



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 31 Oct – Fri 4 November 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.

REMINDER

P1-7 MATHS INFORMATION EVENING AT ST TREA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 29 September 2016
 7 pm – 8 pm

Everyone Welcome!

(Each family will receive a small pack of Maths resources to use at home with their family.)

SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse has issued letters for parents to give consent for their child to receive the Flu vaccine in school on **Wednesday 19 October 2016**.

CHARITY WORK

We will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day on Friday 28 October 2016** in aid of the **'Meningitis Now'** charity. Please send your child to school in their **own clothes and wearing comfortable, flat shoes**. We would ask for a £1 donation to this worthy charity.

Useful Information...

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

We are registered to take 'Care4', 'Sodexo', 'Employers for Childcare' and 'Busy Bees' vouchers. 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.

MUSIC LESSONS



If your child is taking music lessons in school, the tutors would like to ask all parents to remind your children to practise in between lessons. Ideally this would be 10-15 minutes 3-5 times a week.

Monday 3 October 2016



'Autumn Show'

Mr Hullabaloo will visit the school and do his autumn show for P1-3 children.

123 CLUB HALF-TERM PARTY

Friday 28 October 2016

ALL P1 – P3



Activities will include ducking for apples, making a chocolate apple and musical games. If you would like your child to stay for this party please sign the consent form and return to school with £2 payment (if your child is not already enrolled for that Friday). Please return the reply slip below by Monday 17 October, at the latest.

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.

Forms can be collected from Mrs Derby in the office.

PHOTOGRAPHER IN SCHOOL



The photographer will be in school on **Thursday 27 October 2016**.

If you wish to bring in a pre-school child for a family photo then you can come into school from 8.30 am on this morning. The children who attend school will all get single photos and family photos taken during the school day.

We hope to have these photos back in time for Christmas so they might make a nice gift for someone! Order forms will be sent home with proofs after the Half Term holidays.



Thursday 13 October - Tuesday 18 October 2016

The Travelling BookFair will be open to parents on:

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| Thursday 15 October | 2 pm - 2.30 pm | and | 3 pm - 3.30 pm |
| Tuesday 20 October | 2 pm - 2.30 pm | and | 3 pm - 3.30 pm |
| Friday 14 October | 2 pm - 2.30 pm | and | 3 pm - 3.15 pm. |

Classes will also get a chance to visit the Book Fair during school hours. **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 so this is a great way to refresh the school library! Thank you in advance for your support.

| | Milk | Snack |
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| Oct | £4.20 | £5.75 |
| Nov | £3.99 | £5.70 |

NB Anyone who paid £6.90 instead of £5.75 (for Sept) should deduct £1.15 from Oct Snack money.

SPONSORSHIP OF MIWENDIE FROM HAITI (AGE 11)

We have committed to the long term sponsorship of a child through the Christian organization 'Compassion'. We will hold a Non Uniform Day before Christmas 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.

BUS TRANSPORT HOME

If your child is using a bus to get to and from school please remind them of the importance of **remaining seated** and **keeping the noise down** on the bus to prevent distracting the driver. We also ask parents to remind children to **never cross the road behind a bus and remind them of the Green Cross Code**. We do this in school, however these safety messages cannot be over taught!

All parents/childminders should be at the scheduled stop in good time for the bus arriving and **if there is an occasion when you are unable to get to the stop on time then please phone the school and we can keep your child at school until you collect them by car**.

It is good to phone the J & K coach company and agree a plan if there is an emergency situation when you cannot get to the stop on time and cannot contact school. You should make arrangements where your child could be left off safely i.e. next door neighbour or relative's house.

Thank you for your co-operation.

AUTISM NI

Autism NI has sent school a list of training courses and dates available to parents of children with Autism. If anybody is interested in attending any of these courses the list will be displayed outside the secretary's office or you can speak to Mrs Milliken or Mrs White.

DINNER MONEY PROCEDURES



It is very important that dinner, milk and snack money is paid to **each child's class teacher**. Dinner money should be paid on the Monday for that week and we would ask that it is **NOT sent on a daily basis**. Every classroom has a register for their children which must balance at the end of each month. Therefore, any money sent as a family payment must be transferred to the other classes. This can prove to be very time consuming for teachers. It is also very difficult for them when money comes in mid-week as dinner money is lodged at the beginning of the week and teachers do not have change after Monday.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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'.

ILLNESS

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. A phone call should be made to school or a note sent on your child's return informing the teacher of the reason for absence.

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.

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

ALWAYS ARRIVE ON TIME!!

Classes start at 9.00 am each morning. The school door opens at 8.45 am.

It is important that your child arrives in school on time. When pupils arrive late it makes things difficult for everyone. The teacher has to stop and wait for the latecomer to settle down and the rest of the class is disrupted. Overtime this will have an impact on your child's learning and progress in school. The latecomer misses the first part of the day and often feels uncomfortable and embarrassed. Latecomers should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the school office where the secretary will sign them in and ensure they get to their class safely.

Please remember it is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their children arrive in the school building safely.



P4 VISIT TO MAGHERAFELT LIBRARY



The P4 class will be going on a class visit to Magherafelt Library on 26 October 2016. The visit will include: a general introduction to the library; fun activities to help explain the lay-out of library stock; instruction on the various uses of computers in the library. They will leave school at approx. 11.15 am and will be back in time for a late lunch.

The children will travel by coach and we would ask for a £1 donation towards costs.

Please return the reply slip by Monday 17 October 2016.

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P4 VISIT TO MAGHERAFELT LIBRARY

I do*/do not* give permission for my child _____ to visit Magherafelt Library on Wednesday 26 October 2016. I enclose £ _____.

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

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**P5/P6 VISIT TO MAGHERAFELT HIGH SCHOOL
'CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY'
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016**



P5 and P6 will be travelling to Magherafelt High School on Tuesday 18 October 2016 to see their musical production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They will travel to Magherafelt by coach leaving at approx 9 am and will return in time for lunch. There will be a charge of £2 per child to help cover admission and travel costs.

Please return the reply slip below by Monday 10 October 2016.

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**P5/P6 VISIT TO MAGHERAFELT HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016**

I do*/do not* give permission for my child _____ to visit Magherafelt High School on Tuesday 18 October 2016 to see their production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

I enclose £ _____.

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

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123 CLUB HALF-TERM PARTY



**FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016
2 PM – 3 PM**

I do*/do not* give permission for my child _____ to attend the 123 Club Half Term party.

I enclose £2 as payment for the After School session.

Signed: _____ (Parent) _____ (Date)

Please return the reply slip below by Monday 17 October 2016.