



### P1 OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

6.30 - 7.30pm

If you know any families who have a child due to start school in September 2016 please invite them to come along and meet us.

### AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR MAGHERAFELT HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015

Tickets are still available from our school Office - £6 each.

### MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015

The Baptist Youth Group will visit our school to present, 'The Amazing Journey to Bethlehem.' This presentation will take place in the assembly hall for P4-7 children.

### SNOW WHITE GRAND OPERA HOUSE TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

#### All children must:

- Be in school between **11.20 and 11.30 am.**
- Wear full school uniform.
- Have lunch at home before coming to school.
- Bring small sandwich, bag of crisps, sweets to eat, if you wish, and a small disposable drink in a named plastic bag. **Your child will be carrying their own bag. NO lunch boxes** as we hope to dispose of all scraps.
- We hope to be back for approx 5.00 pm-5.15 pm depending on traffic.
- **Children should be lifted inside the school hall.**

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

Children are asked to wear their Christmas jumper or top on this day and pay £1 for our sponsored child.

### SCHOOL PARTY THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER

All children should wear their own clothes on this day. (Free Non Uniform Day)

### LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER (12 PM) (Free Non Uniform Day)

### SCHOOL CONCERTS



As you know this year we are holding 3 Christmas Concerts:

**Wednesday 9 December at 10.15 am and 7 pm and Thursday 10 December at 7 pm.**

#### Wednesday 9 December

Children will all go home at **12 noon or after the morning performance at approx 11.30 am with their parent/relative.** JMB coaches will collect the children at 11.45 am but Ulsterbus will be unable to accommodate us. They should return to school between **6.20 pm and 6.30 pm** for the evening concert which will start at 7 pm sharp.

#### Thursday 10 Dec

School doors will open at 10.45 am for a **11 am start.** Any children using the JMB coach will be picked up approx 2 hrs later than normal. Thursday will be a normal school closing of 2 pm or 3 pm. Children should all return to school between **6.20 pm - 6.30 pm** for the final show starting at 7 pm sharp.

We can accommodate only approx. 220 seats in the hall at each concert. Therefore, we have offered an additional evening performance to allow all families the opportunity to attend one performance. A £3 voluntary contribution will be welcomed towards School Funds.

We are assessing the demand for a Park & Ride facility from Woods Parish Church car park. If enough parents are interested we will organize this free service for parents. **Please complete and return the reply slip by Monday 30 November.**

### IMPORTANT UPDATE!

#### SCHOOL POLICY ON PHOTOS TAKEN BY PARENTS AT WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Parents/carers are permitted to take photographs of their own children during a school performance or event. However, the school Safeguarding Policy requires that photographs of other people's children **are not published on social networking sites such as Facebook.**

### THE SEAMUS HEANEY PROJECT

We are delighted to be included in the Seamus Heaney Creative Writing Poetry Workshops provided through the Mid Ulster Council. This will involve P6 working with a real writer in school for 4 hours to write poetry for an exhibition at the New Seamus Heaney Centre in Bellaghy. The children have enjoyed the lessons on Monday 16 and Monday 23 November. We will all look forward to reading the P6 Poetry very soon. Look out for it on the school website!

### CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

We are registered to take Care4, Sodexo, Employers for Childcare and Busy Bees childcare vouchers. These can be used for Earlybird/123 Club/After School clubs.

**Please notify the school before commencing use of these schemes to pay for any clubs.** If you are using vouchers as payment for clubs please send in a note detailing what the payment is for and send it into the class teacher to pass on to the office. It is also useful if you put as many details as possible on your request to your employer. Thank you.

### EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please take time to read our Exceptional School Closure policy and sign and return the reply slip. **Please be aware that all parents should notify school of any changes to their contact details.**

### P6/P7 SWIMMING

The P6/P7 classes will be going swimming on Friday 11 December instead of this Friday 27 November. This will be the last swim of this session.

### 123 CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The new timetables for January will be sent home later this month and should be returned to school on Monday 4 January 2016.

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Nov	£4.41	£6.30
Dec	£2.31	£3.00
Jan	£4.20	£6.00



### EDUCATION AUTHORITY MUSIC

There are a few payments still outstanding for the first installment due by 23 October. We would appreciate it if this could be paid before the end of term. The second payment will be due by Friday 8 January 2016.

### Early Bird Club

A reminder that the Early Bird Club is running from 8.15 am – 8.45 am each day. Numbers of children attending have dropped recently. The club will be monitored closely over the coming months as we cannot run it if costs are not covered. If parents are interested in the club opening earlier please let us know if this would encourage more use of this club.



### STEPHEN BALL TRAVELLING BOOKS

Our School received £742 Commission on all books sold at the Fair. This money has now been spent on new Accelerated Reading books for the school library. Thank you all for supporting this event!

### CASH FOR CLOBBER

To date this school year we have received cheques for £289 from the Cash for Clobber scheme.



We want to encourage you all to keep recycling your old clothes/textiles in our clothing bank and help to support our school and a local cancer charity.

### CHARITY WORK

Thank you to all families who contributed to our non-uniform day on Friday 23 October. We raised **£169.50** on this day for the African Children's Choir to help pay for the choir member's education and lodgings in Africa. Our friends at St Trea's Primary School joined us in this event and raised a further **£109**. This money was presented on Friday 20 November 2015. Look out for our picture in the local press!

### SCHOOL FUNDRAISING WHEN SHOPPING ON-LINE

Thanks to the 27 supporters who are using [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and have raised £125.92 so far. We really appreciate your support in this way.

### TRI-COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Congratulations to our football team on winning their second tournament of the year. Keep up the great teamwork boys! Thanks to Mr Lennox and Ivan Hill-Nicholl



### EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY

I confirm that I have read the Exceptional School Closure policy.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent) Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

New Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

New Mobile Number: (Mum) \_\_\_\_\_

(Dad) \_\_\_\_\_

Any Other Changes/comments: \_\_\_\_\_



### PARK & RIDE CHRISTMAS CONCERT



I am\*/am not\* interested in using this facility from Woods Church if it was available on Wed 9 Dec/Thurs 10 Dec.

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