



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 31 Oct – 4 Nov 2016 (inclusive)

School re-opens on:

Monday 7 November at 8.15 am for Early Bird Club; remainder of the school at 8.45 am.

CHARITY WORK

Remember our charity Non-Uniform Day on Friday 28 October. £1 to wear own clothes for the day in Aid of 'Meningitis Now' charity.

NOT FANCY DRESS COSTUMES PLEASE.

Normal activities will take place on this day including swimming for P6/P7.

COATS AT SCHOOL

Please remember to send a coat to school with your child as we do not allow the children to play outside in light rain without a waterproof coat.

All items of uniform including coats should be named please.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

We encourage our children to be independent in school at all times. We would ask parents to keep this in mind when PACKING your child's lunch for school.

Points to keep in mind....

- Please send yoghurts that your child can open by themselves.
- Send any cutlery needed to eat what you have packed e.g. spoons for yoghurts or forks for pasta.
- Send your child a small drink: lightly diluted juice or water please (no fizzy drinks).
- Try to include a piece of fruit each day.
- Keep sweet treats to one per day.
- See our school website for more information on healthy lunchboxes.

MILK SNACK

Nov	£3.99	£4.50
Dec	£2.10	£3.00



School Open Night for Prospective P1 Children



Wednesday 30 November 2016

6.30 pm-7.30 pm

Please invite any new families in the area or any family with a child ready to start P1 in September 2017.

PARENT INTERVIEWS IN SCHOOL 22-24 NOVEMBER 2016

School will close at 1.30pm for P1 - P4 pupils and older siblings and 1.45 pm for P5 - P7 children on these dates. J & K Coaches will run at 1.45 pm.

J & K Coaches will be able to accommodate us at this earlier time and Ulsterbus children may use the 2 pm bus. All children (P1 – P7) eligible for bus transport may use these buses. If your child does not normally use a bus it is ESSENTIAL that your child's class teacher is notified by you returning the reply slip below. Otherwise it will be assumed that they are to be collected by car.

Please note there will be no 123 Club running on these dates.

AR SCHEME

During school hours we timetable quiet reading time for all P4 - P7 classes. Your children should always bring their AR book to school so that they can make good use of this timetabled session. If parents could encourage their child to put their AR book back into their schoolbag after they read each night that would be most helpful.



Thank you to all parents who visited our recent book fair in school. We have received **an amazing £785 of book sales commission** which has allowed us to refresh our school library and add to our reading books for P1 - P3.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AT WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL 14 - 18 NOVEMBER 2016

During this week we will be talking to the children about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to everyone at school. We will address what bullying is and what to do if we are being bullied! The children will be reminded to always treat others the way we want to be treated ourselves. P4 - P7 children will take part in a special poster competition where they will be asked to design an A4 poster (on the computer or by hand) to help raise awareness of bullying and what to do if it ever happens to you. Posters will be collected by teachers on Wednesday 16 November and the best posters will be displayed in school. The names of the winners will be announced on Thursday 17 November in our special assembly.



123 CLUB

Registration forms and money should be returned to school by **Monday 7 November**. Thanks!

Remember:

Half Term 123 Club party for all P1 - P3 children will be on Friday 28 October at a cost of £2. Apples kindly donated by Tesco, Magherafelt.
NO 123 Club on Tues 22, Wed 23 and Thurs 24 Nov due to Parent Interviews.

P4 -P7 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

There are a few parents who have still not paid Sept/Oct After School sessions. This money should be paid by **Monday 7 November** as it is now overdue.

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 **5 December**. Thank you for your support.

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'**.



Please note that P4 and P5 children will be putting on 'Peter Pan' for parents and local community on **Thursday 30 March 2017 @ 6.45pm**.

We will be selling tickets in March so please keep this date free in your diary.



BLOC BLINDS, MAGHERAFELT HALLOWEEN ART COMPETITION



Congratulations to Isabella Nicholl who was selected as the winner in the P4/P5 category in the Bloc Blinds Art Competition. Her blind design has been made up and is displayed in their shop window in Magherafelt. She has won as a prize a cinema family pass to enjoy as a special treat!

ROAD SAFETY

During November we will be reminding all of our pupils in school of the important road safety messages. Please take a few minutes to talk to your child about bus and road safety and give them regular reminders. We appreciate your support in helping to keep them safe.

Can we remind all parents to be extra careful at drop off and pick up times as we have lots of congestion around the school with so much traffic. Nevertheless with a little patience it usually clears quickly. Try to park further down the road and always avoid blocking access to the Oaklea Road by double parking too near the road end.

We are looking forward to the new car park and traffic management system work commencing in January 2017. Hopefully when this project is finished it will make our school much more accessible for everyone. Thank you for your patience and co-operation in the meantime.



Would any parent/grandparent/past pupil be interested in being part of a committee to plan 50th Anniversary celebrations for our school?

Woods Primary School will be open 50 years in January 2018 and we want to mark the next school year with a few exciting events for past and present pupils and staff. We are hoping to form a small committee of interested and willing people to help co-ordinate events.

If you are interested and willing to be committed to this work please complete and return the reply slip before 30 November 2016.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

**Wednesday 7 December 2016
Morning Concert @ 10am.**



Children may go home after the concert at approximately 11.15 am or be collected from school between 11.45 am and 12 noon.

Wednesday and Thursday Evening 6.45pm start.

More details closer to the time.

EA, SOUTHERN REGION MUSIC

All children who are getting tuition from EA tutors should have had their first payment of £36 into school by **Monday 24 October**. If this is unpaid it should be forwarded to school as soon as possible.

MATHS NIGHT AT ST TREA'S P S

Thank you to the parents who attended our Shared Education Maths Information Evening at St Trea's Primary School on Thursday 29 September 2016. We hope you found the event useful.

If you were unable to attend the Maths session but would like to receive a small pack of Maths resources to use at home with your family then please complete the reply slip below and a pack can be sent home with your child.

I do /do not want to receive the small Maths pack given out at the parents evening.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Signed: _____ (parent) Date: _____



I am willing to be a part of the committee to make the 50th Anniversary of the school and will be available to attend associated meetings.

Name: _____ (Please Print) Date: _____

Mobile Telephone Number: _____



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS PARENT CONSENT FORM

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

MULTI SPORTS (P6/7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
ART (P4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
ART (P5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
ART (P6/P7) (NOT 22 Nov)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
NUMERACY (P7) (4PM FINISH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHILD'S NAME: _____	£ _____
LITERACY (P7) (4PM FINISH)	<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)

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

IF YOU HAVE MADE ANY CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS IN THE LAST YEAR (APPROX) PLEASE FILL IN THE REPLY SLIP BELOW.

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name(s): _____

New Address: _____

New Home Phone Number: _____

New Mobile Number: (Mum) _____

(Dad) _____

Any Other Changes/comments: _____

