



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 28 October – 1 November 2019 (inclusive)
School re-opens on Monday 4 November at 8.15 am for Early Bird Club; remainder of the school at 8.45 am.

'DITCH THE DARK' FUN RUN

Don't forget our Ditch the Dark Sponsored Fun Run on Thursday 24 October and Active assembly on Friday 25 October. Please note change of date due to weather forecast!

Children should wear trainers and bright clothing on both days. Bring a hat & coat as the children will be spectating when other classes are participating in the run. Look out for photos on the school website.

Swimming will be on as normal for P6 children on Friday afternoon.

All donations and sponsor cards should be returned to school by 25 October.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

123 CLUB

New registration forms for 123 Club should be returned by Monday 4 November with payment attached.

HEALTHY SNACK

November £6.00

Royal British Legion

Poppies and stationary will be on sale in school week commencing 4 November. Items cost between 50p and £1.50.



**School Open Night for P1
Wednesday 4 December 2019
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 2020.**

PARENT INTERVIEWS IN SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2019

Wednesday 20 November – Thursday 21 November

School will close at 12.30 pm for P1- P4 pupils and older siblings and 12.45pm for P5 - P7 children on these dates.

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

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 this term. 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 14 November	2-2.15pm and 3- 3.15pm
Monday 18 November	2 -2.15pm and 3-3.15pm
Wednesday 20 November	1- 2 pm

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 14 November and Monday 18 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 2019

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 looking forward to the P6 Anti-bullying assembly on 14 November. The local PSNI officer will visit classes to remind children about online safety rules and warn of the dangers of misusing digital technology. Parents should monitor their child's use of the internet at home and ensure that their child behaves appropriately when online.

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 Cards can be exchanged in school from Monday 9 December 2019.

Christmas Concerts 2019

Due to the limited space in the hall we will be selling 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 6 tickets in total. Please return the reply slip and money to school (tickets £5 each) by Monday 18 November. Cheques should be made out to 'Woods Primary School'.

Wednesday 11 December @ 9.30am P1-3 Children only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NORMAL 9am start School Closing at 1pm P1-3 & older siblings School Closing @1.15pm for P4-7 with no younger siblings. 	<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).
Wednesday 11 December @ 6.45pm Whole school P1-7		
Thursday 12 December @ 6.45pm P4-7 children only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Later start – school opening at 10am School will close at 1pm P1-3 & older siblings School Closing @1.15pm 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.
Friday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will start at the later time of 10am. 	Normal going home arrangements.

IMPORTANT DATES

4 November	P7 pupils will visit Magherafelt High / KS2 Internet Safety Talks
5 November	Litter pick & ECO TALK P5-7 on 'Recycling and Waste'.
6 November	1.30pm -P5 Shared PE Lessons (5 wks) with St Trea's Primary @ Meadowbank
13 November	P7 Shared Trip with St Trea's P. S. to Radar Safety Centre in Belfast
14 November	BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL 2-2.15pm & 3-3.15pm
14 November	Anti-Bullying Assembly by P6
15 November	Tri-County Football Tournament (P6/7) 10-12 noon Cookstown Leisure Centre
18 November	Online questionnaire - Link will be texted to all parents on the NEW Behaviour Policy in school. When completed each child in the family will receive a 'Homework Pass'.
19 November	Water Bus - P4-7 classes/ P6 trip to the Planetarium
18 November	BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL 2-2.15pm & 3-3.15pm
20 November	PARENT INTERVIEWS School closing @12.30/12.45pm BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL HALL @ 1-2pm.
21 November	PARENT INTERVIEWS Early closing @12.30/12.45pm
21 November	CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION - Bags to be left in the school hall(18-20 Nov)
1 December	Nativity Scene Festival & Community Carol Service P4-7 children on Sunday 1 December at Woods Parish Church @ 6pm. More details closer to the time.

TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2019

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. **If you only have a child in P1-3 we would encourage you to attend on Wednesday morning or evening.** If you only have a child or children in **P4-7 please come along on Thursday evening** leaving parents who have children in both ends of the school to buy tickets for Wednesday evening (whole school performance).

Please note that we can only sell a maximum of 6 tickets 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 18 November.

I wish to purchase _____ tickets for the concert on **Wednesday 12 December @9.30am (P1-3 ONLY)**

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

I wish to purchase _____ tickets for the concert on **Thursday 13 December @ 6.45pm (P4-7 ONLY)**

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 **Wednesday 27 November** we will be making these tickets available to all families **on a first come first served basis on Thursday 28 November from the school office.** Please do let us know if you do not get the tickets that you need. We will try our best to accommodate everyone!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NOVEMBER 2019

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 (Wed P6-7) £4.50 Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Netball Club (Tues P4-7) - £4.50 Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Christmas Craft (Thurs P4-P5) £4.50 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)