



Money Details

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE **£2.60 A DAY**. EA have sent out a new menu. It is available on the school website.

Snacks are 30p a day.

Money should be paid on SchoolMoney App.

EARLY BIRD CLUB 8.15-8.45am

In the school hall or outside in the playground weather permitting

£1.50 a day

Booked and paid on SchoolMoney App.

SEESAW APP

Could all parents please ensure that they are signed up for Seesaw and have their account active as teachers want to start sending info/photos via Seesaw to all parents. Please contact the school office if you need any help with this ASAP.

WE ARE AIMING TO BE A 'NUT & KIWI FREE' SCHOOL



WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO HAVE NUT ALLERGIES ENROLLED IN OUR SCHOOL. THEREFORE, WE WOULD ASK ALL FAMILIES TO HELP US TO PREVENT ANY INCIDENTS OF SERIOUS ALLERGIC REACTION.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTELLA OR FOODS CONTAINING NUTS OR KIWI IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHBOX. WE WOULD ALSO ASK THAT YOU ONLY PACK ITEMS THAT YOUR CHILD CAN EAT INDEPENDENTLY IN SCHOOL. E.G. IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO PEEL OR CUT UP APPLES. PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD NOT TO SHARE FOOD ITEMS IN THEIR LUNCH BOX WITH OTHERS.

ITEMS NOT EATEN IN SCHOOL SHOULD BE TAKEN HOME.



Welcome to a new term at Woods PS. We are delighted to have 25 P1 pupils and their families join us. We hope that everyone will settle quickly into school life. We are thankful for a restful summer break and look forward to a busy term with lots of fun learning experiences for our pupils. We are thankful for our dedicated staff team and want them to know how much we appreciate all their preparations for the new term.

I would encourage all new and existing parents to read this newsletter carefully to help you to partner with us in your child's education. Please do email us or pick up the telephone to give us a call, if you have any questions or concerns at any stage. We will be happy to help you and resolve any issues quickly. Email:

info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk or telephone school to make an appointment with the class teacher on 02879418415.

Dates for the diary...

- 1 Sept School Meals Kitchen re-opens for snacks & dinners. Meals to be booked in advance for your child on the SchoolMoney App.
- 6 Sept P5 & P4 classes commence swimming lessons - £25 contribution to be paid via SchoolMoney App to help cover the bus costs.
- 7 Sept Whole School Tempest Photo outside weather permitting. Children please wear full uniform.
- 14 Sept P1 INDUCTION PARENT TALK 11.30AM (In the hall).
- 22 Sept School Photographer - Make sure you are looking your best! Single photos and family photos can only be taken for children whose parent has registered and given consent.
- 18 Sept P1 children stay in school until 2pm from today.
- 11 Oct P7 Parent Interviews (8.45am - 3.30pm)
- 12 Oct Flu Vaccination - nurses in school today.
- 25 Oct Fun Technology Afternoon for P1-7 Parents & children. More details to follow but keep the date free!
- 27 Oct School Closing P1-3 12.15pm and P4-7 12.30pm

Healthy Breaks and Lunchboxes

The Northern Ireland Curriculum includes educating children to make healthy choices for themselves in relation to food, drink, habits, and lifestyle. We encourage our pupils to think about having a balanced diet and try to include physical activity in their daily routine to help exercise their bodies.

We are asking parents to support us with this aim and encourage your children to bring a healthy break and lunch to school, if they are not participating in the school healthy break initiative or having a school dinner.

This means keeping sugary snacks and crisps to a minimum.



ECO AND PUPIL COUNCIL 2023-24

Pupil campaigns will take place in September, and we hope to have our elections on Thursday 5 October 2023.

BOOK APPEAL

If you have any children's novels that you are finished with, that are in good condition, we are happy to receive them for the AR library.

We also encourage you to use our recycling clothing bank as we receive funds from the recycling company. Thanks for your continued support.

Like New Uniform Items available

We have a large stock of uniform items that are in excellent condition, in a wide range of sizes. Please phone the school office to request the item and size your child requires. We are happy to send this home in your child's schoolbag free of charge.

Thank you to all families who donated like new items for our stock. We would love to see these items being used by our school community.

READ to recharge and to keep up!

