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Dear Parents

RE: Summer update for parents/carers

As we approach the end of 2023-24 school year, I want to thank parents and carers for the continued support offered to staff and pupils throughout the year. We are very blessed in Woods to have such a caring school community.

At our recent Board of Governors meeting the Board reviewed our pupil assessment results and pupil tracking data. The data highlighted the children's outstanding attainments in Literacy and Numeracy in May 2024 and showed that 96% of our pupils are achieving in line with their IQ or better in Maths and 89% are achieving in line with their IQ or better in English. This is excellent as the Department of Education in Northern Ireland state that 60% of pupils should be on target or better. This demonstrates the commitment to learning and excellent teaching in our school. We are so proud of our children's achievements, and we want to thank all parents for the role you have played in supporting your child throughout the year and working with the staff in school, to help your child to reach their potential.

We would also like to thank you for your contributions to our school funds at different events during the school year. This term we appreciated you donating generously to our Pupil Council Fun Day which raised £713.15 for school trips next year and our Sports Day Refreshments stall which raised a fantastic £468.75 for the P7 Leavers Celebrations. We also want to thank Jonathan McKinley for fixing our Hockey/Football goals for the playground.

Please note the following key dates for the new term:

School Start Dates

P1 Pupils 27 Aug (Group 1: Surnames A-L) & 28 Aug (Group 2: Surnames M-Z) 9 - 12.15pm 29 Aug (All P1)

P2-7 29 & 30 Aug 9-12.30pm (no Kitchen available until Mon 2 Sept 2024) Please be reminded to send in a healthy snack and drink with your child for these half days.

The school **Holiday List for 2024-25** is on the school website in the Parents section.

School Uniform: Children should all wear school uniform the first week back and will begin to wear PE uniform from week commencing 2 September. The PE uniform is now compulsory for all pupils as our phasing in year has finished.

P1-3 will wear PE uniform on Tuesday and Friday

P4 will wear uniform Monday and Wednesday

P5 will wear PE uniform on Tuesday and Wednesday

P6 will wear PE uniform Wednesday and Thursday

P7 will wear PE uniform on Thursday & Friday

Should any parent have a **safeguarding concern** about a pupil or child you know, during the holiday period please contact the local safeguarding Gateway team Tel:08007837745.

Staff will be in school from Monday 19 August for staff training and preparation time. If you have a concern or wish to speak to a member of staff during this week you may phone school or email the school office on info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk

On behalf of all staff and governors I want to wish you all a very enjoyable and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. K White
Principal