



## Woods Primary School News Letter



### PANTOMIME

- Children should be in school between 11.20 am and 11.30 am.
- Have lunch at home before coming to school.
- Wear full uniform and bring a raincoat.
- Bring a small sandwich/crisps/sweets, if you wish, and a small disposable bottle of non-fizzy drink in a named plastic bag. Please remember your child will be carrying their own bag. **NO** lunchboxes as we hope to dispose of all scraps.

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.

Please be aware that school has subsidised this trip by paying a £1 deposit per child towards ticket costs and transport costs of £760.

### REMINDER

School closes on **Tuesday 20 December** at:

P1 – P3 (+ older siblings) 11.30 am; P4 – P7 11.45 am; J & K Coaches 11.45 am/No Ulsterbus will run on this day.

All children eligible for EA, Southern Region bus transport may use the J & K coach on this day. If your P1 – P3 child intends to use this bus it is essential that you **let their teacher know in writing.**

**School Re-opens on Wednesday 4 January 2017.**

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Our concerts were a tremendous success and we raised an amazing £ 1517 for a defibrillator and its training fund. 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 all staff.

### SWIMMING

P6 and P7 swimming commences on Friday 6 January 2017. This will run for 11 weeks and will cost £22 per child for this session. The payment must be received by Friday 13 January, at the latest. The last swimming session will take place on Friday 31 March (No swimming on 17 Feb and 17 Mar). Congratulations to all P6 and P7 children who received swimming certificates and have made excellent progress this term. Keep it up in Term 2!

### P1 OPEN NIGHT

We were delighted with such a good turnout at our recent P1 Open Evening on Wednesday 30 November 2016. I would like to thank everyone who helped on the evening. Application Forms for P1 are now available from the office and **must be returned by 12 noon on Wednesday 11 January 2017.**

### TROPHIES PRESENTED IN JUNE 2016

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.

### CONGRATUALIONS

Congratulations to Jack Eakin (P5) who, competing one year above his age, won overall gold and was the highest scoring boy at the Gymnastic Ireland National Final.



### PE KITS

Your child's PE kit has been sent home to be washed. Please ensure it is back in school on **Wednesday 4 January** for their PE lesson.

### CAROL SINGING AT MEADOWLANE SHOPPING CENTRE

Thanks to parents and friends who came to Meadowlane, on Friday 9 December, to support the children in their carol singing. We appreciate so many taking the time to come along.

### SPECIAL REQUEST REGARDING DINNER/MILK 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 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 helps to reduce teacher time spent on sorting out dinner money. Please remember that if milk money is not paid by the **last Wednesday of the month** then the milk order **will** be cancelled for the following month.

### JANUARY

MILK £4.20

SNACK £6.00

**We have been informed by the Education Board that the price of a school meal will increase to £2.55 from 1 January 2017 ie £12.75 per week.**

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see attached timetable for clubs running in January/February. Replies and fees should be returned as soon as possible.

### GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics will be offered to P3 from 1.30 pm – 2.10 pm for a 5 week block in Jan/Feb. We are asking for a £2 contribution towards the cost of the coach's certificate/badge.

### GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons commence on Tuesday 10 January 2017. Payments of £2.50 per lesson should continue to be paid to Ryan on a weekly basis.

### SELB Music

Mrs Savage, the violin tutor, has asked us to remind all children to have their violins in school on **Wednesday 4 January** as she will be beginning their exam pieces.

### MAGHERAFELT MANOR – ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following children who were winners in the Magherafelt Manor Art competition 'What Christmas Means to Me'.

P3 – Ellen White, Katie Walker; P4 - Frank Dallas, Emma Clements, Erin McLernon; P6 – Lara Scott, Jessica Finlay, Jay Stewart.

**Thank you all for your continued support in 2016/17.  
We wish all our families a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.**



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017



Please tick the boxes of the clubs you are interested in joining.

Multi-Sports (P6/7) - £6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
Art & Needle Craft (P4/P5) - £6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
P4 - P7 Netball - £6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
P7 French - £2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
P5/P6 Hockey - £FREE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
ICT (P4/P5) - £2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
Gymnastics (P5 – P7) - £10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____
Tech Challenge (P6/P7) - £FREE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Name: _____	Class: _____

I give my permission for my child to take part in the After School activities ticked.

I enclose: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)