



P6 & P7 SWIMMING COMMENCING FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER (2PM-2.30PM)

P6 and P7 classes will attend swimming lessons on a Friday for Term 1 (11 weeks) and Term 2 (11 weeks). Two swimming instructors will be available for these sessions and children will be grouped according to their swimming ability. There will be a charge of £22 per child for transport costs to the swimming pool for Term 1. The school will pay for each child's swimming lessons for both terms. This first payment of £22 must be received by Friday 9 September at the latest. P5 will get the opportunity to have swimming lessons in term 3.

SHARED EDUCATION PARENTS MATHS INFORMATION EVENING



**THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016
AT 7PM (LASTING APPROX 1 HOUR)
IN ST TREA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPEAKER: MARY MCKERNAN**

**ALL PARENTS WHO ATTEND WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A
MATHS SUPPORT PACK.
SUITABLE FOR ALL PARENTS P1- P7**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE REPLY SLIP AND RETURN TO
SCHOOL BEFORE FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER TO LET US
KNOW YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.**

PARENT INTERVIEWS (P1 – P6)

School will close at 1.30 pm on 22, 23 & 24 November 2016 to facilitate Parent Interviews. Parents are asked to let school know, by filling in the reply slip below, if there is a day that would not suit them and we will do our best to accommodate parents where possible.
NO 123 Club on these days.

PARENT INTERVIEWS (P7)

Primary 7 parents are being offered an opportunity to meet with Mrs Davidson on Tuesday 18 October (from 9 am – 3 pm) or 22, 23, 24 November (details as for P1 – P6). Please complete the reply slip below.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2016

**Wed 7 December Morning & Evening
Thursday 8 December Evening Only
More details later.**

**PROSPECTIVE P1 OPEN NIGHT
30 NOVEMBER 2016
6.30PM – 7.30 PM**

If you know any families who have a child due to start school in September 2017 please invite them to come along and meet us. Parents and children are welcome to attend.



As we commence a new school year we want to welcome back all of our returning pupils and give a warm welcome to our new pupils who have joined us from other schools. We also want to welcome our 28 new P1 pupils and their families. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable learning experience with us and settle quickly into life at Woods Primary.

Thank you to all our support staff and teachers for getting the school ready for the new school year. We especially want to thank Mrs Mary Catherwood and Mrs Barbara Derby for the spotless classrooms, toilets and corridors. We are very fortunate to have such a bright, attractive and highly resourced school with dedicated and caring staff.

STAFFING

We want to welcome our new permanent P5 teacher, Mr Stewart, to our school. Mrs Davidson will continue to teach the P7 class each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday alongside Mrs Bell who will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

All children will be going to the Grand Opera House, Belfast on **Monday 19 December 2016** to see their production of 'Cinderella'. A deposit of £1 per seat has already been paid from School Funds. To enable us to make the final payment we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£10 per child** to be paid **on or before Wednesday 21 September 2016, at the latest**. The coach transport costs will be paid from school funds. **Please fill in and return the reply slip attached along with your contribution to your child's class teacher.**
It is very important that these reply slips come in promptly as alterations to numbers cannot be made after the final payment which will be paid to the Opera House on Friday 23 September.



KEEP OUR CHILDREN HEALTHY

We encourage all children to keep hydrated during the days so please remember to send your child to school with water in a reusable bottle. We will also be encouraging as much physical play outside as we can so remember to send a **named** coat to school for the cooler/rainy days.

123 CLUB P1 - P3 (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER)

The 123 Club runs from 2 pm – 3 pm for P1- P2 children every day. P3 children may attend on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when they finish normal class at 2 pm. Each day costs £2. Children attending on a **Friday** should bring a pair of wellies to school on that day. Parents must sign up in advance for the club to ensure that we can cover the costs of providing each activity. If you have not already filled in a form please collect one from the school office and return it to school accompanied by the fee, as soon as possible. Primary 1 children may attend this club from Monday 26 September.

SHARED EDUCATION PROGRAMME WITH ST TREA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We will continue to work with the children and staff of St Trea's Primary School this year as we enter the second year of the Shared Education Programme. The aims of the programme this year will be:

- To develop good working relationships and continue to build friendships
- To continue to raise standards in STEM subjects
- To continue to build up a scheme of lessons for PDMU (Personal Development and Mutual Understanding)
- To deliver 5 shared lessons per year group in PDMU & Numeracy (except P1 & P5 in Woods Primary School)
- Staff from both schools will participate in Shared Professional Development/training days.
- To join together for planned whole school events for all year groups e.g. World Book Day & sporting events.

