



## IMPORTANT DATES

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will be closed  
Tuesday 14 – Friday 17  
February 2023 inclusive.

School will be closed on:  
Friday 17 March 2023

### EASTER HOLIDAYS 2023

Half Day closing 12 noon on  
Friday 31 March and re-  
open Tuesday 18 April 2023

For any parents who are  
forward planning we can  
confirm that school will re-  
open on Wed 30 August 2023.

**Safer Internet Day** at  
Woods PS  
on

**Tuesday 7 February 2023**

Theme is -

### **Want to talk about it?**

Making space for  
conversations about life  
online. Teachers will  
provide lessons to help  
children to learn more  
about online safety.

**For guides and resources  
for Parents and Carers  
please visit:-**

<https://saferinternet.org.uk>

### Intergenerational Art Project for P7 Pupils

We are offering 8 pupils from  
the P7 class an opportunity to  
be involved in this Art Project  
commencing 2 March 2023 with  
the Marina Care Home,  
Ballyronan. Separate details will  
be sent out with the class.

3 Feb	P5 Class Assembly on Healthy Lifestyles
7 Feb	Safer Internet Day – Teachers will be teaching pupils how to be safe online
10 Feb	Pupils wear red or pink to school & donate £1 to HEARTBEAT Charity
10 Feb	P4 Assembly on Love
10 Feb	Valentine's Party P1-3 2-3pm & P4-7 4-5.30pm Cost £2.50 (includes a snack) Proceeds to George Sports Academy School in South Africa.
13 Feb	Early Closing today P1-3 @12.30pm P4-7 12.45pm Early Dinner in school.
14-17 Feb	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – School Closed
20 Feb	School re-opens after half term. Early Bird Club Open.
24 Feb	ECO Assembly
1 March	ECO Toy and Book Sale in school
2 March	World Book Day & P7 Intergenerational Art Project starts 1.30-3pm.
3 March	P7 Class Assembly on Mental Health Awareness
6 March	Colin Tinsley in school 4 afternoons P4-7 (P3 join in on Tues & Thur) 2.15-2.55pm
6 March	Pearson's Cup Hockey Tournament in Cookstown – Boys
7 March	McCloy Cup Hockey Tournament in Cookstown – Girls
8 March	George Sports Academy visit Woods for Assembly and Sports for P6 & P7.
16 March	Primary Netball Tournament in Cookstown Leisure Centre
17 March	School Closed St Patrick's Day
20 March	Hockey Tournament – Meadowbank Sports Arena
21 March	Football (5 aside) Indoor Tournament Meadowbank Sports Arena
29 March	Last Day of Swimming for P6 & P7 this term
24 March	P2 Class Assembly on Creation
31 March	Half Day – No uniform today - School closing P1-3 11.45am and P4-7 12 noon.

*Please keep visiting our school website for all our latest news and to check our school calendar for dates.*

### George Sports Academy visit Woods PS on Wednesday 8 March 2023

George Sports Academy is a school funded by charity providing education for underprivileged children in South Africa. The pupils attending the school receive a meal in school and this could be their only meal of the day. The school are doing a tour of Northern Ireland to raise awareness of their work. They are going to provide a special assembly for our school about South Africa and then give the pupils in P6 & P7 the opportunity to participate in games. If you would like to donate to this work, please send your donation into school on or before Tuesday 7 March. We plan to donate the proceeds of our Valentine's Party to this school. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Early to bed..... Happy children; happy parents; happy teachers!**

An increasing number of children appear tired in school. We are aware that life can be very busy both inside and outside of school. However, children need to have a good night's sleep to be alert and be able to concentrate for their day at school. We would ask all parents to please make a big effort to have children in bed at a suitable time (e.g., around 9pm for P6/7) and please ensure that children are off electronic devices an hour before bed, to allow them to wind down for a good night's sleep. It is beneficial to build in reading time before bed to help your child to settle for a good night's sleep. Thank you for your support as we try to maximise our children's learning in school.



**SNACK - PAID ON SCHOOLMONEY APP**

**Feb £4.80**  
**March £6.30**

**HEADLICE**

*Please check your child's head for head lice. Early detection and treatment are key to reducing the spread. There have been a couple of cases reported to the office so regular checking is important.*

**ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

It is a parent's responsibility to inform the school of the reason for a pupil's absence on the first day of absence. Parents should phone the school and inform the secretary of their child's absence. **This should be confirmed with a written note or email, which provides a clear reason for absence, when the pupil returns to school.** An absence notification form is available on the school website. If the absence is likely to be prolonged, this information should be provided to enable the school to assist with homework or any other necessary arrangements which may be required.

Email: [info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk)  
or Telephone: 02879418415  
**The Full Attendance Policy is available on the school website.**

**P4-7 Parents - Can you help?**

If you have a child in P4-7 and would be willing to help supervise our Valentine's Party on Friday 10 Feb 4-5.30pm please contact Mrs Clements or Mrs White in the office before Tuesday 7 Feb. We would appreciate some extra adult help to supervise.

**P7 Parents** - It is nearly that time when you must apply for your child's place in a post primary school of your choice. The application is online via EA connect: [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk)  
It opens on 1 Feb @ 12noon and closes 23 Feb @4pm. More information has been emailed to you via the school website. Please phone to speak to Mrs White if you need any help with the online application or school choices.

**After School Clubs Term 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> half**

**Feb - 16 Mar 2023**

(5-week block)

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21 Feb</b>	Healthy Kidz PE/Games Club	£12.50
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22 Feb</b>	P5-7 Tag Rugby with Mr Stewart (Max 24)	£2.00
		P4-5 Easter Art & Craft with Mrs Gardiner	£10.00
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23 Feb</b>	P5-7 Netball with Lisa	£10.00

**Parents should book online on the SchoolMoney App ASAP to secure a place at the club.**

**ECO NEWS**



**Toy and Book Sale - Wednesday 1 March 2023**

Children are invited to bring in unwanted used toys and books to donate to the ECO sale on Monday 27 Feb and Tuesday 28 Feb. The ECO Committee will then arrange stalls in school on Wednesday 1 March 2023. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the sale. Money raised will be going towards our school ICT Fund to help replace some of our ICT equipment that has become outdated. When sending money to school please ensure that it is in a named purse and do not send in more than £6 per child.

**World Book Day - Thursday 2 March 2023**



World Book Day is approaching quickly, and we are getting prepared to celebrate it in style at Woods P.S. This is an important date in our school calendar because reading is such an integral part of what we do in school. We want to encourage every child to read as much as possible, and be read to, to develop a love of books and reading. We want to show children that reading opportunities are everywhere, not just in books, but in magazines, on cereal boxes, on signs and even in video games! Using audio books during car journeys can also inspire children and develop their imagination.

**This year we would love you to work with your children at home to create a puppet. Choose your child's favourite book character and bring them to life.** We think using a wooden spoon to create this character would be an excellent idea, however you can use your imagination and make a puppet using any resources you might have to hand e.g., a paper bag or sock.

**We would love the children to bring their puppets to school on World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March 2023, to share with their class.**

Can the class guess who the characters are? Can your child talk about their character and explain why they chose him, her, or it?

On World Book Day the teachers will be organising other book related activities for the children to enjoy, so remember to ask your child what they got up to and look out for any photographs added to the website.



Keep up-to-date with what is happening by visiting our website [www.woodsprimaryschool.com](http://www.woodsprimaryschool.com)