



EARLY BIRD CLUB

The Early Bird Club is running from 8.15 am – 8.45 am each day at a cost of £1.50 a day.

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

The children will be outside at playtime unless there is heavy rain or very icy conditions. It is essential that all coats and items of uniform are named to avoid confusion.

The classrooms will be well ventilated to help prevent the spread of the virus so parents may want to get children to wear a vest or long sleeve t-shirt under their school t-shirt for extra heat.

HEALTHY SNACKS

FEBRUARY £4.50

MARCH £6.60

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will close early on 8 April P1-3 11.45 P4-7 12noon.

No healthy break or dinners today.

School closed 11-22 April 2022.

Is your child in P7? If so, then you need to apply for a Post Primary School soon. The online EA Post-Primary Application portal will open at 12 noon on 1 February 2022 and close at 4pm on 23 February 2022.

Parents will be able to click on the 'Apply Now' button to access the portal on the EA website www.eani.org.uk/admissions

Staff and Governors want to congratulate all P7s who sat the transfer tests in November 2021. Your wonderful results demonstrate your hard work and achievement in learning. We are very proud of you all - Well done!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 7 Feb P7 Internet Safety Event 'BEAM' 10.30-12noon
- 7-11 Feb INTERNET SAFETY WEEK AT WOODS PS
- 11 Feb LAST DAY OF TERM – normal closing time
- 14-18 HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 24 Feb 123 Club and P6 & P7 Multi-Sport After School Activities commence today with Lisa Bowman. Please note P6/7 should be collected at **3.45pm**
- 1 March Shrove Tuesday
- 3 March World Book Day – Dressing up as favourite book characters and completing literacy activities in class.
- 4 March NI Regional Ulster Hockey Tournament 10-12noon
- 7 March Early Closing for staff training P1-3 1.15pm/P4-7 1.30pm**
- 9 March P6 commence swimming lessons for 5 weeks (Wednesdays)
- 10 March Tempest whole school photo -outside weather permitting
- 17 March SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 18 March P6 Trip- W5 (a workshop and tour of the interactive areas)
- 21 March P7 Class Trip to Titanic Belfast
- 22 March P2 Class Trip to Zoo
- 25 March P5 Class Trip to the Transport Museum
- 29 March P1 Trip to Jungle NI & P4 Trip to War Museum Belfast
- 30 March P3 Trip to Jungle NI for Forest Schools & Gruffalo Trail
- 28 March Rainforest Roadshow P6 & P7 in school
- 31 March Wee Critters Animal Roadshow: P1-5 Classes
- 7 April Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Activity Day in school £2 for our sponsored Child Project

DE provided 'Happy Healthy Minds Project'

We are delighted to have a this programme in school to support some of our pupils. It will run for 8 weeks in small groups and will be facilitated by Alison Scott-McKinley. I trust that the children invited to take part will benefit from the programme. We will also be welcoming **Relax Kids** into school to work with our classes. Both programmes are aimed at building resilience and helping children to cope with change and stress in their lives. We have also organised some educational trips to help with children's wellbeing, giving them something positive to look forward to and helping to make their learning fun.

Education Minister Visits WOODS PS

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Michelle McIlveen and some of the local MLAs (who represent our community) to a recent school visit. The Minister visited the classes and spoke to staff and pupils. She and her team enjoyed a wonderful musical and informative presentation by the P7 class. We highlighted our school strengths, our accommodation needs, our parent support and our high enrolment numbers. The children did us proud as they represented our school with such confidence. **Thank you** to all parents who took the time to respond to the school questionnaire sent out recently. The feedback was presented to the minister on her visit and definitely gave her a lot to think about! We trust that the Education Minister and the EA will listen to our school community views and provide us with a much needed classroom in the near future to enable us to provide the very best learning environment for all year groups in our school.

School Money App

This new payment system seems to be working very well but there are just a few families still not booking in for dinners and clubs. For this system to work effectively we need everyone to do their part. Please note, dinners must be booked in advance. If there is anyone experiencing any difficulties with the App, please phone Mrs Clements and she will try to get the issues resolved ASAP. Parents should go into the **Parent Consent section** of the Menu and click on the consent button if they are signing their child up for a club or activity. This will record a parent's consent for their child to participate in the activity and help us to reduce the amount of paper we are using in school. Thank you in advance for your help.

If you are paying for '123 club' we would also ask you to complete the paper Registration form as well. This will be an easy way for us to see how your child will travel home. This form will be sent out ONCE. If there are changes to your child's going home arrangements parents must notify school in writing.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS - MORNING DROP OFF

Please be reminded that Parents should not drop off children **before 8.45am** as there will be no supervision provided by school unless you **pay £1.50 for your child to attend the school Early Bird Club** in the school hall or outside weather permitting. We want all of our pupils to be safe at all times, so we want to be clear that parents should not leave their children unsupervised outside school, as this is a parent's responsibility.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Commencing Thursday 24 February 2022 for 6 sessions - 24 Feb, 3, 10, 24, 31 March (NOT 17 March) - weather permitting £12 paid via SchoolMoney

First come First Served basis.

Thursdays 123 Club 2.05-2.55pm Multi-sports with Lisa Bowman

Thursdays P6 & P7 3-3.45pm Multi-sports with Lisa Bowman

P6 SWIMMING

Wednesday afternoons commencing **9 March for 5 weeks**. We plan for P6 to continue to go to swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoons in Greenvale Leisure Centre during the summer term for a further 7 weeks. Payments can be made via SchoolMoney App. Please ensure that you give parent consent on the Schoolmoney App for this activity.

Please continue to visit our website regularly for more information and updates about what is happening in school.