

When a parent logs in to pay with vouchers

Click on 'Childcare Providers' tab

Click 'Edit names or reference'

Click on 'the reference' and add the name of the club/activity and enter term 1 or 2 etc.

Click 'save'

Then click on the 'Payments' tab and enter the amount to pay for the club.

**Repeat this process for each child and club.** This helps the office staff to track your payments. Thanks in advance for your help.

### Mathletics in March!

We are delighted to have access to the Mathletics programme in our school for P5-7 children. We want to encourage all children in these classes to use this website in their spare time and as part of their homework to help to improve their numeracy skills. Please encourage your children to take 15 minutes three times a week to complete the online tasks set by their teacher and/or complete the online maths games to score points. Each teacher will monitor the children's usage and rewards will be given out each Friday in class, with overall monthly prizes given out at the end of the month in assembly.

Please note that the class activities are differentiated. However, if your child is struggling with any of the activities please speak to their class teacher who can adjust the level of tasks accordingly. Thank you in advance for working with us to help your child to achieve their best in Maths.

### World Book Day 5 March 2020

**Thursday 5th March 2020 will mark the 23rd year of World Book Day. At Woods Primary we will be celebrating World Book Day by starting a paired reading programme, 'Book Buddies.' Every child from P2 to P4 will have a 'Book Buddy' from P5-P7 to read to, and with. Reading their reading books and library books together. The older children will become the tutors and practice their reading and questioning skills. 'Book Buddies' will happen for a short time each day during the week of World Book Day. The week will finish with a World Book Day assembly hosted by Primary Four.**

**The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. So every child will receive a £1 book token which can be used in various book stores or in our next School Book Fair.**