



## 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.

### 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.

**PARENT HELP** - If any parents are willing to help transport pupils to sports tournaments in Magherafelt/Cookstown please let us know ASAP.

We value the parent support we receive in Woods PS and want to continue to build our partnership with parents, welcoming our school community back into school post covid. We are arranging several events this year to encourage parental involvement. The first is our STEM event. Parents and children will work together in the child's classroom to design and make a model. We would appreciate if you could let us know which session you plan to attend so that we can plan effectively for a fun afternoon <https://forms.gle/VcW9RuaqBNbLD7ws9>



## Dates for the diary...

- 11 Oct P7 Parent Interviews (8.45am - 3.30pm)
- 12 Oct Flu Vaccination - nurses in school today.
- 25 Oct Fun STEM Afternoon for P1-7 Parents & children Sessions at 3.30pm or 4.45pm We hope to see you all there!
- 27 Oct School Closing P1-3 12.15pm and P4-7 12.30pm
- 30 Oct School Closed - HALF TERM HOLIDAY (5 days)
- 6 Nov Back to school
- 7 Nov P2/3 and P5/6 **Healthy Eating Talks** (School Nurse Visit)
- 8 Nov P4 & P5 start back to swimming for 6 weeks
- 10 Nov **Tri-county Football Tournament** Cookstown Leisure Centre & Feel Good Friday Activity
- 13 Nov **Wear Odd Socks to school** - brighter and more colourful the better for Anti-bullying week.
- 14 & 15 Nov Parent-Teacher Meetings **-early closing after school dinner for P1-3 12.30pm, P4-7 12.45pm**
- 15 Nov Anti-Bullying Assembly by P6
- 5 Dec Pantomime Trip to GOH Belfast (more details to follow)
- 6 Dec Christmas Dinner - children can wear a Christmas top/jumper to school with uniform on bottom half.
- 11 Dec Christmas Concerts P1-7 10.30am & P1-7 6.45pm
- 12 Dec Christmas Concert 1.30pm P4-7 only
- 14 Dec P1 Open Afternoon Current P1-3 pupils go home at 12 noon.
- 15 Dec Feel Good Friday
- 19 Dec NO UNIFORM - Christmas Party Day- Party Dinner Today
- 20 Dec Christmas Holiday Half Day P1-3 11.30am P4-7 11.45am

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN WOODS PS

### 'Feel Good Friday'

We promote Health and Well-being in school and teach children about the importance of looking after their Mental Health as well as Physical Health and Wellbeing. P7 presented a special assembly in school on Wed 4 October to teach everyone how to care for themselves and how important it is to do something you enjoy. We have introduced 'Feel Good Friday' activities once a month to help children to feel good about themselves and do something to help them feel good.



### ECO AND PUPIL COUNCIL 2023-24

*Pupil elections will take place on Thursday 5 October. We will present our new council members with their badges in assembly on 11 October.*

### Positive response to our Book Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated books for our school library. We are so thankful and appreciate your generosity.

### Like New Uniform Items still available

We have a good stock of uniform items (sweatshirts, trousers, skirts, navy shorts) 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 these items home in your child's schoolbag free of charge. **Thank you to all families who donated like new items for our school stock.**



To kick start **Anti-bullying Week 2023** we are asking children to wear odd socks to school on **Monday 13 November 2023**.

This will help us to celebrate what makes us all unique and special. Our P6 class will lead our whole school Anti-bullying assembly on 15 November. Each teacher will complete activities in class to help us to learn how to be a good friend and what to do if we experience bullying behaviour. Each class will have the opportunity to write and perform a rap about bullying. We hope this is a worthwhile and enjoyable week for our pupils. Our school Anti-bullying Policy is available on the school website, Password: Woods2023

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### Parent/Carers Safer Schools NI App

Safer Schools NI App is a FREE App that will help you to navigate the digital world that your children and young people live in every day. It will give you the tools to protect the children/young people in your care. Does your child or young person use TikTok, Snapchat, Among Us or Roblox? **Do you know how to set privacy settings to keep them safe, or how to block, report and mute other users?** With your Safer Schools App, you can get to grips with all of this and more.

Your App will benefit you because...

- It gives you prompts, updates and warnings about online trends and threats, helping you to stay in the loop with the digital world.
- Find out about fake news, influencers, harmful content and more.
- Get to grips with social media and all the various gaming platforms. Learn the latest buzzwords, the risks they might pose and how to set the best privacy settings for your child or young person.
- You can take an interactive Quick Quiz to track your learning and test your knowledge!
- Find advice on issues such as bullying, image sharing, mental health, consent, and healthy relationships.
- Learn how to talk to your child or young person about these issues and find out how you can support them should they face these challenges.

**For instructions on how to get started visit our school website.**

**Pupil Year 6-7 Code - 3610**

**Parent Carer Code - 3378**

### WOODS PE UNIFORM

**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.**

### P4 & P5 SWIMMING (8 Nov - 13 Dec)

Swimming will continue for 6 more weeks this term for P4&5. The second payment will be due to be paid before end of November 2023 via Schoolmoney App. Thank you.

## **P7 Parents**

\* Reminder \*

### **P7 Transfer Parent-Teacher Meetings**

on

**Wednesday 11 October 2023**

to be booked electronically on google calendar (link sent home via text message).

**If you have any problems, please phone the school office.**

**Thanks.**

### **Children's Medical or SEN Changes**

Parents please be reminded to keep school updated if your child's SEN or Medical needs change at any stage. We want to be able to cater for your child appropriately in school, so we need to be kept up-to-date. Thank you for working in partnership with school staff.

### **Homework Survey for Parents**

We are reviewing our Homework Policy this year and want to hear from all parents regarding your thoughts on the volume and types of homework your child receives in school. We will be sending you a link to a short online form and ask that you please complete it so that we can take onboard all parents' views. Thank you for your time as we seek to provide the very best for all children.

### **After School Clubs Term 1 2023-24**

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.

Monday	Multi-sport coach/play
Tuesday	Tennis coach & Outdoor play
Wednesday	Christmas Craft & Baking
Thursday	Indoor and Outdoor play
Friday	Christmas Craft & Baking



### **P4-7 Clubs will commence on Tuesday 7 November 2023**

Mondays	6, 13, 20 Nov	P4-7 Multi-sport Club, Healthy Kids	£6.00
Tuesday	7, Not 14, 21 & 28 Nov	TENNIS CLUB	£4.50
Wednesday	8, Not 15, 22, 29 Nov & 6 Dec	CHRISTMAS ART CLUB	£6.00
Thursday	9 Nov	P7 TRANSFER CLUB	FREE

**ALL PAYABLE ON THE SCHOOLMONEY APP**

### **P1-7 Parent-Teacher Meetings REPLY SLIP to be returned to school before Friday 13 Oct 23**

Children will go home after an early school dinner on 14 & 15 November to facilitate parent and teacher meetings in school 1pm-4.30pm. Please complete the reply slip below to indicate your availability to attend a meeting in school or to request a telephone call instead. Tick dates you are available.

Tuesday 14 November 2023  \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday 15 November 2023  \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: Please give details of any days/times which are unsuitable for you or if you prefer a telephone call. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)