



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will close for Christmas Holidays on Tuesday 20 December at 11.45am for P1-3 and 12 noon for P4-7 children. School will re-open to pupils on Thursday 5 January 2023 for Term 2.

P6 & P7 Swimming -Term 2

Swimming sessions will take place on a Wednesday afternoons in Term 2 starting **Wed 11 January 2023 for 11 weeks £30.50 via SchoolMoney App**



We were delighted to receive such generosity from parents and friends following our Sponsored Fitness Day. **We raised a wonderful £3439 for school funds.** **Thank you!** We need to replace most of our Interactive whiteboards this year and many laptops so this money will be very helpful in supporting these purchases.

Thank you to all parents and carers for their help and support to children in completing homeworks throughout Term 1.



'Santa Daily Mile' on Friday 2 December 2022

Pupils should wear trainers to school and something festive e.g. Christmas jumpers or Santa hats, with uniform to take part in the Santa Daily Mile. We are asking for a £1 or £2 donation to our Sponsored Child Project. **This project provides food, clothing and schooling for a child living in Haiti.**

Dates for the diary...

- 1 Dec Last day of written homework this term.
- 2 Dec Santa Daily Mile (P1-7 wear Santa hats and/or jumpers with trainers and donate £2 for our Sponsor Child Project).
- 5 Dec P1 Open Afternoon 2-4pm/P1-3 pupils go home @1pm
- 12 Dec **P1-3 @10am and P4-7 Christmas Celebration @ 2pm**
- 13 Dec **P1-3 Christmas Celebration @ 10am**
- 13 Dec **P4-7 Christmas Celebration @ 2pm**
- 14 Dec Christmas Pantomime Trip 11.30am-4.30pm School opens @ 11.00am today. Children wear uniform & bring a packed lunch, with a small treat and water bottle.
- 15 Dec **Christmas Dinner in School** – Wear Christmas tops/jumpers with school uniform bottoms and normal footwear.
- 15 Dec **123 Club Party - 2-3pm WEAR UNIFORM TO SCHOOL**
- 19 Dec Christmas Party Day: Wear own Clothes with trainers/comfortable shoes for a Party in the hall
- 20 Dec Half Day P1-3 & older siblings 11.45am, P4-7 12 noon
- 5 Jan Term 2 commences, Early bird and 123 Club re-open.

'CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN SCHOOL'

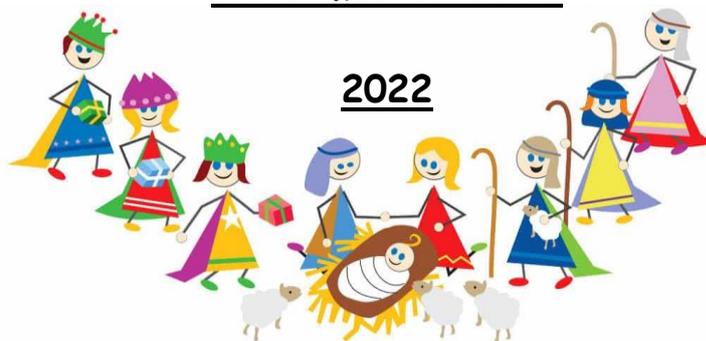
'Children are not allowed to bring Christmas presents into school to give out to their friends' If you wish to exchange presents, then please do so outside of school hours as upset may be caused to other children who are not included, and items may get lost or broken in school.

Christmas Cards can be exchanged in school from **Monday 5 December**. A postbox will be available at the front entrance of the building to post Christmas cards. **Please ensure that your child writes the recipient's name and class clearly on the outside of the envelope.**

Our Pupil & ECO Council Members will deliver the cards to the classes each day.



Christmas Concerts



We are excited about inviting parents and friends back into school for our Christmas celebrations. To help to keep a safe and manageable number in the hall we are asking parents to work with us and let us know when they plan to attend their child's Christmas concert. We are unable to seat all P1-3 parents in the hall at one time, so we are holding two concerts as follows:

- Monday 12 December @ 10am
- Tuesday 13 December @10am

Could you please ensure that you complete and return the reply slip to indicate when you plan to attend your child's concert. This will help us to ensure that we have adequate seating for everyone. Initially we are offering P1-3 families 5 seats over the two performances. We want to remind you that you should not be attending more than one performance, grandparents/friends may wish to attend the other performance. If you need more than 5 tickets, please request this on the reply slip and we will be in touch when everyone indicates their plans.

P4-7 Concerts will be the same concert on two dates: Monday 12 December @ 2pm and Tuesday 13 December @2pm. Each family again will have a maximum of 5 seats over two dates.

Please indicate how many seats you need for each concert keeping in mind that parents only attend **one concert** as the content will be the same on both dates.

FAMILY REQUEST FOR SEATS AT THE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2022

P1-3 Concert @ 10 am	Monday 12 December	_____	Seats
P1-3 Concert @ 10am	Tuesday 13 December	_____	Seats
P4-7 Concert @ 2pm	Monday 12 December	_____	Seats
P4-7 Concert @2pm	Tuesday 13 December	_____	Seats

We will be inviting everyone to donate on the way into the concert. The money raised will be split between School Funds and Northern Ireland Cancer Fund For Children.



Further requests for more seats, please specify your request below:

Return to school ASAP but not later than Friday 2 December 2022.

P1 Applications for 2023

The P1 Applications Portal will open for online applications on **Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 12noon** and will close at **12 noon on 27 January 2023**. Please note that during the admissions procedure applications are not considered on a 'First come, First served basis'. However, when applying the criteria PUNCTUAL applications are considered before LATE applications are considered. Woods PS Admissions Criteria is available on the school website. More information will be available on the EA website www.eani.org.uk and www.woodsprimaryschool.co.uk closer to the time.



P1 Open Afternoon Monday 5 December 2- 4.30pm

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 then please come along to meet us and see what our school has to offer your family. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided by the staff and pupils between 2 and 3pm in the school hall. A tour of the school will follow.

If you know of any new families wishing to find out more about our school or the P1 application process, please share these details with them.

If this Open Day date is unsuitable, prospective families may make an appointment with Mrs White to visit our school at an alternative time. Tel: 02879418415.

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