



# Woods Primary School News Letter



## PANTOMIME

- Children should be in school between 11.20 and 11.30 am.
- Wear full uniform and bring a raincoat.

Parents may drive around the back of the school and park in the playground at 5 pm when collecting their children. We will open the back door when we return to allow parents access from the playground. **All children should be collected from inside the school hall.** Please be careful and drive with caution as it will be dark on our return.

School has subsidised this trip by paying a £1 deposit per child towards ticket costs and transport costs of £795.

## REMINDER

School closes on Friday 18 December at:

P1 – P3 (+ older siblings) 11.15 am; P4 – P7 11.30 am; JMB 11.30 am/No Ulsterbus will run on this day.

**School Re-opens on Monday 4 January 2016.**

## SWIMMING

P6 and P7 swimming commences on Friday 8 January 2016. This will run for 11 weeks and will cost £22 per child for this session. The payment must be received by Friday 15 January, at the latest.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Our concerts were a tremendous success and we raised an amazing £ 1121.70 for School funds. I would once again like to thank all of our talented and confident children and staff for all their hard work preparing such a fantastic programme. The positive feedback from parents and visitors was much appreciated by staff.

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING WITH CRAFT STALLS, SANTA AND SPECIAL DISNEY GUESTS

We had a very successful and enjoyable Christmas community event on Saturday 5 December. We would like to thank all families for contributing raffle prizes, table centres, cakes, traybakes, bottles, giving of their time to help out on the day and helping to clear up afterwards. The children all seemed to enjoy the activities and we raised a wonderful £2872.50 for school funds. This money will be used to pay for another year of Accelerated Reader, buy another new computer and pay for the buses to the Pantomime. Thank you all for supporting this event.

## P1 OPEN NIGHT

We were delighted with such a good turnout at our recent P1 Open Evening on Wednesday 25 November 2015. I would like to thank the children who played music on the evening and those who helped welcome visitors on the night. Application Forms for P1 are now available from the office and **must be returned by 12 noon on Wednesday 13 January 2016.**

## TROPHIES PRESENTED IN JUNE 2015

Any cups awarded at our Prize Giving in June on **a joint basis** should be passed on to the other child prior to the Christmas holidays.

## GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons commence on Tuesday 5 January 2016. Payment for the term will be £15 and the hire cost of a guitar is £20 (if applicable). Money should be paid on 5 January 2016.

## JUNIOR SAUSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Louise Porte on winning this competition judged by the 'Butchery Excellence Scheme'.

## WELL DONE P3 AND P4 CHILDREN

We were delighted that seven of our P3 and P4 children – Sarah Bates, John Caskey, Alex Dallas, Luke Caskey, Hannah Booth, Emma Louise White, Helen Duncan – had their artwork selected for prizes in the local art competition run by Magherafelt Manor. The children will be taken to Magherafelt Manor on Thursday at 11.30 am to collect their prize and have their photograph taken for the Mid Ulster Mail.

## SPECIAL REQUEST REGARDING DINNER MONEY

Some parents continue to send in dinner money throughout the week. The School Policy is that all money should be paid on a Monday to your child's class teacher unless your child is off sick. The school is also happy to receive cheques either weekly or monthly (made payable to Education Authority, Southern Region). If sending in cash as payment, the correct money should be sent as it is very difficult to provide change, especially after the Monday lodgement. This also helps reduce teacher time spent on sorting out dinner money.

**Thank You All For Your Continued Support In 2015. We Wish All Of Our Families A Very Happy Christmas And Peaceful New Year.**