



## Dates for your diary...

### FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

#### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

SCHOOL STARTS AT 10 AM

Children are asked to wear their **Christmas jumper or Christmas top on this day and pay £1** for our sponsored child project. NORMAL going home arrangements will apply.



### MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

#### P1 - P3 CHRISTMAS PARTY

9.30 am - 11.30am

#### P4 - P7 CHRISTMAS PARTY

1 pm - 3 pm

All children should wear their own clothes on this day. (Free Non Uniform Day)

### TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

#### TRIP TO THE

#### GRAND OPERA HOUSE TO SEE



All children must:

- Be in school between **11.35 am and 11.45 am.**
- Wear full school uniform.
- Have lunch at home before coming to school.
- Bring a small sandwich/bag of crisps/sweets to eat (if you wish) and a small disposable drink in a named plastic bag.
- **NO fizzy drinks allowed.**

Please note that your child will be carrying their own bag. **NO** lunchboxes as we hope to dispose of all scraps.

We hope to be back for approx 4.45 pm – 5.00 pm, depending on traffic.

**Children should be collected from inside the school hall.**



## Thank you!

We raised a wonderful £2981.50 at our Sponsored Dance Day on Friday 27 October 2017. We really appreciate the generosity of parents and the local community who support us. We will use this money to fund new resources for all classes to use in ICT and across the curriculum as we strive to provide the best opportunities for all of our children!

## SCHOOL CONCERTS

As you know this year we are holding 3 Christmas Concerts:

**Wednesday 13 December at 10.00 am and 6.45 pm**

**And Thursday 14 December at 6.45 pm**



**P4 - P5 children should come into school for each concert performance in their Christmas top/jumper and leggings/jeans/skirt & tights.**

**P1 – P3 and P6 & P7 – notes from teachers.**

### Wednesday 13 December -

Children will go home after the morning concert with their parent or be picked up at **12 noon.** J & K Coaches will collect the children at 11.45 am but Ulsterbus will be unable to accommodate us. The children should return to school **between 6.15 pm and 6.30pm** (**wearing clothing as agreed with teacher** - see separate note) for the evening concert which will start at 6.45 pm sharp.

### Thursday 14 December -

School doors will open at 9.45 am for a 10.00 am school start. The **PHOTOGRAPHER** will be in school to take the children's photos in their costumes. **Children should bring in the clothes needed for the concert performance to dress up for the photographer.** These clothes will then be sent home for children to wear into school on Thursday evening for the concert.

J&K Coach will accommodate us on this day and pick-up will be **approx 1 hour later** than usual. There **will be a normal school closing of 2 pm or 3 pm.** Children should all return to school between 6.15 pm - 6.30 pm for the final show **starting at 6.45pm** sharp.

### Friday 15 December -

School doors will open at **9.45 am for a 10 am start.** J & K coaches will accommodate us on this day and pick up will be **approx. 1 hour later than usual.** **There will be a normal school closing of 2 pm or 3 pm.** **This will be a non-uniform day** – children may wear their Christmas jumper/top to the Christmas Dinner.

### FUNDRAISING AT THE CONCERTS

We will not be charging for admission to the concerts this year. However, we will be fundraising and the proceeds of both Wednesday concerts will be donated to Antrim Neonatal Unit and the proceeds of the Thursday evening concert will go to school funds.

The concert will have a short interval to accommodate parents who want to leave early before the P4 - P7 play. We envisage being finished at approx 8pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### IMPORTANT UPDATE!

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

Parents/carers 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.

## Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Davidson on the birth of their baby daughter, Emily.

In light of the care, she and a number of other local premature babies have received, we have decided to donate the proceeds of the Wednesday concerts to Antrim Hospital, Neonatal Unit.



## P4-7 FUN SCIENCE SHOW

(Previously planned for  
16 October 2017)

In Woods Primary School Hall  
on Wednesday 10 January 2018  
6.45pm  
Everyone welcome!

## 123 CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The new timetables for January are attached. They should be returned to school, with payment, on **Thursday 4 January 2018. Children will not be permitted to stay for any club until a consent slip and money have been received by the school.**

### EARLY BIRD CLUB

**NO EARLY BIRD CLUB:**

**THURS 14 DEC, FRIDAY 15 DEC AND  
TUESDAY 19 DEC.**

A new Early Bird form is attached and should be returned by **Thursday 4 January 2018.**

### EDUCATION AUTHORITY MUSIC

There are a few payments still outstanding for the first installment due by 23 October. We would appreciate it if this could be paid before the end of term. The second payment will be due **by Friday 5 January 2018.**



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

Dec	£3.00
Jan	£6.00



### SCHOOL SECURITY

You will notice at Playtime that all pedestrian gates will be locked. These will be opened again when the children are inside the building. Please be patient with us until we get into good routine. We are all only human and occasionally may forget to open a gate!! The children's safety is always our first priority.



### TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Congratulations to our P6 & P7 Boys football team on winning the Tri-County Football tournament this year (third year running!). We were joint winners with Orritor P. School and Cookstown P. School. Keep up the great teamwork boys! Thanks to Mr Lennox and Mrs Boyle for accompanying the teams to the tournaments.

### RAINEY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our P6 & P7 boys Football team who took first place at the Rainey Football tournament on 16 November and the P6 girls Football team who were 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the girls section of the tournament. Brilliant work everyone! Thanks to Mrs Lorna Patterson and Mrs Jayne Clements for accompanying the teams on the day.

### NETBALL TOURNAMENT

**FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY, COOKSTOWN LEISURE CENTRE**

If any parent would like to accompany and transport the girls to the tournament please contact Mrs White ASAP.

### WOODS P. S. ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2016/17

This report will be available on our school website under the 'Parents' heading from Monday 18 December. Please feel free to read the report and put your questions regarding its contents in writing to Mrs White, before Friday 12 January 2018. Paper copies are available on request from the school office after 18 December.



We would like to sell as many tickets as possible for our anniversary dinner on Friday 9 February 2018. Parents, please spread the word and ask friends, past pupils and family members to come along. Tickets are £25 each. If you would like to buy some, please send in the reply slip and money to the school office and the tickets can be sent home with your child. Alternatively, you can visit the office in person between 8.45 am and 2.45 pm. Cheques should be made payable to 'WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL'. If you are planning to attend the dinner please let us know if you have any dietary requirements before 2 February 2018.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WOODS PS**



Woods P S will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. On this day the children will be having a special birthday party in school. They will get the opportunity to design their own party hat, play traditional party games and have a slice of birthday cake.

### 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 [auser123@c2ken.net](mailto:auser123@c2ken.net)
- 3 At the next box enter (i) your c2k username auser123 and (ii) password
- 4 Download the version of MSOffice you require

If your child does not know their username/password please contact the class teacher or school office.

**P1 APPLICATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**



Application Forms for the 2018 September Intake are available from Wednesday 29 November 2017 at the school Open Night (29 November) or on collection from the school office.

**The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 12 noon.**



**WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2018**



Child(ren)'s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send home \_\_\_\_\_ tickets with my child for the Anniversary Dinner in the Royal Hotel, Cookstown.  
I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets, for collection from the school office.  
I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS  
JAN/FEB 2018**



Please tick the boxes of the clubs you are interested in joining.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| P4-7 Hockey - FREE             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P4-7 Netball - £6              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P7 Coding & ipad (Max 12) - £6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P4-5 ICT Club(MAX 18) - FREE   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P4-5 K'Nex Club - £6           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |
| P7 French Club - £1.50         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Child's Name: _____ | Class: _____ |

I give permission for my child to take part in the After School Clubs ticked and have enclosed payment.  
I enclose: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)