

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Oct- Nov 2024

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Money Details

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.60 A DAY. The dinner menu is available on the school website under Parents section.

Snacks are 30p a day.

Money should be paid on SchoolMoney App. At the beginning of the month.

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 FREE' SCHOOL



WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO HAVE NUT ALLERGIES 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 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.

PARENT HELP

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

PARENT EVENT

We value the parent support we receive in Woods PS and want to continue to build a positive partnership with parents, welcoming our school community into school. We have organised 'Bring your parent to school' sessions where children are invited to bring their parent or guardian into school to work/play with them in their classroom to complete some fun activities.





We can accommodate half of each class at one time so we would ask you all to please let us know which session you plan to attend so that we can plan effectively for the fun afternoon. Click on the link sent out via text to let us know your preference. We will confirm the session you have been included in on 18 October. Thank you!

Thursday 24 October 'Bring your Parent to School Sessions'

Session 1 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Session 2 4.30pm - 5.15pm

17 Dec

19 Dec

20 Dec 21-6 Jan

Dates for the diary...

| 16 Oct | P7 Parent Interviews (8.45am - 3.30pm) | | |
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| 21 Oct | Flu Vaccination - nurses in school today. | | |
| 22 Oct | Tri-county Football Tournament Cookstown Leisure Centre | | |
| 24 Oct | P1-7 Parents & children Sessions at 3.30pm or 4.30pm We | | |
| | hope to see many of you there! | | |
| 25 Oct | School Closing P1-3 11.45am and P4-7 12 noon. NO MEALS. | | |
| 28 Oct | School Closed - HALF TERM HOLIDAY (5 days) | | |
| 4 Nov | Back to school Early Bird Club open | | |
| 6 Nov | P4 & P5 swimming | | |
| 11 Nov | Wear Odd Socks to school - brighter and more colourful the | | |
| | better for Anti-bullying week. | | |
| 12-14 Nov | Parent-Teacher Meetings -early closing after school dinner | | |
| | for P1-3 12.30pm, P4-7 12.45pm | | |
| 14 Nov | 9.10am Anti-Bullying Assembly by P6 - P6 Parents welcome to | | |
| | <mark>attend (approx 30 mins)</mark> | | |
| 5 Dec | P1 Open Afternoon Current P1-3 pupils go home at 12 noon | | |
| | after an early lunch provided in school. | | |
| 11 Dec | Pantomime Trip to GOH Belfast (more details to follow) | | |
| | Christmas Dinner – children can wear a Christmas top/jumper | | |
| | to school with uniform on bottom half. | | |
| 16 Dec | Christmas Concert P1-7 @ 1.30pm | | |
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Christmas Concerts P1-7 @10.30am & P1-7 6.45pm

Half Day P1-3 11.45am P4-7 12noon

Christmas Holidays - School closed

NO UNIFORM - Christmas Party Day- Party Dinner Today

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 will present an assembly on Thursday 25 October on how everyone can 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.



ECO AND PUPIL COUNCIL 2024-25

Pupil elections will take place on Wednesday 2 October. We will present our new ECO & Pupil Council members with their badges in assembly on 3 October 2024.

<u>Like New Uniform Items</u> 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 have donated 'like new' items for our school stock.

The Kindness Challenge

This October join us for a week of creating kindness in your school community while raising money for Childline.

Kindness Week At Woods PS 30 Sept - 4 October 2024

We are supporting the work of the NSPCC and asking each family to donate a small contribution to this charity (suggested £2 per child). The NSPCC will be visiting school on Thursday 10 October to provide workshops for our children on keeping safe and their childline services which provide support for children who need it 24/7.

Staff will be delivering lessons on what kindness is and how we can show kindness to others

We will be giving out tokens 'Caught being kind' to reward kind behaviour in school over the month of October. Please chat to your child about this work and encourage them to be kind to others.



P4 & P5 SWIMMING Term 1

P4 and P5 will swim 13 weeks in Term 1. Swimming lessons will continue until Wednesday 4 December. Thank you to all families who contributed towards the cost of the transport to the pool. The second payment of £25 will be due to be paid before 8 November 2024 via Schoolmoney App. Thank you for your continued support.





P7 Parents

* Reminder *

P7 Transfer Parent-Teacher
Meetings

on

Wednesday 16 October 2024

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

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

Keep us Updated - Children's Medical or SEN Needs

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 provide for your child appropriately in school, so we need to be kept up to date. Thank you for working in partnership with school staff.

Healthy Breaks

We encourage all children to have a healthy diet and lifestyle. This is reinforced through the Healthy Break provision in school. If your child chooses not to take a school healthy snack then please send in a healthy break e.g. bread, fruit, carrot sticks, yoghurt. No crisps, chocolate bars or sugary snacks.

Thank you for your support in this policy. We hope this will help all children to adopt healthy lifestyles for life.





After School Clubs Term 1 2024

To book your child's space please give your consent and pay via the SchoolMoney App. The 123 club will offer a range of indoor and outdoor play activities for the children with the following activities included from Monday 4 November:-

Monday Baking and indoor play

Tuesday Indoor/outdoor play weather permitting.

Wednesday Lego & Construction activities

Thursday Indoor/Outdoor play weather permitting.

Friday Christmas Art & Craft

P4-7 Clubs will commence on Monday 4 November 2024

| Mondays | 4, 11, 18 & 25 Nov | P5-7 Netball Club with Lisa | £6.00 |
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| Tuesday | 5, Not 12, 19 & 26 Nov | P6 & P7 Christmas Art&craft | £6.00 |
| Wednesday | 6, Not 13, 20, 27 Nov | P4 & P5 Christmas Art& craft | £6.00 |
| Thursday | 7 & 14 Nov | P7 TRANSFER CLUB | £4.00 |

CONSENT SHOULD BE GIVEN AND ALL PAYABLE ON THE SCHOOLMONEY APP

| P1-7 Parent-Teacher Meetings REPLY SLIP to be returned to school before Friday 11 October | | | | |
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| Children will go home after an early school dinner on 12-14 November to facilitate parent and teacher meetings in school 1pm-4.15pm. 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 12 November 2024 🔲 | | | | |
| Wednesday 13 November 2024 🗆 | | | | |
| Thursday 14 November 2024 🗆 | | | | |
| COMMENTS: Please give details of any days/times which are unsuitable for you or if you prefer a telephone call | | | | |
| Signed(Parent)(Date) | | | | |