This is a funded programme which was inspected by ETI in 2015 and we received very positive feedback. We look forward to developing the partnership in our second year.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS &
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2016/17**

OCT	31 (1 DAY)
NOV	1 – 4 (4 DAYS)
DEC	21 – 30 (8 DAYS)
JAN	2 (1 DAY)
JAN	3 (SDD)
FEB	16 – 17 (2 DAYS)
FEB	20 (SDD)
MAR	17 (1 DAY)
APRIL	10 – 11 (2 SDD)
APRIL	12 – 21 (8 DAYS)
MAY	1 – 2 (2 DAYS)
MAY	25 (SDD)
MAY	26 – 29 (2 DAYS)
JUNE	SCHOOL WILL FINISH ON FRIDAY 30 JUNE.

MONEY DETAILS

	MILK	SNACK
SEPT	£4.83	£5.75
OCT	£4.20	£5.00



Due to a miscalculation parents were informed that Sept snack was £6.90 instead of £5.75. If you have already paid this amount please deduct £1.15 from October's snack payment.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children are looking really well in their uniform and we want to remind everyone that black footwear should be worn daily. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards in behaviour and attitude to school.

We have some 'like new' uniform items available for anyone wanting a spare change for their child - £1 donation per item to School Funds.

PE UNIFORM – This should be sent to school in a named bag.

- Skyblue round neck t-shirt with motif (available at RA Cuddy)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers for cooler weather
- Black plimsols for indoor PE lessons. Trainers will only be needed for certain outdoor activities and you will be notified when they are required.

We would remind all parents to name each item of PE Kits, uniform and coats to avoid confusion and help to prevent loss.

**EARLY BIRD CLUB
8.15 AM - 8.45AM**

This club continues to be popular and costs 50p a day for any child wishing to attend.

**P4 – P7 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
See Attached Timetable.**

Please return the attached reply slip to school on Monday 5 September with payment to secure a place. Some clubs are limited to 24 spaces.

CAR PARKING AND SAFETY AT OPENING AND HOME TIMES

We must ask all parents to collect their child inside the school gates and walk them safely to their car each day. Help us to keep your children safe! We would ask all parents to please be patient with each other as we know there are times when there is congestion at the front of the school. We do not allow children to run up the footpath or through parked cars looking for their parent as this is dangerous.



TEACHER DIFFICULTIES WITH CHANGE

Getting correct change for children to take home or send to other classes is always a problem for teachers and valuable class time is being used trying to balance class registers. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you could adhere to the following as far as possible:

- It is essential, if at all possible, that the correct money should be sent to each child's own class teacher.
- Dinner money is payable each Monday for the number of meals you wish your child to have that week. (This money is lodged each Monday afternoon.)
- We would encourage the use of personal cheques (made out to 'Education Authority, Southern Region') in payment for dinner, snack and milk money. These can be included on one cheque but we would ask that each child has their own cheque/cash payment. **The use of cheques and payment of monies on a monthly basis has proved to be very successful.** If you wish to pay for the whole month please send in a note to your child's teacher detailing which days dinner is to be taken.
- If however, due to unforeseen circumstances, money is brought in during the week please ensure that the correct amount is sent as it is very difficult for us to provide change after the Monday lodgement.
- **All money should be in an envelope with the child's name and money details on the outside.** Envelopes are available from the school office at a cost of £2.00 for 40 envelopes.

MILK ORDERS

Unfortunately at the end of June we were £40 in debt because of milk money left unpaid during the school year. This money had to be paid from school funds. The school policy is that milk money should be paid on the first Monday of the month. **From 1 September 2016 we are implementing a new policy whereby any milk not paid by the third week of the month will be cancelled on the last Wednesday of that month.** If there continues to be a problem with unpaid milk we unfortunately will not be able to continue to supply milk in school during 2017/18.

Can we please remind all parents of children who take school milk that our policy is that milk can only be ordered or cancelled at the end of a month and we should be informed in writing of any changes by the Wednesday of the week before the change is to take effect.

P1 MILK

If your Primary 1 child would like to start taking school milk on Monday 12 September please complete and return the reply slip to Mrs Gardiner by Tuesday 6 September, at the latest. The cost for September will be £3.15.

