



123 CLUB

Registration forms and money should be returned to school by **Wednesday 4 November**, at the latest. Thanks!

**Prospective P1 OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
2015
6.30 PM – 7.30 PM**

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. Parents and children are welcome to attend. Our school orchestra will perform at this event and separate notes will be sent home to those involved.

SCHOOL CONCERTS

As you know this year we are holding 3 Christmas Concerts. Wednesday 9 Dec at 10.15 am and 7 pm and Thursday 10 Dec at 7 pm. Further details will follow but we would like to forewarn you of the following changes:

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 at 6.20 pm for the evening concert which will start at 7 pm sharp.

Thursday 10 Dec - School doors will open at 10.45 am for **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 6.20-6.30 pm for the final show starting at 7 pm sharp.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Remember school closes at normal times on Friday 23 October. This is a non-uniform day in aid of the African Children’s Choir. Please send in your donation to your child’s class teacher (No fancy dress costumes as this is a normal working day and costumes are not practical). We hope everyone will have a very relaxing and enjoyable Half Term break.

BRITISH LEGION POPPIES

Poppies will be on sale in school between Tuesday 3 and Friday 6 November 2015. Please send donations into school with your child if you wish to receive poppies.

CAR PARKING AT OUR SCHOOL – HEALTH AND SAFETY

As you are all aware we have been trying our best for a long time to get an additional carpark and traffic management system for parents/visitors. We are still working on this. There are not enough spaces for all cars to pull in so you will get blocked in from time to time if you do get a space. **Please exercise patience and courtesy with each other at pick up and drop off times** as we are all part of the school community and are role models for our children. Thank you for your understanding.

**African Children’s Choir Concert
Thursday 3 December 2015
In Magherafelt High School at 7 pm
Tickets Cost £6 each.**



Twenty four P6/P7 Woods children will join in the choir at this event. Unfortunately we have been limited to this number.

Tickets are available to purchase for this event from the school office.

Please complete the reply slip and return to school with the correct money or a cheque payable to Woods Primary School and we can forward payment to the African Children’s Choir as one payment.

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To help us to make our community Christmas Fun Morning a success on **Saturday 5 December** we are asking each family to supply:

- One bottle for the Bottle Game eg tin of hairspray, bottle of sauce, perfume, bottle of shower gel, bubble bath, aftershave, non-alcoholic drink etc. Bottles may be sent into school after the Half Term holiday, at your convenience, but no later than Friday 20 November.
- One cake for the cake stall preferably homemade or homemade biscuits/jam/pastry etc. Items should be left in the school hall on the morning or afternoon of Friday 4 December.
- We will be contacting the people who volunteered to help with events on our September Newsletter and asking them to help out on the day. If there is any problem with the job allocated please contact Mrs White.
- If any family would be willing to donate an item for the raffle or table centres for the tables please contact Mrs White ASAP. We are also trying to source ‘FROZEN’ decorations or a winter backdrop for photos with our special guests. If anyone has any please contact Mrs White.

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THE FLIERS FOR THIS EVENT TO HELP WITH ADVERTISING TO ENSURE IT IS A SUCCESS. MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED TO SUBSIDISE SCHOOL TRANSPORT COSTS TO THE PANTOMIME, PURCHASE NEW BOOKS FOR THE ACCELERATED READER PROGRAMME AND HOPEFULLY BUY MORE LAPTOPS/COMPUTERS.

P1-6 PARENT INTERVIEWS 10, 11 & 12 NOVEMBER 2015

Please reminder that school will close at 1.30pm on each of these dates to allow interviews to commence at 2 pm.

P1 - 3 & older siblings – to be collected at 1.30pm

P4 - 7 children – to be collected at 1.45pm.

JMB Coach children – 1.30 pm

EARLY CLOSING

School will close early to allow staff time to set up for our fundraiser on Friday 4 December. P1 – P3 at 1pm; P4 - P7 at 1.15 pm. JMB coach will collect the children at 1pm. No Ulster bus on this day.

EARLY BIRD CLUB

NO Early Bird Club on 10 and 15 December due to later school opening. Parents should always supervise their children until 8.45 am when the school doors open, otherwise children arriving early should pay 50p to attend this club to ensure their warmth and safety.

P4 - 7 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

See the attached timetable and return your reply slips and money as soon as you can to secure a place.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

We are now registered to take the following childcare vouchers:

Care4; Sodexo; Employers for Childcare and Busybees Benefits.

