



Money Details

Snacks JAN £5.70

We hope that using the SchoolMoney Online payment system is becoming easier for you all as we familiarise ourselves with this new system. Reminder- Dinner and Snack Money should be paid online. Dinners must be booked by 12 midnight the previous day. Snack must be paid for the month ahead. Please ensure that you notify the office if your child no longer wants to take a school snack, otherwise you will be charged.

Parents of children in receipt of FREE SCHOOL MEALS must book their child in for the dates they want to eat a school dinner so that the correct numbers are given to the kitchen. Please telephone Mrs Clements in the office if you have any issues.

123 CLUB P1 - P3

(Jan-Feb 2022 price increase to £2.50 per session)

Parents should notify the office if they wish to use online childcare vouchers to pay for this club or any after school club. We ask that you book your child in online and pay with vouchers in the usual way.

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO THE PANTO Tuesday 14 Dec 2021

Children should arrive in school **between 11.15 and 11.30am**. Bus leaving for Belfast at **12noon**. Children should wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat as there will be a short walk to the theatre from the bus. Please encourage your children to eat a good breakfast and bring a packed lunch that is easy to eat in the theatre (no yoghurts or messy food).

Parents should collect children in the school hall at 4.45pm latest. Please be careful at **pick up** as it will be dark and remember to wear your face covering.

If your child has Covid Symptoms they should not attend. If this happens, please contact school via email on info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk **before 10am and a refund can be organised with the Opera House.** If we have not been notified before 10am no refund will be provided.

REMINDER – Christmas Dinner will be served in school on Thursday 9 Dec. Please note that for the Christmas Dinner dessert will be a Christmas Biscuit. Children can wear Christmas Jumpers with their normal uniform. Book online - SchoolMoney App.



Emergency Closure Procedures (if required) 2021 – 2022

Main reasons for closure:

- PSNI/Met Office warning to only travel if absolutely essential.
- Power or heating failure
- Inadequate number of staff able to be in attendance.
- If roads are deemed too dangerous for emergency services to access the school quickly and safely.
- Direction from DE

Notification of closure:

Firstly, a message will be placed on our school website. *Download the Schools NI app to receive notifications*

Secondly, by text message to all families using the school c2k text messaging service. This service uses the main mobile contact number which has been given to school. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that school is notified of any changes to contact numbers.

Thirdly, by notification to BBC NI News who will produce a list. A list of closures will be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsni>

School Bus:

If the bus does not come out to bring your child to school, assume that it will not be bringing your child home and make arrangements to collect your child from school.

If it snows significantly during the course of the day assume there will be no bus in the afternoon and make arrangements to collect your child from school. The drivers do try to keep us up to date so you can also check with school. On days when a significant fall occurs during the day we will try to send all children home at 1.45/2 pm in order to allow staff time to travel home in daylight and also to reduce parental journeys.

It would be highly unusual that school would close for snow but if you are in doubt, do not set out in the morning until you are sure school is open. A slightly later start will be acceptable.

Remember, staff may also be delayed so when dropping off your child, check teachers are present before you drive off. If we do get some snow, send your child to school with Wellingtons, hats, gloves etc. so that those who wish to do so, can enjoy the snow!

Finally, please drive and walk carefully in and around school. There may be times we don't have staff available to grit all of the school grounds. It is always very important that parents make informed decisions on the safety of their children travelling on dangerous roads regardless of whether the school is open or closed. Parents should not post details of school closures on social media sites. This is not controlled by the school and inaccurate information can quickly circulate in the community causing confusion.



Supporting

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Our school joined with pupils across Northern Ireland to get active together, and connect the importance of being active for our mental health. We also managed to raise money for a very worthwhile charity 'Macmillan Cancer Support'.

Thank you to all families who contributed to our charity Santa Run on 3 December. We raised £405.00 which we will donate to Macmillan before Christmas.

PACKED LUNCHES *REMINDER*

Please do not send NUTS or products containing NUTS to school. We also ask P1 parents not to send in Kiwi fruit.

Thank you for your help in trying to keep everyone in our school community safe.

'CHRISTMAS VIDEO'

The staff and children are working on preparing a Christmas Video as an alternative to our normal Christmas Concert. We hope you will all enjoy this. Due to COVID disruption it is taking longer to get it finished than originally planned. We will text you details of how to access it when it is ready.

P1 Admissions Criteria for 2022/23

Visit the EA Website: <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

- The P1 portal will go live on 10 January 2022 and you can complete your application online up until 28 January 2022 at 12 noon.
- Please ensure that you list on the application form how your child meets the school criteria e.g. if they have a brother or sister in attendance at the school or if they are the eldest child etc.
- If you have any difficulties completing the application online, please contact the school office and we are happy to help (Tel: 02879418415 between the hours of 10am and 2pm).
- Once you complete your form you can attach a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address or if you prefer you can drop them off in your first preference school before Friday 4 February 2022.
- Please ensure that you complete the form within the dates (10 - 28 January 2022) otherwise your application will be classed as late and you may be disadvantaged in getting a place in the school of your choice.

We do not anticipate being oversubscribed this year as this is a year of a lower birth rate in this area.



ECO NEWS

Thank you to all families who have added bags of textiles/clothes to be recycled to our clothing bank. Our ECO COMMITTEE 2021 have been investigating Climate Change and have made a special feature on how we can all help to reduce the impact of Climate Change. Look out for this on our school website.

EARLY BIRD CLUB

8.15-8.45am £1 a day

Parents should not drop children off in school grounds before 8.45am unless they are attending the Early Bird Club, especially on dark, wet mornings. Parents are responsible for their child's safety until they enter school. School doors open at 8.45am and supervision will not be available before this time for children not attending the Early Bird Club.

We want to thank all of our families for their support throughout this difficult term as we continue to navigate COVID and provide face to face teaching for all of our pupils. We wish all of our families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

School will re-open after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 5 January 2022, normal time, Early bird will be open.