



**Congratulations to Mrs Gamble on her retirement. Thank you for your contribution to our school over the past 23 years. Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement from everyone at Woods P. S.**



**END OF TERM  
FREE NON-UNIFORM DAY –  
Friday 30 JUNE**

The school term ends on Friday 30 June at:

**11.30 am for P 1 – P3 and older siblings.**

**11.30 am for J&K bus children.**

**11.45 am for P4 – P7 children with no younger siblings.**

Ulsterbus will not be able to accommodate us so we would ask all parents of children who normally travel on Ulsterbus to collect their children at school at these times.

**PUPIL COUNCIL FUN FITNESS DAY**

Thank you to all parents and families who contributed to our school fundraising event this term. The children had a fantastic day of activity and we have raised a wonderful total of £ 2463.95 for school funds. Well done to our Pupil Council for coming up with such a great idea! Check out the website for photos and video clips from the day!

**Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break. Thank you for your support throughout the year. See you all on Thursday 31 August. Please note NO buses will run on this day.**

**STAFF CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER 2017**

We will be welcoming a new teacher, Julie Brady, to our school in September to teach Primary 4. Mrs Brady has been in school visiting our P3 class, on Tuesday 27 June, to familiarise herself with the class before the holidays. Mrs Davidson plans to go on maternity leave early October 2017 and Miss Caroline Jones has agreed to teach P7 from Monday- Wednesday, in her absence.

Miss Hannah Watterson has completed a full year of voluntary placement with us and the children have all really benefited from her help in the classroom and during after school activities. We want to thank Hannah for her contribution to our school and wish her lots of success in finishing her degree and with her Art business. We hope to see you again Hannah!

**PRIZE DAY**

Thank you to all families who attended our prize day on Friday 23 June 2017. The children performed well and hopefully all felt encouraged and rewarded for their efforts on sports day and throughout the school year. They all enjoyed a well deserved treat when the ice cream van made a special visit to our playground in the afternoon. See our website for photos. Mrs Gamble greatly appreciated the generous gifts that were presented to her on behalf of parents and pupils to mark her retirement. She thoroughly enjoyed the P4 tribute poem and the programme overall. A special thanks to Rev Boyd and his wife for attending as our special guests and presenting the prizes to the children. We also want to acknowledge our P7 pupils who will be leaving us to move to their next school. I am sure those of you who attended Prize Day will agree that their poem and short film of their memories at Woods was brilliant. They are a talented class and **we all wish them continued happiness and success in their next school.** A short questionnaire is attached asking for parent's views on our prize day format. Please be honest and let us know your feelings before we plan for next year.

**FUN DAY – THURSDAY 29 JUNE**

The children have all enjoyed an exciting Fun Day for our whole school on **Thursday 29 June**. There was a range of Workshops for the children to enjoy including Art & Craft, decorating buns, Tennis and bouncy castle fun! See our school website for photos of the children taken during the day.

**SEPTEMBER NEWS**



**123 CLUB SEPTEMBER**

The September timetable form is attached and we would ask for it to be returned with payment **on Thursday 31 August 2017. Please note it is essential that all money is paid before your child starts the club.**

**SNACK MONEY SEPTEMBER**

**Sept Snack: £6.60**

**DINNER MENU**

The September Menu will be available on our school website if you don't have your paper copy available at the end of August.

**SWIMMING**

**P5** will commence swimming on Friday 8 September (11 weeks). There will be a charge of **£22 per child** for transport costs. The school will pay for swimming lessons. **Payment should be received by Friday 8 September, at the latest.** P6 and P7 will get the opportunity to have lessons in Term 2 and Term 3.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please note when purchasing new school uniform for September children should wear black footwear with their uniform. We would also remind all children to buy black plimsols for PE in the hall. Thank you for your co-operation.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY NAMED!**