



Money Details

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.60 A DAY. The December Menu 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 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 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.

Wednesday 18 December
123 Club Party
2-3pm
£2.50 per child
(Refreshments included)

If you have already booked the club that day, you do not need to pay extra. Everyone welcome!

Thank you for your donations to the Hope Christmas Appeal. We are delighted to be able to hand over these items to help the families in need in our area this Christmas.
THANK YOU!

Principal's Update

November has been a super busy month, especially for our P7 children and parents. We are so happy for our P7 pupils who have worked conscientiously this term and have completed their SEAG tests. Well done everyone - we are proud of you all.

All classes have been working hard and there has been so much kindness on display in school. The children in P4-7 have been working so hard to achieve their AR targets and we are delighted that we have 4 millionaire readers in school this term already and one child who has read 2 million words! To be able to read over one million words in a term is truly amazing and 2 million words is outstanding! Special congratulations to those pupils: Max Greer, Emily-Rose Caskey, Molly McKinstry (1 million words) and Aaron Church (2 million words).

There is such a lovely buzz in school as the excitement builds for Christmas. Rehearsals are underway with lively, tuneful singing and enthusiastic acting that keeps improving day by day! The staff are working extra hard to encourage and support the pupils to grow in confidence and carry out their roles as best they can on the stage.

We will look forward to welcoming parents and friends into school to celebrate this wonderful season with the children. We have included a reply slip on this Newsletter to allow you to order tickets for the three performances. We will then add the cost of your tickets to the SchoolMoney App.

Please complete and return this reply before 5 December to secure your tickets. We have limited space in our hall so we would ask that families only order up to 4 tickets in total at this stage. Please request the additional tickets you would like for each concert, and we will do our best to accommodate all requests. We will release the remainder of the tickets requested in week 9-13 Dec.

As you are all aware the school budget is extremely limited and so we will be fundraising at the Christmas concert by selling tickets and holding a raffle. If any of you have contacts with businesses who would be willing to donate prizes, please let us know - all prizes will be warmly received! To date we have the following prizes, which are wonderful:

- A Bperfect large bag & makeup worth £250 donated by Diane Nicholl
- Ice Hockey Tickets for 4 J & K Coaches
- 3 months FarmFLIX membership & a FarmFLIX Beanie, John McClean.
- £50 Voucher for Jungle NI
- Christmas Toy from Cuddys Magherafelt;
- 2 Hampers with Bertie's Bakery items, Gavin Hawthorne
- A Carvery Lunch for 2 @ Royal Hotel Cookstown, Heather Hawthorne.

We really appreciate your support. We will use the money raised to pay for buses for school trips, buy a new portable sound system and pay for ICT licenses for Maths programs as well as Christmas Show expenses.

Dates for the diary...

- 2 Dec Postbox available to post Christmas Cards for pupils
- 5 Dec P1 Open Afternoon - P1-3 go home at 12 noon after lunch.
- 6 Dec P7 go to Rainey for a Sports Activity Day
- 11 Dec Trip to the Grand Opera House Pantomime Children to be in school (in uniform) between 11.15-11.30am. Bus leaving at 12 noon sharp and returning **4.30pm**. Children should eat before coming into school. Please send a light snack and drink (water, sugar free juice, no fizzy) to have in the theatre (max 1 pk of sweets).
- 16 Dec Children in school at 9am and go home at P1-3 1pm and P4-7 1.15pm. Christmas Concert - 6.15pm start. Children in school @6pm in uniform.
- 17 Dec Christmas Concert 10.30am and children to go home afterwards or be collected at 12 noon (no dinner in school)
- 17 Dec Christmas Concert @ 6.15pm Children to be in school for 6pm.
- 18 Dec Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day & Santa run £2 to help children with Autism. Wear trainers and track bottoms/leggings.
- 19 Dec Christmas Party Day with a special visitor. No uniform.
- 20 Dec Assembly & Fun Games Morning P1-7 **NO UNIFORM**
Early closing P1-3 11.45am P4-7 12 noon

Please continue to spread the word and let people know about this event.



WOODS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOON

Thursday 5th December 2024

We invite parents and children (who are due to start school September 2025) to attend one of our two sessions:

Session 1: 1.15pm or Session 2: 2pm

We will look forward to welcoming you all and showing you around our wonderful school. Refreshments will be served on arrival. If these dates/times do not suit you please contact the school office to arrange another suitable time to visit us.



To register to attend for either session please telephone the school on 02879418415 or email: info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk

www.woodsprimaryschool.com

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ECO NEWS

We continue to collect plastic tops and send them to be recycled and made into plastic furniture. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to use our clothing bank and recycle your Christmas cards.

