



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 5 October (Staff Dev Day)
Mon 26 – Fri 30 October
(Halloween)

School re-opens on Monday
2 November at 8.15 am for Early
Bird Club; remainder of the school
at 8.45 am.

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

NON UNIFORM DAY - £1+

All money raised on this day will go
to the African Children's Choir to
help pay for choir members
education and lodgings in Africa.

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CONCERT SINGING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS



Magherafelt High School
On Thursday 3 December 2015.

7.15 pm – 9.15 pm

Tickets £6 available from our
school in November

SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse has issued letters
for parents to give consent for
their child to receive the Flu
vaccine in school on **Friday 13
November 2015**. This date was
issued to the school and we have
requested an earlier date for next
year. If any P7 children sitting the
Rainey test opt out on this date,
but wish to receive the vaccine,
their parent should contact their
doctor's surgery and request the
vaccine.

THEME DAY LUNCHES

Teddy Bears Picnic Dinner

(Monday 28 September)

Children in P1 to P3 may bring in
their favourite teddy to join them
for dinner!

World Food Day

(15 October 2015)

Half Term Party Dinner

(23 October 2015).

NON UNIFORM DAY - £1+

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

We are registered to take 'Care4'
and 'Sodexo' vouchers and are in
the process of registering for
'Employers for Childcare'. These
can be used for 'Earlybird'/123
Club/After School clubs.

**Please notify the school before
commencing use of these schemes
to pay for any clubs.**



Woods Primary School Christmas Coffee Morning



*With Santa, Children's Crafts, Raffle, Games,
Cake and Craft Stalls*

Saturday 5 December 2015

10 am - 1 pm

Entrance: Adults £3 Children (Primary School age) £1

Special guests include Santa, Elsa, Anna and Spiderman

Come along for a family fun morning and help to raise money for school funds.

Activities charged separately.

Everyone Welcome – Hope to see you there!

SHARED EDUCATION PROJECT WITH ST TREA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015/16

Following our very successful work with St Trea's Primary School last year in the CRED Project we are delighted to be commencing a new Shared Education Project over the next three years which is funded by the Department of Education.

Woods teachers will be joining with the staff of St Trea's Primary School this year for teacher training days to focus on Maths and PDMU(Personal Development and Mutual Understanding). Five of our classes will link up with the children in St Trea's to participate in 4 shared Maths lessons and PDMU lessons. These classes will be timetabled for four half days of shared lessons at some point throughout the year. Parents will be notified of dates, venues and activities before they commence. The work completed will be reported on to parents and we will have a celebration event in the Summer term. We will also be running an After School Club for both schools after Christmas.

Could you be eligible for Free School Meals?

Below we have listed the entitlement to Free School Meals and if you feel you may be eligible please call into the school office to collect a form. Your child is not obliged to take the meals everyday but your eligibility will benefit our school through the budget allocation we receive.

- In receipt of Income Support/Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance/Income Related Employment & Support Allowance/Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit/Child Tax Credit or working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less.
- Where the above criteria do not apply, **free school meals only** can be awarded if a child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs and is designated to require a special diet. A separate form can be obtained from Meals and Uniform Section.
- Students attending Colleges of Further Education cannot be provided with an allowance for school uniform but if their course is not a paid training course and includes Physical Education they are entitled to apply for an allowance for Physical education clothing.
- Further Education students who have reached the age of 18 years on or before 31 July are not entitled to free school meals.

COMPUTER ACCESS AT HOME

Remember that your child can access their 'My school' Account at home via
www.c2kschools.net

Parents can download Microsoft Office on behalf of their children once the pupil has logged into www.c2kschools.net with their full c2k username and password (this can be received from the school office if your child has forgotten their details). Please note that when a user is prompted for a username during their download this needs to be in the format
<username>@C2ken.net.

MORE DATES...

STEPHEN BALL TRAVELLING BOOKS

School Book Fair will be in school
(From Thursday 15 October - Tuesday
20 October 2015)

The Fair will be open to parents-
Thurs 15 Oct & Tue 20 Oct
2 pm - 2.30pm and 3 pm - 4 pm

Classes will also get a chance to visit the Book Fair on Friday 16 and Monday 19 October. If you send money into school please put it in a named purse/wallet.

Please note that OUR School will receive 60% Commission on all books sold at the Fair.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Collection Date Thurs 22 October

P1 OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

6.15 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.

SPONSORSHIP OF

'EMERALD' FROM INDONESIA

We have committed to the long term sponsorship of a child through the Christian organisation 'Compassion'. A representative from the organisation will come to an assembly this term to introduce the project, speak to the children about this work and their sponsor child.

We will hold a small fundraiser later in the school year to raise the money for this scheme. We hope that through this project we will develop a greater appreciation for everything we have and empathy for others in need.

This child will replace 'Jonas' who we have sponsored for many years and who is now an adult.

HEADLICE

Please check your child weekly for headlice. Early detection and treatment is the key to reducing the spread.

MILK SNACK

Oct £3.36* £4.80*
*Change due to SDD change
Nov £4.41 £6.30



PLEASE REMEMBER!



All pupils should bring a coat during the Autumn/Winter months. If at all possible the children will be outside at playtime. They will be asked to stay off some areas in wet weather. P4 - P7 pupils have been asked to bring a change of shoes to keep in school to change into if they are going to go onto the grass e.g. to get the ball.

We would ask that all coats and items of uniform are named to avoid confusion.

ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

We are always striving for excellent pupil attendance at school because missed school days results in gaps in children's learning and attainment over the longer term.

Department of Education guidance on managing attendance in school dictates that the school day is divided into two sessions and if your child leaves school before lunchtime they will only receive a morning present mark. To obtain an afternoon present mark your child should be in class after lunch. Guidelines state in the case of medical appointments: 'If a pupil is present for registration but has a medical appointment later, no absence need be recorded for that session,' and 'If a pupil misses registration for a medical appointment, which has been notified to the school in advance, but returns to school within that session then no absence need be recorded.'

Please note that if your child has been vomiting or very sick overnight then they should not return to school until 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea. This will help to get your child's energy levels back to normal and reduce the likelihood of spreading infections.

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.

We have currently 19 supporters of our school so we would like to see this number increase. Since April 2015 we have raised £78.12 so please remember to go through this website when you shop online. It will cost you nothing but raise much needed funding for your child's school!

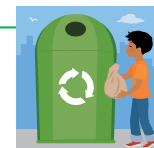
SCHOOL UNIFORM

I want to congratulate parents and children on the high standard of uniform this term. The children are looking very smart and almost all of the children are wearing their black shoes, as requested. We feel that the children's behaviour and attitude is very good at the present time and uniform helps to maintain this.

If you haven't done so already we would ask you to please send in black plimsoles and a named indoor PE t-shirt and shorts for PE lessons. All children taking part in after school sporting activities eg Ambassador's Football should bring a pair of outdoor trainers and warm kit (joggers/sweatshirt).

ECO NEWS...

RECYCLED UNIFORM IN GOOD CONDITION



A list has been compiled of used 'like new' uniform items sent into school now available for a donation of £1 per item. Please telephone/visit the office to reserve/purchase items. This initiative will give families some cheap spare items of uniform as well as helping to reduce waste!

Remember to use our Textile/clothing bank at the front of the school if you have any unwanted curtains, blankets, clothes, footwear, handbags etc.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

If you have any old clothes, shoes, handbags, curtains etc then send them into school in the plastic recycling bag given to your child. Our school and the NI Cancer Fund will get a contribution for each bag donated. Bags can be brought to school on Wednesday 21 October and Thursday 22 October (before 9.15 am) and left in the school hall.