GRASS PLAY

Despite additional drainage work our grass area continues to be quite wet in places. Therefore children who are playing on the grass at break/dinnertime (mainly P4 – P7) should bring in an old pair of trainers to change into. These can be kept in a bag on your child's coat peg/child's schoolbag.



Please ensure that all written homework is signed by a parent to indicate that they have seen it and are happy that it is their child's best effort.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of coats and other pieces of uniform in our lost property box. If your child has lost a coat or item of uniform please call in and check our box.

If not collected by 9 September all these items will be recycled in our clothes bank.

HEAD LICE

Within most schools at any one time, there can be a small number of children infected with head lice. If you suspect your child has head lice, please report any incidences to the school. Detection and effective treatment of any head lice outbreaks is key to reducing the problem.

Treating head lice is not a problem. For further advice consult your pharmacist, doctor or practice nurse. If you have access to the Internet, you can obtain more information from www.headliceadvice.net.

P1 PARENTS

SEPTEMBER HOME TIMES

UNTIL FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – 12.15 PM; 19–23 SEPTEMBER – 1.30 PM; FROM MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER – 2 PM

We encourage our children to be as independent as possible and would like them to walk to their classroom by themselves, as soon as possible – certainly by Halloween at the latest. There will always be a member of staff at the front door from 8.45 am to 9.00 am, when the bell rings for classes to commence, to ensure your child's safety.

If your child arrives after 9.00 am they should be brought into school and signed in at the school office.

Parents of P1 children please remember that your child will be staying in school until **12.15pm until Friday 16 September 2016**. During the **week 19-23 September P1 will stay in school until 1.30pm** and from **Monday 26 September 2016 P1 children will go home at 2pm**. If any travel arrangements have changed since filling out the data form please let Mrs Gardiner know before this date.

Please note: If your child is paying for Healthy Snack it is not necessary for them to bring any additional snack.

CHILD PROTECTION UP-DATE

PLEASE NOTE: To comply with our up-dated Safeguarding school policy no child should bring a mobile phone/electronic toys into school.

However, if you feel there is an occasion that it is necessary for your child to bring a phone into school it **MUST** be given to the class teacher and collected at the end of the school day.

We would also remind all parents to make sure that their children do not bring toys or special belongings to school as we do not want items to go missing or get broken. Playground toys and equipment are provided for playtime. Thank you for your co-operation.

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER ABSENCE

If returning to school after an absence a parent should send in a signed note giving the reason for why his/her child was absent.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

We would appreciate it if any parents paying After School/123/Early Bird clubs by voucher would itemize these clubs on their payment.

RECYCLING

Thank you to everyone who has recycled textiles or clothing in our collection bank the school receives an average of £50 - £60 per month.

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RECORDERS

Primary 5–7 children are given the opportunity to learn to play the recorder as part of the music curriculum. Over the three years the children will develop their skills but they need to practice their recorder at home to make good progress.

We have purchased recorders at a reduced price of £3 and recommend that all children in these classes should buy one.



I would like to buy a recorder and enclose £3.

Child's Name: _____ Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

**SHARED EDUCATION PARENTS MATHS INFORMATION EVENING THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016
SUITABLE FOR ALL PARENTS OF P1-7 CHILDREN.**



NO OF ADULTS TO ATTEND: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH YEAR GROUPS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN: P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 P7

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)/CLASS: _____

SIGNED: _____ (PARENT) DATE _____



**WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME**



I DO ALLOW*/DO NOT ALLOW* MY CHILD(REN) _____ TO GO TO THE GRAND
OPERA HOUSE, BELFAST TO SEE 'CINDERELLA' ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2016.

I ENCLOSE £ _____ VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (£10 PER CHILD).

SIGNED _____ (PARENT) _____ (DATE)

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P7 PARENT INTERVIEWS

I would like my interview to take place: Tuesday 18 October 22 – 24 November

P1-6 PARENT INTERVIEWS

I would*/would not* like to have an Interview with my child's class teacher:



Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Signed _____ (Parent) _____

(Date)

COMMENTS:

(Please give details of any days/times which are unsuitable for you and we will try to accommodate you.)

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
TERM ONE – SEPT/OCT 2016**

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

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Multi Sports (P4/5) - £12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P7 Numeracy (P7) -£16 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P4-7 Netball - £8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P4/P5 Hockey -£4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P6/P7 ipad -£4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| Literacy (P7) - £16 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| Gymnastics (P5/P6) - £14 | <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)