Vouchers can be used to pay for 'Earlybird', '123 Club' and After School clubs.

Please notify the school before commencing use of these schemes.

	MILK	SNACK
Nov	£4.41	£6.30
Dec	£2.31	£3.00



Wild West Day 18 November

Children can bring a costume/hat and change into them before going into the dinner hall. NO GUNS PLEASE.

RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU ARE SHOPPING ONLINE

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. Search for WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL.
3. Then select a retailer for example Tesco, M&S, Argos, NEXT, Amazon, John Lewis etc. and make your purchase.
4. These companies have agreed to pay our school a donation for every pound you spend with them.
5. Remember the school will only receive the donation if you visit the **easyfundraising website** before you begin to make your purchases!
6. This is a really easy way of raising funds for your school.

ACCELERATED READER – WHAT A HIT!

This Reading Programme is proving to be highly effective and a real asset to the children in P4 - P7. The excitement and competition between the children is amazing! The pupils' results are fantastic with many children reaching 50% of their personal reading target already! Some have even reached their target! Please keep asking your child about their reading and encourage them to read as much as they can in their spare time. It will pay dividends in their progress in English.

READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

As always we encourage our pupils to continue to read as much as possible and visit the library when you can, especially over the holidays. We will provide each child with one book for the holidays but if your child wants to read an extra book from the AR scheme you can use www.arbookfinder.com to search for books in the scheme and look out for these at your local library.

ROAD SAFETY

During November we will be highlighting to the children the life-saving messages of road safety. We are asking parents to join us in reinforcing these. If your child uses the school bus at 2 pm or 3 pm could you please talk to them about the importance of staying in their seat and wearing a seat belt at all times.

Parents should always ensure that their child is seated and has their seat belt on in the mornings before the bus moves away.

Staff regularly talk to the children about this important safety matter but we are still getting reports from bus drivers that some of our younger pupils are not keeping their seatbelts on and not behaving safely on the bus.

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Please note that if you are sending money to school with your child it MUST be in an envelope which is clearly labelled with your child's name and a breakdown of what the money is for. Money envelopes are available from the school office at a cost of £2 for 40 envelopes.

Cheques for Dinner/Milk/Snack money should be made payable to 'Education Authority, Southern Region'.

All other cheques should be made payable to 'Woods Primary School'.

EA, SOUTHERN REGION MUSIC

All children who are getting tuition from EA tutors should have their first payment of £31 into school by **Friday 23 October**. Please note the previous note should have read £31 for the third payment. The total payable is £93.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND CARDS

We are asking that children **do not** exchange presents during school hours as some children's feelings can be hurt if they are left out. We would also ask that Christmas cards are held until the final two weeks of term commencing **7 December**. Thank you for your support.



CONGRATULATIONS

Three of our P7 Pupils are finalists in the Montgomery Butchers Competition to design a new Sausage. Ellie Dallas, Louise Porte and Jane Hutchinson visited McKee's Butchers in Maghera to produce their own recipe of a sausage. Thanks to Eleanor Richardson for accompanying the girls to the factory. The sausages will now be judged and the winner will go to the regional final. Look out on the school website for more information.

SUCCESS AT THE TRI-COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE ON FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Thanks to Mr Lennox and Mrs Calvert for transporting the boys to Cookstown Leisure Centre and supervising them at this event. We were delighted for them on return when they delivered the news that they had won ALL OF THEIR MATCHES! Fantastic work boys! Keep it up!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Visit our website www.woodsprimarieschool.com

Find up-to-date information about school life. Visit our PARENTS SECTION to find copies of the school newsletter, the menu and more. CLASS LEAFLETS have been added to the class pages with USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS about each year group. Your feedback on how to improve our website and links with the home are always welcome!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS PARENT CONSENT FORM

PLEASE TICK THE BOXES OF THE CLUBS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING.

CHRISTMAS ART CLUB (P6/7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
MULTI-SPORTS (P4/5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
NUMERACY (P7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
FOOTBALL (P6/7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
LITERACY (P7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
CHRISTMAS ART CLUB(P4/5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO TAKE PART IN THE CLUBS TICKED ABOVE.

I ENCLOSE TOTAL OF £ _____

SIGNED: _____ (PARENT) _____ (DATE)

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR TICKETS THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER



PUPIL NAME: _____ NO OF TICKETS REQUESTED(£6 EACH): _____ TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED: £ _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____