Thank you for your support.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 2

123 Club - This club will offer a range of play activities/coaching for the children.

Monday	Play
Tuesday	Indoor Play & Construction
Wednesday	Indoor Football Coach
Thursday	Multi-sport Coach
Friday	Craft and Play



P4-7 Clubs 3-4pm - To book your child's space, give your consent and pay - via the SchoolMoney App.

Mon	13,20,27 & 3 Feb	P5-7 Netball (Lisa)	£8.00
Tues	7,14,21,28 Jan & 4 Feb	P5-7 Hockey	FREE
Wed	8,15,22,29 Jan & 5 Feb	P4 & 5 Indoor Football	£15
Thur	9,16,23,30 Jan & 6 Feb	P6 & 7 Indoor Football	£15

**Please note Football includes girls and boys and there can be a max 24 pupils in a session. First come first served basis. Booking opens Tues 3 Dec 2024.*

ASSEMBLY AT WOODS

We have had a busy calendar of assemblies this term and especially enjoyed having our P6 Parents join us for our P6 Anti-bullying Assembly which focused on RESPECT. We will hopefully see more parents join us for their children's class assemblies as the year progresses. We will let you know when we have more dates for your diaries!

Woods P.S. Facebook Page & Instagram Account

We are planning to start a Woods Facebook and Instagram page to promote school events and connect with our parents and wider school community. Please complete the reply slip on the final page to let us know if you give your consent for your child's photo to be included. No children's names will be included with photos.

Please return the reply slips on the final page ASAP but not later than Thursday 5 December please.

Christmas Presents and Cards in school

Children are not allowed to bring in Christmas presents to give out to friends in school. If you wish to exchange presents, please do so outside of school hours as upset may be caused to other children who are not included, and items may get lost or broken in school.

Christmas cards can be exchanged, and these may be posted in the school postbox from Monday 2 December. Please ensure that the child's name and class are clearly written on the outside of the envelope. Pupil Council members will deliver these daily.



Christmas Jumper Swap

Any Christmas jumpers or tops that no longer fit your family? If so, why

not send them into school and the ECO Club will hold a Christmas Jumper stall on Frid 6 Dec 1.45-2.30pm.

Money raised will be given to Action Cancer NI.

This is a recycling initiative and helps our ECO club with their Green Flag targets for Recycling this year.

Thank you in advance for your support. Those who donate items will be given a ticket and will get to visit the stall first at 1.30pm on Friday 6 December.

CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE INCLUDED IN SOCIAL MEDIA

To help the school promote events and share information quickly with the school community we have decided to set up a school Facebook and Instagram Page/account.

I DO consent to my child's photo being added to social media (Facebook, Instagram) as part of the school promotional materials. e.g. celebrating success and promoting school activities, advertising events etc.

I DO NOT consent to my child's photo being added to the school social media (Face, Instagram) pages to promote the school and advertise events.

Child's Name/s _____

Signed _____ Parent \Guardian Date: _____

*Please note that your child's name will not be included with photos to comply with our school photography and safeguarding practice.

Please return this completed consent form (tick appropriate box) to school ASAP and no later than 5 December 2024. Thanks!

Survey for Parents on Proposed Wrap Around Care at WOODS PS

PARENT NAME: _____

1. Would you use after school wrap around care if it was available? Tick the relevant boxes.

A. 2-4pm

B. 2-5pm

C. 2-5.30pm

D. 3-5pm

E. 3-5.30pm

2. What days would you need the club to run? _____

3. How much are you willing to pay per hour? _____

Please return this to school before Frid 6 Dec 2024. Any parent who may be interested in helping with Early Bird or after school Club care please email or phone the office. Thank you for your feedback.

Christmas Concert Tickets 2025

Circle as appropriate. Tickets will be allocated on Schoolmoney and sent home once payment received. Thank You!

Monday 16 December Concert @ 6.15pm 1 / 2 / 3 Tickets £6 each

Tuesday 17 December Concert @ 10.30am 1 / 2 / 3 Tickets £5 each

Tuesday 17 December Concert @ 6.15pm 1 / 2 / 3 Tickets £6 each

Max 4 tickets can be bought at this stage. Please try to choose one evening concert at this point.

Please detail below if you would like more tickets and say which concerts you would like them for:

Child's name _____ Class _____

Childs name _____ Class _____

Signed _____ (Parent) Name: _____ Date _____

RETURN TO SCHOOL ASAP or before Thursday 5 December - Thank you!