



### REMINDER OF HOLIDAYS

Friday 17 March

10 April- 21 April 2017

(Inclusive)

School will close early on

**7 April 2017(NO UNIFORM)**

P1 - P3 - 11.45am

J & K Coaches - 11.45am

P4 - P7 - 12 noon

**No Ulster bus on this day.**

### P7 CYCLING PROFICIENCY

P7 will have the opportunity to take part in cycling proficiency lessons and hopefully achieve their cycling proficiency certificate before the end of June (see separate note).

The children in P7 are asked to bring their bicycle and helmet into school on a **Tuesday or Wednesday commencing Tuesday 21 March and Wednesday 22 March.**

### EA MUSIC MONEY

The third payment for EA music tuition is due on 3 April.

**There are still some outstanding previous payments and we would appreciate payment of all money by 3 April, at the latest.**

### ECO BOOK AND TOY SALE

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017

*Proceeds will go to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice*

Children are invited to donate toys and books they no longer want, that are in good condition, for our school sale. Items should be brought into the School Hall on **Tuesday 4 April and Wednesday 5 April.**

The children will be given an opportunity during class-time to visit the sale. If your child is interested in buying anything a max of £5 per child should be brought to school in a named purse/wallet on 6 April.



## Peter Pan

Performed by P4 & P5 children

On Thursday 30 March 2017

At 7pm

Admission: Adults £4 Children (up to age 16) £2

Proceeds to School Funds.

**Parents of P4 and P5 pupils** will have **first choice** of tickets and will be able to buy priority tickets from **Wednesday 15 March to Thursday 16 March.** After Thursday we cannot guarantee seat availability.

Tickets for the rest of the school will be available to purchase from the school office from **Monday 19 March to Thursday 30 March 2017 or until sold out.**

Orders for tickets and payment must be sent into school in a **named envelope** (*cheques made payable to Woods Primary School or correct cash please*). Tickets are also available from Davina in the school office between 8.45 am and 3 pm.

**There is only one show and with limited seating it will be on a first come first served basis. Entrance on the night will be by ticket only.**

**After the performance refreshments will be served in the P7 room by the P7 children for a £1 donation to charity. The P7 class will send home a separate flier soon!**

### KS2 SHARED EDUCATION ASSEMBLY AND ETI MONITORING VISIT ON 6 MARCH

Thank you to the KS2 parents who attended our Shared Education assembly on Monday 6 March. The inspector, Mr Rafferty, was very impressed with the standard of work produced by the two schools over the past year. He praised the wonderful children's work, their confidence and ability to talk about their learning and the Shared Education project. The feedback provided by parents was very useful in preparing our evaluation of the project so thank you for completing and returning the questionnaires. We will take this feedback onboard when planning our work next year.

### PARTY INVITATIONS IN SCHOOL

We have been made aware of the upset caused by children feeling 'left out' when party invitations are distributed in class and all of one gender are not invited. This upset hinders children's ability to focus on their learning and puts teachers in a difficult position. Our priority is the children's happiness, contentment at school and their learning. Our new school policy is effective immediately and is as follows:

**'At Woods Primary School party invitations should only be given out during the school day when all of the same gender in a class, or the whole class, is being invited.'**

We understand that some people prefer to arrange smaller parties but it would be appreciated if the invites were distributed outside of school hours or by texting parents.

### SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainburys Active Kids Vouchers. They are available in store until 2 May 2017. Please send them into school when you get them!



### MAD HATTERS' DAY

Thursday 6 April 2017

Children are asked to design their own Easter bonnet or cap at home and wear it to school on this day. Those children taking school dinner will enjoy a special Easter Menu and will be in with a chance of winning a spot prize!

### P1- P7 EASTER TREASURE HUNT Friday 7 April (NO UNIFORM)

During the morning each class will get the opportunity to complete the Easter Treasure Hunt and take home a special Easter treat!

**P5 SWIMMING (7 weeks)**  
Commencing 28 April until 16 June 2017.  
We are asking parents for a contribution of £14 towards transport costs for this session.

### ASSESSMENT WEEK 4-11 MAY 2017

Please make sure your child is in bed early this week and in school unless they are sick.

### SPORTS DAY PROVISIONAL DATE 7 June 2017

More information to follow.

### P1 INDUCTION AFTERNOON ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017

Please note there will be an early dinner on this day and school will close at 12.30pm for P1, P2 and P7 pupils to accommodate the new intake and their parents visiting school. There will be a normal school day for P3 - P6 pupils.

### PRIZE DAY

Friday 23 June

More information to follow.

### MILK SNACK

March	£4.62	£6.60	
April	£1.89	£2.70	

School dinners increased to £2.55 per meal from 1 Jan 2017.

### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As you will be aware the work at the back of the school is progressing well and the builders plan to have most of the work completed for our return to school after Easter. We are delighted that the E.A. has agreed to give us a few of our requested add-ons including:

- a new 2G all-weather pitch
- a new school entrance porch at the back of the building
- a new gas tank and removal of the old tank and blast wall in our playground
- a new entrance to the kitchen.

This project has been long awaited and we look forward to its completion however because of so many 'add-ons' the 2G pitch will not be finished until the middle of May 2017.

### NEW RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY POLICY

It is compulsory for every school to have an RSE Policy. Please take time to read our newly produced RSE Policy. We would welcome any written feedback from parents on the contents of the policy. This should be with the school Principal **on or before Monday 3 April**. Please complete the reply slip at the end of the newsletter to show you have read the policy.

### SELF-EVALUATION FEEDBACK

Thank you to all seventy eight families who returned the Parent Questionnaire to school in January/February. The results have been analysed and we are delighted to report the overall findings were very positive. We have taken on board the small number of comments made by parents and realise that for some parents of younger children it may have been difficult to comment on some areas of school life. If you would like a paper copy of the analysis please request this by returning the reply slip at the bottom of the newsletter.

### NETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to our P6/P7 Netball team! They attended their first Tri-county tournament in Cookstown Leisure Centre on 10 February and the girls were delighted to take 1<sup>st</sup> place. We wish them continued success and lots of fun as they enter their second tournament in Dungannon Leisure Centre on Friday 24 March. Thanks to Lisa Bowman and Hannah Watterson for their coaching and accompanying the girls to the tournaments.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/123 CLUB

Details/dates of the new term After School Clubs and 123 Club will be issued at the end of March.

### HOPE PRITT COMPETITION

Woods Primary School is the winner of the Hope Pritt competition for the 'Best Wall Display'.

Pritt thought the display was very attractive in both artwork and message. They loved that there was input from everyone in our school.





I confirm that I have read the Relationships and Sexuality Policy.

Comments:

Child(ren)'s name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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**REQUEST FOR A PAPER COPY OF THE PARENT ANALYSIS OF THE RECENT SELF-EVALUATION SURVEY**

I would like to request a paper copy of the Parent Survey analysis.

Child(ren)'s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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**PRIMARY 4/PRIMARY 5 (AVAILABLE FROM 15 – 30 MARCH)**

I would like to purchase(Please add number):

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets (£4 each)    \_\_\_\_\_ Child Tickets (£2 each)

I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY 1 – 3 AND PRIMARY 6 – 7 (AVAILABLE FROM 19 – 30 MARCH)**

I would like to purchase (Please add number):

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets (£4 each)    \_\_\_\_\_ Child Tickets (£2 each)

I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE AS SEATING IS VERY LIMITED TICKETS CANNOT BE ORDERED OR ISSUED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND ADMISSION ON THE NIGHT WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY.**