



## THANK YOU EVERYONE!

We raised a wonderful £3641.40 at our Sponsored 'Ditch the Dark' Fun Run on Thursday 24 October 2019. We really appreciate the generosity of parents and the local community who support us. We have used this money to buy 5 new Computers and PE equipment. We strive to provide the best opportunities for all of our children and can only continue to do this with parent support. We also want to thank all parents who supported our recent book fair. We raised a fantastic £542 of commission on book sales and this will refresh our AR library and reading books.

### **SCHOOL CONCERTS 2019:- Wednesday 11 December at 9.30am (P1-3 only) & 6.45pm (Whole school ) and Thursday 12 December (P4-7 only) at 6.45 pm.**

P1-3 children should come into school in their uniform for the concerts. P4-P7 children will come into school for each concert performance in their concert clothes unless a school costume is being provided, if that is the case they will change out of uniform on arrival and change back before leaving school.

**Wednesday 11 December** – Normal school opening for 9am start. P1-3 children will go home at 1pm and P4-7 children will go home at 1.15pm. Children should return to school between **6.15 pm - 6.25 pm** Children only will enter through the playground door beside the staffroom (**wearing clothing as agreed with teacher**) for the evening concert which will start at 6.45 pm sharp. Parents should queue as normal at the main entrance, which will open at 6.20pm.

**Thursday 12 December** - School doors will open at 10.00 am for a 10.15 am school start. P4-7 children should return to school between 6.15 pm - 6.25 pm and enter through the playground door beside the staffroom. Parents should queue as normal at the main entrance which will open at **6.20pm**. **Please ensure that your child is not on school premises before 6.15pm as there will be no supervision. Children will use a separate door to adults this year. Thank you for following these procedures. They are put in place for everyone's safety.**

**Friday 13 December** – School will open doors @ 10am for a 10.15am start. Normal closing.

#### **SCHOOL POLICY ON PHOTOS TAKEN BY PARENTS AT WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS**

Parents are permitted to take photographs of their own children during a school performance or event. However, the school's Safeguarding Policy requires that photographs of other people's children **are not published on social networking sites such as Facebook**. Please respect other people's privacy and wishes.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| 1 Dec  | Woods Community Carol Service@ 6pm - Children to arrive in church at 5.15pm.  |
| 3 Dec  | Tag Rugby Event @ Rainey Endowed School   |
| 4 Dec  | Open Night for Prospective P1 pupils & families   |
| 5 Dec  | Please ensure children have their costumes in school by today(latest)   |
| 9 Dec  | Dress rehearsal in school.  |
| 10 Dec | Dress rehearsal with photographer in from The Derry Post.   |
| 11 Dec | <b>Morning concert P1-3 only @ 9.30am.</b> School closing after lunch P1-3 @ 1pm P4-7 1.15pm. <b>Whole school concert at 6.45pm</b> (Ticket only) Children should be back in school between 6.15- 6.25pm. <u>Please do not have children on school premises before 6.15pm as staff will not be available to supervise.</u>  |
| 12 Dec | <b>School opens at 10am for a 10.15am start today.</b> <u>Children go home early 1pm P1-3 &amp; older siblings. School closing@1.15pm P4-7</u> <b>P4-7 Concert at 6.45pm (Ticket only)</b> Children should return to school between 6.15pm – 6.25pm. <u>Please do not have children on school premises before 6.15pm as staff will not be available to supervise.</u> |
| 13 Dec | <b>School opens at 10am for a later start at 10.15am.</b> Donations to 'Magherafelt Foodbank' and 'Cash for Kids' can be left in the boxes at the front door today (see pupil council flier).   |
| 16 Dec | <b>Christmas Dinner in school</b> – children wear Christmas jumpers/tops (No uniform) and accessories today! <b>Pay £1 for the sponsored child project (Charity).</b>   |
| 17 Dec | <b>PANTO TRIP</b> School opens @ 11am. Bus leaving at 11.30am and returning 4.45pm. <b>Children wear school uniform</b> and bring a packed lunch to eat in the theatre. Disposable containers if possible.  |
| 18 Dec | <b>Christmas Party Day, FREE No uniform day, 123 Club Party 2-3pm.</b>  |
| 19 Dec | <b>Healthy Eating Talks (School Nurse) and fun activities today (Free Non Uniform Day).</b>   |

## 123 CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The new timetables for January will be circulated next week when all clubs have all been confirmed. They should be returned to school, with payment, on **Tuesday 7 January 2020**. **Children will not be permitted to stay for any club until a consent slip and money has been received by the school.**

**No Early Bird Club:**  
**12, 13 AND 17 DECEMBER DUE TO LATER START TIME. ALL OTHER DAYS IT WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL.**

### SNACK

Dec	£ 3.90
Jan	£ 5.70

### INSTRUMENTS

If your child plays an instrument (violin/flute/guitar) please ensure they have them in school every day until the concerts are over.

### NO HOMEWORKS!

Written homeworks will finish on 28 November. Thank you to all parents for your dedication to supervising your child's homework in Term 1. For the coming weeks we would ask that children still read in their spare time and revise spellings. Closer to the holidays we will take a total break from homework.

### WATER BOTTLES

We want to thank NI Water for their generous gift of reusable Water Bottles. Please remember to name your child's bottle.



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lennox on the birth of their second son, Lewis. Mr Lennox is currently spending time with his family and adjusting to life as a family of 4! We wish them all well.

### Parent Consultation on the New Behaviour Policy

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to read the new proposed Behaviour Policy. We appreciate your feedback and will reward the children in January 2020 with a homework pass for every survey completed.

### Good News! FREE MS Office on up to 5 devices for all parents/staff

If you are planning on buying a new personal device including laptops and tablets MS Office is available FREE with a c2k username on up to 5 personal devices in 4 easy steps.

- 1 Visit <http://portal.office.com>
- 2 Enter C2k username in the format [ouser123@c2ken.net](mailto:ouser123@c2ken.net)
- 3 At the next box enter (i) your c2k username ouser123 and (ii) password
- 4 Download the version of MS Office you require.

### Recycling at WOODS PS

Thank you to those parents who contributed to the CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION recently. We were delighted with the response and this also generates income for the school which can be spent on school resources. The clothing bank can be added to at any time and is emptied every fortnight. Please add to it when you have items to recycle.

### Wanted! Plastic bottle tops – all colours & sizes please!

The ECO committee are currently collecting plastic bottle tops for an art project we plan to complete early January 2020. Could you please send any washed bottle tops into school in the coming weeks?

### RECYCLING BATTERIES

Please send in any old batteries to school – there is a collection box at the front door. This will help our ECO committee meet its targets for this year!

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

If any parent wants more tickets for a concert, please contact the office and if there is demand we will run the P4-7 programme on the Wednesday morning as well. We do not want to disappoint anyone, but we do have a limit on the number of seats we can put in the school hall. If you have a ticket for the Wednesday night and you are not planning to use it, or are willing to change it to the Thursday night please contact the Office. We have a reserve list. Thanks!

### SWIMMING TERM 2

Swimming will commence on **Friday 10 January 2020 for P6 and P7** for 11 weeks. Parents should pay £28 for the term to help school cover transport costs. School will pay for the swimming lessons.

**Keep an eye on the school website for the latest news and information!**