

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

School will close for Christmas Holidays on Wednesday 20 December at 11.30am for P1-3 and 11.45am for P4-7 children. School will re-open to pupils on Thursday 4 January 2024 for Term 2.

P6 & P7 Swimming -Term 2

Swimming sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons in Term 2

starting **Wed 10 January 2023 for 9 weeks last date 20 March excl 14 Feb & 13 March £30 paid via SchoolMoney App in 2 instalments 10/01/24 & 21/2/24.**



If any family would be willing to donate a prize personally or on behalf of a business, to be included in our Christmas concert raffle please let us know ASAP. Raffle tickets will be sold at each concert by our Pupil Council and money raised shared between school funds and Action Cancer NI. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.



'Santa Daily Mile'
Mon 18 Dec 2023

P1-7 wear Santa hats, Christmas hair accessories and/or Christmas jumpers with school navy leggings/track bottoms £2 donation to our Sponsored Child Project. This project provides food, clothing and schooling for a child living in Haiti.

Welcoming special guests to our school!

On Monday 20 November we enjoyed a special visit from the NI Deputy Permanent Secretary for Education, Mr Ronnie Armour. The P7 Class performed an assembly song and played musical pieces before presenting a persuasive powerpoint presentation about our school and our accommodation needs. Mr Armour then had a tour of the school including a visit to every class. As Principal of the school, I felt extremely proud of each child in our school. Mr Armour was so impressed with our children's behaviour and how well they were able to communicate with him on his visit. We appreciate how difficult things are in Northern Ireland at present with a lack of funding and no Education Minister in place to provide leadership. At Woods PS we will continue to strive for the best for our school and we thank parents for their ongoing support and generosity.

Dates for the diary...

- 4 Dec School Postbox will open, and children can post cards in school
- 5 Dec Christmas Pantomime Trip 11.45am - 4.30pm. School opens @ 11.30 am. Children wear uniform & bring a packed lunch, with a small treat & water bottle. Parents collect children from the school hall @4.30pm. No fizzy drinks or Prime please.
- 6 Dec Christmas Dinner – Wear Christmas tops/jumpers with school uniform trousers/skirt and normal footwear.
- 11 Dec Christmas Concerts @10.30am and 6.45pm. P1-3 parents can collect their child from their classroom after the first half of the concert or pupils with older siblings can be supervised in the classroom, if required.
- 11 Dec Pupils go home after the concert (if parent attends) or get collected P1-3 12.15pm & P4-7 12.25pm Snack will be provided but no dinner in school.
- 12 Dec Early Bird Club on. **Christmas Concert @ 1pm** normal finishing time. School snacks and dinners today.
- 14 Dec **P1 Open Afternoon** - P1-3 pupils go home 12noon /Early dinner
- 15 Dec **Feel Good Friday/Christmas assembly & 123 Club Party - 2-3pm**
WEAR UNIFORM TO SCHOOL
- 18 Dec **Santa Daily Mile P1-7** Wear Santa hats or Christmas hair accessories with Christmas jumpers and school navy leggings/track bottoms. **Donate £2 - Sponsored Child Project**
- 19 Dec **Christmas Party:** Wear party clothes with trainers.
- 20 Dec **Christmas Movie Day** Early closing P1-3 & older siblings 11.30am and P4-7 11.45am
- 4 Jan Term 2 commences, Early bird and 123 Club re-open.

'CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND CARDS IN SCHOOL'

'Children are not allowed to bring Christmas presents into school to give out to 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 4 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 Council Members will deliver the cards to the classes each day.



Monday 11 December @ 10.30am P1-7 Concert

Monday 11 December @ 6.45pm P1-7 Concert

Tuesday 12 December @ 1pm P1-7 Concert

There is great excitement in school as we are preparing for Christmas and are looking forward to inviting parents and friends into school for our Christmas concerts. The staff and children are working hard to prepare the programme for everyone to enjoy. To help to keep a safe and manageable number in the hall we are asking parents to work with us and initially buy **no more than 6 tickets over the three shows**. Anyone wishing to receive more than 6 tickets should complete the reply slip below and we will add you to the waiting list. Tickets will be available to purchase on the SchoolMoney App (**£5 per ticket and all proceeds will go into School Funds to pay for concert expenses and new school reading books**). We do not plan to provide a hard copy of the ticket, instead staff will be available with lists of ticket holders at each performance. Tickets should be purchased by **Wednesday 6 December**. After this date we will inform those on the waiting list about availability. Thank you for your patience. Hopefully everyone will get the tickets they want.

We want to remind you that the same people should not be attending more than one performance. Grandparents, older siblings, and friends may wish to attend the other performances. Please indicate how many seats you need over and above the 6 being offered, keeping in mind that parents should only attend **one concert**, as the content will be the same.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle Tickets will be sold at each concert by our Pupil Council and money raised will be split between School Funds and Action Cancer NI. Please contact Mrs White or the office if you can donate a prize. Thank you!

FAMILY REQUEST FOR EXTRA SEATS AT THE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2023

PARENT NAME: _____ CHILD'S NAME _____

P1-7 Concert @ 10.30 am	Monday 11 December	_____ Seats
P1-7 Concert @ 6.45pm	Monday 11 December	_____ Seats
P1-7 Concert @ 1pm	Tuesday 12 December	_____ Seats

Return to school ASAP but not later than Monday 4 December 2023