



Money Details

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

Healthy Snacks are 30p a day.

Payments should be made 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 to Seesaw for their child's new class 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.

REMINDER OF SCHOOL COLLECTION TIMES

P1 12.15pm until Frid 13 Sept.

P1 From 16 Sept 2pm

P2 2pm daily

P3 Tues & Thurs 3pm/Mon, Wed & Frid 2pm

P4-7 3pm daily.



Welcome to a new term at Woods PS. We are delighted to have 26 P1 pupils and their families join us. We hope that everyone will settle quickly into school life.

We trust you all had a relaxing summer. We are looking 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 the preparations they have made for the new term and for their continued hard work.

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...

- 2 Sept School Meals Kitchen re-opens for snacks & dinners. Meals to be booked in advance for your child on the SchoolMoney App.
- 3 Sept Tennis commences in 123 club and P4-7 After School Club.
- 4 Sept P5 & P4 classes commence swimming lessons - £25 contribution to be paid via SchoolMoney App to help cover the bus costs.
- 9 Sept After School Clubs commence for KS2 - see SchoolMoney App
- 12 Sept P1 INDUCTION PARENT TALK 11.30AM (In the hall).
- 16 Sept P1 children stay in school until 2pm from today.
- 20 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.
- 7 Oct NSPCC Talks in school
- 16 Oct P7 Parent Interviews (8.45am - 3.30pm)
- 21 Oct Flu Vaccination - nurses in school today.
- 24 Oct 'Bring your parent to school' for P1-7 Parents & children. More details to follow but keep the afternoon free!
- 25 Oct School Closing P1-3 11.45am and P4-7 12 noon

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 & PUPIL COUNCIL 2024/25

For parent information - There will be an assembly on 19 Sept to discuss the roles of council members. After this pupils will have the opportunity to present their campaigns to their classmates and we will hold elections on Thur 3 Oct 2024 for the new committees.

RECYCLING UNIFORM & TEXTILES

We encourage you all to use our recycling clothing bank as we receive funds from the recycling company. This raises on average £100 per month for our school. Thank you for your continued support.

'Like New' Uniform items available

We have a good 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 school bag free of charge.

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

Homework Policy and Parent role

Thank you for your feedback last school year in relation to homework. We have taken onboard your feedback and made some changes. Homework will be given out on a Monday for the week to allow more flexibility. There will now be 3 written homeworks per week.

Why is homework necessary?

Homework is planned for your child to help keep you involved in your child's learning and to reinforce skills taught in school. When homework is completed consistently and to a good level the children's attitude to learning and outcomes are greatly improved. **We believe parents and school staff need to work in partnership to ensure that all children achieve their potential in school.**

Parents should: -

Speak to your child's class teacher if your child is struggling with any aspect of school homework.

Sign the **Homework Monitoring Sheet** for P4-7 pupils each night.

Inform the class teacher if there is any reason your child cannot complete their homework maybe due to illness, bereavement, or other family circumstances.

If homework is missing we will:

1. Send a reminder out via Seesaw App or the School Text Service.
2. The incomplete homework will be sent home to be completed.
3. Teachers will contact parents if there are ongoing issues with your child not completing homework.

Rewards will be given termly, such as an extra playtime or party, for all children who complete their homework.

Rewards will also be allocated to pupils who complete AR targets and achieve Athletics goals.

Thank you all for your support as we all work together to provide the best education for all pupils. If anyone needs to discuss any aspect of school homework please contact the class teacher at any time or Mrs White will be happy to help.

WOODS PE UNIFORM

PE uniform is now compulsory and children should wear their PE uniform to school on the following days in term 1:

P1-3 Tues & Fri

P4 & P5 Tues & Wed

P6 & P7 Thurs & Frid

The remainder of the week children should wear normal school uniform. If your child is staying for a P4-7 After School sports club and it is not a day when they are wearing their PE uniform to school, they should bring the PE uniform to school in a bag and change at the end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support.

ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE NAMED. Thank you!

TERM 1 SWIMMING LESSONS

P4 & P5 Swimming lessons will run in Term 1 on Wednesdays for 13 weeks. Due to increased transport costs we are asking parents to contribute to the bus costs. Payments due as follows:

30 Sept £25 and £25 due on 8 Nov.

These payments should be made on the Schoolmoney App.

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 SEAGNI Entrance Test @ www.seagni.co.uk

Registration closes on

20 September @11.59pm

Only registered pupils may sit the test.

Tests will take place on Sat 16 Nov & Sat 23 Nov 2024 in local grammar schools.

School Holidays 2024/25 (All dates Inclusive)

Autumn Term Commences Tues 27 Aug 2024

Half term Break 28 Oct - 1 Nov (5 days)

Christmas Holiday 23 Dec -6 Jan (11 days)

Spring Term Commences Tuesday 7 Jan 2025

Half term Break 10 - 14 Feb (5 days)

St Patricks Day 17 March (1 day)

Easter Holidays 14 - 25 April (10 days)

Summer Term Commences Monday 28 April 2025

5 May (1 day)

26 + 27 May (2 days)

School Year ends 12 noon on Friday 27 June 2025

NB This List includes Staff Training Days which may be subject to change.

After School Clubs Term 1 2024

123 Club will open from Monday 2 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.

Monday - Outdoor Play

Tuesday - A Tennis coach will visit to teach Tennis skills/games from 3/9/24.

Wednesday - Outdoor and indoor play

Thursday - Story time and indoor play

Friday - Outdoor play

Please note: All outdoor activities will be weather dependent. If it is wet, alternative indoor play will be provided including painting, iPads, Lego, construction etc.

P4-7 Clubs

Monday Netball (P5-7) (9/9/24 - 7 weeks)

Tuesday Tennis (P4-7) (3/9/24 - 8 weeks)

Wednesday Tag Rugby (P6-7) & P4&5 Book Club (11/9/24-23/9/24 - 7 weeks)

Thursday Transfer Club (P7 - 10 weeks)

Please note Transfer Club - Starts Thursday 12 Sept - 14 November (10 weeks incl) Additional sessions to be held on Wed 16 October & Wed 23 Oct. Not running on 24 Oct due to a whole school event.

P1-7 Christmas Pantomime Trip 2024

We have booked to go to the Grand Opera House, Belfast to see their performance of 'Peter Pan' on 11 December. 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 16 September 2024. The remaining balance of £10 must be paid on or before the 29 November.