We encourage our pupils to ***read for pleasure*** as research shows reading is vital in helping children's literacy development and educational success. We also encourage them to read because ***it helps their wellbeing***. Books can offer entertainment, escape from stress or normal routine and a much-needed screen break!

We would like to remind parents of the importance of your child reading at home each day and completing the homework set by the class teacher. ***Written homework*** should be signed by parents to show that you feel that your child has done their best.

We will be sending out a **parent survey on homework** before the half term holiday. Please share your views with us as we review school practice. It is important that children take special care of all reading books and AR books and/or textbooks sent home as these items cost money to replace and the budget is especially limited.

ONLINE SAFETY

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online. Please make sure that they know they should always talk to you or another 'trusted adult' if they have concerns about anything they have experienced online.

Please make sure the appropriate **privacy settings** are set up on the apps your child is using and make sure that your child knows **how to block and report others** if necessary.

Please chat to your child and remind them about being kind to others whether it is face to face conversations or actions or something written online. Anything typed online is discoverable and can be traced. We want children to appreciate that nasty comments online can be very hurtful and damaging to other children. We want all pupils to be kind to others and know how to protect themselves from harm as well. **Parental support is essential to managing this online behaviour.** Thank you for your continued support.

WOODS PE UNIFORM

We are very excited about our new revamped PE programme for P1-7 following staff training in gymnastics and games teaching over the summer. We are looking forward to getting started. Each term we will revise our PE timetable and let you know which days your child should wear PE uniform to school. ***Please remember if your child has not got a PE uniform, they can continue to wear school uniform to school and bring in a PE kit (navy shorts and blue school t-shirt or blue round neck t shirt and plimsols or indoor trainers).*** ***Classes should wear PE UNIFORM to school, if they have one, on the following days:***

P1-3 Tues & Fri

P4

Tues & Wed

P5 Mon & Wed

P6 & P7

Mon & Frid

The remainder of the week children should wear normal school uniform. Thank you for your continued support.

P7 Parents

* Reminder *

If your child is considering moving on to a grammar school next year then you need to register your child for the Entrance Assessment.

Closing date 22 September 2023 @ 5pm.

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Test Dates

11 November 2023

25 November 2023

School Holidays 2023/24 (All dates Inclusive)

Autumn Term	Commences Tues 29 August 2023
Half term Break	30 Oct - 3 Nov (5 days)
Christmas Holiday	21-31 Dec (10 days)
	3 Jan (1 day)
Spring Term	Commences Thurs 4 January 2024
Half term Break	12 - 16 Feb (5 days)
St Patrick's Day	18 March (1 day)
Easter Holidays	25 March - 5 April (10 days)
Summer Term	Commences Monday 8 April 2024
	6 May 2024 (1 day)
	24 May (1 day)
	27 - 28 May (2 days)

School Year Ends 12 noon Friday 28 June 2024.

RSE Policy - False Information Campaign

The Department of Education wrote to all Primary schools on 7 August 2023 to address the false information circulating within many communities at present regarding the content of the RSE curriculum. The changes to legislation brought in by the secretary of state regarding the minimum content of the RSE curriculum **does not apply to Primary Schools**. Woods P.S. RSE Policy will remain unchanged. I hope this will alleviate any parent concerns on this issue.

After School Clubs Term 1 2023-24

123 Club will open from Monday 4 September. To book your child's space please give your consent and pay via the SchoolMoney App. This club will offer a range of indoor and outdoor play activities for the children. A tennis coach will visit school each Tuesday to coach the children in the 123 Club.

P4-7 Clubs will commence on Mon 11 September for 6 weeks

Tuesday Tennis (P4-7)
Wednesday Football (P5-7) & Book Club (P4 & 5)
Thursday Transfer Club (P7) & Netball (P4-6)
Please note Transfer Club - 7 Sept - 9 Nov (9 weeks / £25)



P1-7 Christmas Pantomime Trip 2023

We have booked to go to the Grand Opera House, Belfast to see their performance of 'Snow White' on Tuesday 5 December 2023. This is always a special Christmas outing for the children. With the increasing costs of bus transport, the cost per child will be £20. To secure your child's place a deposit of £10 must be paid on or before 8 September 2023. The remaining £10 must be paid on or before the 30 November.

Keep up to date by visiting our website for all the latest news. Thank you!