



Dates for your diary...

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

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



THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER P1 - P3 CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER P4 - P7 CHRISTMAS PARTY 11 am - 2 pm

All children should wear their **own clothes** on this day.

123 Club Party 2 pm - 3 pm *(Free Non Uniform Day)*

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER TRIP TO THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE TO SEE 'CINDERELLA'



All children must:

- Be in school between **11.30 am and 11.45 am.**
- Wear full school uniform.
- Have lunch at home before coming to school.
- Bring a small sandwich/bag of crisps/sweets to eat, if you wish, and a small disposable drink in a named plastic bag.
- **NO** fizzy drinks allowed.

Please note that your child will be carrying their own bag. **NO** lunchboxes as we hope to dispose of all scraps.

We hope to be back for approx 4.50 pm – 5.10 pm, depending on traffic.

Children should be lifted inside the school hall.

SCHOOL CONCERTS



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

**Wednesday 7 December at 10.00 am and 6.45 pm and
Thursday 8 December at 6.45 pm.**

P1 - P6 children will come into school wearing the outfit planned for the concert. Only P7 will be in school costumes and they can change into their costume in school before and after each concert. Other children may have items added on top of their own clothes but the staff can provide these when your child arrives in school.

Wednesday 7 December – Wear clothing as agreed with teacher (see separate note).

Children will all go home after the morning concert with their parent or be picked up at **12 noon.** J&K Coaches will collect the children at 11.45 am but Ulsterbus will be unable to accommodate us. They should return to school between **6.15 pm - 6.30 pm (wearing clothing as agreed with teacher - see separate note)** for the evening concert which will start at 6.45 pm sharp.

Thursday 8 December - Wear clothing as agreed with teacher (see separate note).

School doors will open at 10.45 am for an **11 am start.** **Local photographers will be in school to take photos of the children in their costumes.** Please send your children to school in uniform but with the clothing needed for the concert in a plastic bag so they can change for a photo in the local paper. These clothes will then be sent home for your child to wear into school on Thursday evening for the concert.

On Thursday any children using the J&K coach will be picked up approx 2 hrs later than normal and there will be a normal school closing of 2 pm or 3 pm. Children should all return to school between **6.15 pm - 6.30 pm** for the final show starting at 6.45pm 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.

CAR PARKING AT THE CONCERTS

We will open the school playground for cars to be parked off the road so please drive into the school grounds through the staff entrance and turn left into the playground. Drive carefully and if you can share a car or be dropped off, please consider this as we have limited parking space.

FUNDRAISING AT THE CONCERTS

We will not be charging for admission this year. However, the governors have decided to purchase a defibrillator for our school and we are asking for a £3 voluntary contribution per adult to go towards this purchase.

The concert will have no interval and so unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate parents who want to leave early. We are including all classes in our main play this year so this should reduce the overall length of concert considerably. We envisage an 8 pm latest finish! We look forward to seeing you all there!

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's Safeguarding Policy requires that photographs of other people's children **are not published on social networking sites such as Facebook.** Please respect other people's privacy and wishes. Please note that a School DVD will not be produced this year.

CUPS PRESENTED ON PRIZE DAY



If your child received a cup on Prize Day in June on a joint basis we would ask that you please pass this trophy on to the other child prior to Christmas. If you are unsure of who the cup was shared with you could check back at school photos on the website or send the trophy into school. Thanks!



123 CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The new timetables for January will be sent home later this month and should be returned to school, with payment, on **Wednesday 4 January 2017**.


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.

**NO EARLY BIRD CLUB:
THURS 8 DEC, MON 19 DEC.**

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**.

	MILK	SNACK	
Dec	£2.10	3.00	
Jan	£4.20	6.00	

INSTRUMENTS

If your child plays an instrument (violin/flute/guitar) please ensure they have them in school every day until the concerts are over.



CHARITY WORK

Thank you to all families who contributed to our non-uniform day on Friday 28 October. We raised **£159.00** on this day for the **Meningitis Now Charity**.

TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Congratulations to our P6 & P7 Boys football team on winning the Tri-County Football tournament this year (second year running!). We were joint winners with Orritor Primary School. Keep up the great teamwork boys! Thanks to Mr Lennox, Mrs Boyle and Mrs Francis for transporting the boys to Cookstown.

'AWARDS FOR ALL' GRANT MONEY FOR WOODS P S



We are pleased to have received £10,000 from 'Awards for All' to develop our school grounds to include more seating areas, a covered activity area and storage areas for play equipment. This money will be spent in the New Year when the Education Authority has their work completed on our new traffic management system.

ICT PROVISION AT WOODS

We were delighted to be able to purchase additional computers, laptops and ipads this year to give all children full access and hands on experience during ICT sessions. A classroom drone was also purchased for use with the coding apps on the iPads. These resources are extremely beneficial in helping to develop the ICT skills your child will need for their future life and work. Thank you once again for your financial contributions at school events.



Thanks to all parents and friends who have put their name forward for membership of this committee. We plan to meet on **Thursday 19 January 2017 @ 7.45pm in the staff room** to agree the constitution, elect roles and agree a plan for the year. We would hope to get plans in place early so that we have sufficient time to access funding and plan events carefully. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

WOODS P. S. ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2015/16

This report is now available on our school website under the 'Parents' heading. Please feel free to read the report and put your questions regarding its contents in writing to Mrs White, before Friday 16 December 2016. Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please take time to read our Exceptional School Closure policy and sign and return the reply slip.

Be aware that all parents should notify school of any changes to their contact details as soon as possible.

EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY

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

Child's Name(s): _____

Signed: _____ (parent) Date: _____

