



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 29 October – 2 November 2018 (inclusive)
School re-opens on Monday 5 November at 8.15 am for Early Bird Club; remainder of the school at 8.45 am.

FITNESS DAY FUNDRAISER

Don't forget our Non-Uniform and sponsored Fitness Day on Friday 26 October.

Children should wear trainers/comfortable shoes. This will be a normal school day and swimming will run for P5 children in the afternoon, as normal.

All donations and sponsor cards should be returned to school by week commencing Mon 22 October. Thank you for your support.

123 CLUB

Remember our Half Term party for P1-P3 children will be on Friday 26 October at a cost of £2.

New registration forms for 123 Club should be returned by Monday 5 November please.

HEALTHY SNACK

November £6.00

Please note that if you paid £6.30 for October then please deduct 30p from this month.

PUPIL COUNCIL NEWS

We want to say a special thank you to Jill Love for kindly donating a large pumpkin to school. Our Pupil Council came up with the idea of having a raffle to see who could take it home!

TICKETS will be sold 50p each on Friday 26 October @ 10.15am

Draw to take place at 12.30pm.



School Open Night for P1 Wednesday 5 December 2018

6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Please invite any new families in the area or any family with a child ready to start P1 in September 2019.

PARENT INTERVIEWS IN SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2018

Tuesday 20 November – Thursday 22 November

School will close at 1.30 pm for P1- P4 pupils and older siblings and 1.45pm for P5 - P7 children on these dates.

J & K Coaches will run at 1.45 pm and Ulsterbus will run at 2 pm.

You should notify the teacher, in writing, if any child will be using these buses who does not normally do so.

Please note there will be no 123 club on these dates.

AR READING SCHEME

During school hours we timetable quiet reading time for all P4-7 classes. Your children should always bring their AR book to school so that they can make good use of this timetabled session. If parents could encourage their child to put their AR book back into their schoolbag after they read each night that would be most helpful. Congratulations to those children who have already reached 50% or 100% of their target on the AR scheme. Keep up the great reading everyone!

BOOK FAIR VISITING SCHOOL

The book fair will be back in school on 14 November. The fair will be open to parents as follows:

Thursday 15 November	2-2.30pm and 3- 3.30pm
Monday 19 November	2-.2.30pm and 3.3.30pm
Tuesday 20 November	2-.2.30pm in the assembly hall

Please note that our school will receive 60% commission on book sales and with this money we want to buy more reading materials for use in all classes. The fair will also be open to pupils in school hours on Thursday 15 November and Monday 19 November. If you are sending in money with your child, please put it in a named purse.

ANTI-BULLYING WORK AT WOODS P. S. NOVEMBER 2018

During this month we will be talking to the children about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to everyone at school. We will address what bullying is and what to do if we are being bullied? We will remind the children to always treat others the way we want to be treated ourselves.

We are running an Anti-bullying Poster Competition in school and all posters must be with your child's class teacher by Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 9am. Winners from each class will be announced in assembly on Friday 23 November.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDER 'CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN SCHOOL'

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

Christmas Concerts 2018

Due to the limited space in the hall we will have to sell tickets to ensure that we can provide seats for all of our families wishing to attend our Christmas concerts. Initially families may purchase up to 4 tickets in total over the 2 shows. Please return the reply slip and money to school (tickets £5 each) by Monday 19 November. Cheques should be made out to 'Woods Primary School'. If there is demand for a third performance, we will have this on Tuesday morning.

Wednesday 12 December @6.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NORMAL OPENING • School Closing at 1.30pm P1-3 & older siblings • School Closing @1.40pm for P4-7 with no younger siblings. • J & K Coaches will run at 1.30pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening concert 6.45pm start. Children should be brought back into school at 6.15-6.25pm. • P1-3 children may be collected at 7.30pm or after the concert has finished (if parents are staying @approx. 8.15pm).
Thursday 13 December @ 6.45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later start – school opening at 10am • School will close at 1.30pm P1-3 & older siblings • School Closing @1.40pm for P4-7 with no younger siblings. • J & K Coaches will run at 1.30pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children returning to school at 6.15pm for the concert to start @ 6.45pm. • P1-3 children may be collected at 7.30pm or after the concert has finished (if parents are staying to watch the whole concert approx. 8.15pm).
Friday 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will start at the later time of 10am. • Colin Tinsley Christmas Assembly @11am. Children will be in school until the normal 2pm or 3pm finish. 	

IMPORTANT DATES

5 November	P7 pupils will visit Magherafelt High School (9.30-12noon)
7 November	P6 shared Lessons with St Trea's @WOODS
9 November	Anti-Bullying Assembly by P6
14 November	P6 Shared Lessons with St Trea's @ St Trea's PS
15 November	BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL 2-2.30pm & 3-3.30pm
16 November	Tri-County Football Tournament (P6/7) 10-12 noon Cookstown Leisure Centre
19 November	BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL 2-2.30pm & 3-3.30pm
20 November	PARENT INTERVIEWS School closing early today/Book Fair in the hall @2pm
21 November	P6 Shared Lesson with St Trea's @Woods/PARENT INTERVIEWS Early closing
22 November	PARENT INTERVIEWS - Early closing
23 November	Anti-Bullying Poster Competition Winners in Assembly
28 November	P6 Shared Education @ St Trea's P.S.

TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2018

FOLLOWING THE FEEDBACK FROM LAST YEAR'S CONCERTS PARENTS FELT THAT THE CHILDREN WERE VERY TIRED WITH 3 CONCERTS THEREFORE WE HAVE DECIDED TO TRIAL THIS NEW FORMAT. HOWEVER, IF BOTH EVENING SHOWS ARE SOLD OUT AND YOU HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RECEIVE ENOUGH TICKETS WE WILL CONSIDER RUNNING THE TUESDAY MORNING SHOW.

Please note that we can only sell a maximum of 2 tickets per concert per family, at this time, due to limited space in the hall.

Please complete and return the following slip with your money to the school by Monday 19 November.

I wish to purchase _____ tickets for the concert on **Wednesday 12 December @ 6.45pm**

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I enclose £_____ CASH or a cheque (payable to: Woods Primary School) for the tickets requested, £5 per ticket.

Child/ren's Name(s): _____

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS

If all available tickets have not been purchased by **Tuesday 27 November** we will be making these tickets available to all families **on a first come first served basis on Wednesday 28 November from the school office.**

If all tickets have been sold for the evening performances and there is still a demand for more tickets, we will at this point consider the Tuesday morning performance. If this becomes an option, we will text parents to let them know. Please do let us know if you do not get the tickets that you need.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NOVEMBER 2018

See the attached timetable and return the reply slips with payments ASAP. Your child will not be allowed to stay for the club until the payment has been made. Please tick the boxes of the clubs your child is interested in joining.

Christmas Craft (Tues P6-7) £6 Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Book Club (Wed P4-5) - £4 Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Christmas Craft (Thurs) P4-P5 £6 Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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

I give permission for my child's photo to be taken during the activities for the school website.

I enclose: £ _____ CASH / CHEQUE / ONLINE PAYMENT Circle as appropriate.

Signed: _____ (Parent) _____ (Date)