



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will be closed
Monday 17 – Wednesday
19 February 2020
inclusive.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN NIGHTS 2020

ALL P6 & P7 parents and
children welcome.

RAINEY ENDOWED

Wednesday 15 January
@7pm

MAGHERAFELT HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday 14 January @
7pm

SPERRIN INTEGRATED

Wednesday 22 January @
7pm

CHARITY WORK

Thank you to all families
who supported the Pupil
Council collections for the
Magherafelt foodbank
and Cool FM 'Cash for
Kids'. Visit the school
website for more
information.

We continue to sponsor a
child through the
Christian organization
Compassion.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's Christmas Concerts. The programme was of an extremely high standard and the pupils were all a credit to their parents. We want to thank the dedicated staff who prepared the children and provided this fantastic opportunity for them all to perform on the stage. We were overwhelmed again with the generosity of parents and the local community who supported us raising £2540 for school funds. Staff and governors would like to wish all of our families a very happy and peaceful new year.

IMPORTANT DATES

7 Jan	New term commences including After School Clubs & Early Bird @ 8.15am.
8 Jan	Closing date for the parent consultation on the New Behaviour Policy – Homework passes issued this week
8 Jan	P7 Shared Education PE sessions in Meadowbank commence today (6 weeks)
9 Jan	EA Woodwind lessons commence for the term
10 Jan	ECO Assembly, P6 & P7 Swimming, EA Violin Lessons
14 Jan	Guitar lessons commence for the term
15 Jan	Waste free lunch today – no single use plastic please
29 Jan	P6 & P7 Hockey Blitz, Cookstown
30 Jan	Closing date for P1 Application Forms

Please keep visiting our school website for all our latest news and to check our school calendar for dates. These dates may be added to.

ECO TOPIC - TERM 2

WOODS ECO Committee will act as Plastic Reduction Organisation Ultra Detectives (**PROUD**) within school, undertaking an investigation into how waste is produced, its costs and the wider impact on the environment. Pupils will have to collect evidence and report back on how they plan to reduce their environmental impact. We aim to raise awareness and change behaviours amongst the school community with regard to plastic waste reduction.

We are asking for parent support to enable us to: -

- 1 **Hold a Waste Free Lunch on 15 January 2020** – this makes us think about the packaging we use every lunchtime, such as cling film/plastic bags, which can easily be avoided by using reusable containers instead.
- 2 **Tackle Single Use Plastics** - Disposable cutlery, polystyrene trays, disposable cups, plastic straws – these can be replaced with more sustainable, reusable alternatives.

Please help your child to participate in these initiatives in school and talk to them about the importance of using their reusable bottles.

EARLY BIRD CLUB

A reminder that the Early Bird Club is running from 8.15 am – 8.45 am each day at a cost of 50p a day.

	SNACK
Jan	£5.70
Feb	£5.10

P6 & P7 Swimming Lessons

Swimming will commence for P6 & P7 on Friday 10 January 2020
£28 should be paid per child to school by Friday 17 January to cover transport costs to the pool.

P1-3 ECO Healthy Eating Competition

Following the healthy eating talks in school in December P1-3 children are being encouraged to design a poster or piece of artwork to demonstrate their understanding of a healthy balanced diet. This could be done on a paper plate or piece of recycled cardboard or paper poster up to A3 size.

P4-7 ECO Reducing Plastic Waste Competition

Please encourage your child to think about this topic of Plastic waste/pollution reduction and design a poster, cardboard box or paper plate to educate others on this important topic. Please do not go to any expense. Recycled junk items can be re-used.

A prize will be given to each child participating in the competition and all items produced will be displayed for the ECO Flag assessment team visiting our school later this term.

Competition entries should be in school with Mrs White by Thursday 16 January.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND A COAT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD IN WINTER MONTHS.

If at all possible the children will be outside at playtime. It is essential that all coats and items of uniform are named to avoid confusion.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure that your child has their named PE KIT in school for PE lessons as it was sent home before Christmas to be washed. Children should only wear a watch and/or stud earrings in school. No jewellery should be worn in school for health and safety reasons.

If you are planning ahead for next year's holidays.... **School Holidays for 2020/21 are as follows:**

26 -30 October 2020 (5 days)

21- 31 December 2020 (9 days)

1 & 4 January 2021 (2 days)

17 - 19 February 2021 (3 days)

29-31 March 2021(3 days)

1 – 13 April 2021 (9 days)

3, 28 & 31 May 2021(3 days)

Please note, the school term commences **Monday 31 August** and will end on Wednesday 30 June 2021, staff training dates included above.