



FUN SCIENCE SHOW MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2017 6.45 PM - 7.45 PM

We would like to invite all P4 - P7 children and parents to a fun Science show to be held in our school hall on Monday 16 October 2017. This will be funded through the Shared Education Project and we will invite St Trea's Primary School P4-7 children and parents to join us for this session. Please complete the reply slip and return to school **before Friday 29 September** to let us know if you will be able to attend.

PARENT INTERVIEWS (P1 – P7) 14, 15 & 16 NOVEMBER 2017

School will close at 1.30 pm (P1 - P3 and older siblings) and 1.45 pm (P4 - P7) to facilitate Parent Interviews on these days.

NO 123 Club on these days.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2017

Wed 13 December Morning & Evening
Thursday 14 December (School will start at 11am on this day). Evening concert only.
More details later.

PROSPECTIVE P1 OPEN NIGHT 29 NOVEMBER 2017 6.30PM – 7.30 PM

If you know any families who have a child due to start school in September 2018 please invite them to come along and meet us. Parents and children are welcome to attend.

MONEY DETAILS

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE NOW £2.60 A DAY.

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| SNACK | SEPT | £6.60 |
| | OCT | £6.00 |



EARLY BIRD CLUB 8.15 AM - 8.45AM

This club continues to be popular and costs 50p a day for any child wishing to attend.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2017/18 * AMENDED*

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| OCT | 30 AND 31 (2 DAYS) |
| NOV | 1 - 3 (3 DAYS) |
| DEC | 21 – 31(7 DAYS) |
| JAN | 1 - 3 (3 DAYS) |
| FEB | 15 – 16 (2 DAYS) |
| MAR | 26-30 (5 DAYS) |
| APRIL | 2 - 6 (5 DAYS) |
| MAY | 7, 28 – 31 (5 DAYS) |
| JUNE | 1 (1 DAY) |

SCHOOL WILL FINISH ON FRIDAY 29 JUNE.



PEANUT FREE ZONE!

Do NOT SEND INTO SCHOOL ANY PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER OR ANY FOODS CONTAINING PEANUTS.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT NUTELLA SPREAD IS SAFE AS IT DOES NOT CONTAIN PEANUTS. PLEASE CHECK THE INGREDIENTS ON FOOD ITEMS BEFORE YOU PACK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHBOX, IF IT SAYS MAY CONTAIN PEANUTS IT IS NOT SAFE, OTHER TREE NUTS ARE OK HOWEVER IF IN DOUBT PLEASE SEND AN ALTERNATIVE.

School Photographer Visiting Woods Wednesday 11 October 2017



Make sure you are looking your best!

Pre-school children may come in with their parents for a photo with their family before school from 8.30am.

P7 children may bring in a change of clothes if they would like some casual friendship group pictures.

SPONSORED DANCE DAY AT WOODS P S



We are planning a whole school Sponsored Dance on Friday 27 October, during school hours. The children will wear their own clothes (**flat sports shoes please**) and participate in fun dances prepared by and led by members of staff. This will help keep everyone fit and hopefully raise some extra school funds for new ICT equipment. Sponsor cards will be sent home and should be returned to school before 27 October, at the latest! Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME TRIP

The final payment for The Opera House trip is now overdue. If you have not returned the reply slip please fill in and return the attached slip along with your £10 contribution to your child's class teacher ASAP. Final numbers will be given to The Opera House next week.



E.A. MUSIC LESSONS - P4-7 CHILDREN

We have three music tutors in school who teach groups of children instruments as follows:

- Guitars Tuesday
- Woodwind (Flutes) Thursday
- Violins (Strings) Friday

If your child has committed to taking lessons during the year then we would ask that parents should encourage their child to practise their music pieces 4-5 times (approx. 10mins) during the week, in preparation for their next music lesson, in order to make the desired progress. Please also make sure your child remembers to bring in their instrument on the correct day to make the most of lesson time.

ONCE A WEEK... TAKE A PEEK!

When headlice are present in the school population they can spread easily. Early detection is the key and treatments are available from local pharmacies.

123 CLUB HALF TERM PARTY FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017 2 PM-3 PM

Any child from P1 – P3 who wants to attend should return the reply slip and £2 to their class teacher ASAP.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

We would appreciate it if any parents paying After School/123/Early Bird clubs by voucher would **itemize these clubs and name the child on their payment.**

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

Now that your children have settled into class again we request that in the morning P2 - P4 are left at the front door and children from P5 - P7 should be left at the gate. ALL parents should watch until their child walks safely in through the front door. This gradually builds independence in your child. Parents of P1 children are welcome to come in with their child, if needed. The aim should be to leave them at the top of the corridor, working towards dropping off at the front door **after Half Term.** The Child Protection policy is that all visitors should sign in at the office when entering the building. If you need to talk to the teacher, please speak to the secretary to arrange a suitable time to visit school or phone and have a chat. Thank you for your support.

PE UNIFORM – This should be sent to school in a named bag ASAP.

- Sky blue round neck t-shirt with motif (available at RA Cuddy)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers for cooler weather
- Black plimsols for indoor PE lessons. Trainers will only be needed for certain outdoor activities and you will be notified when they are required.

We would remind all parents to name each item of PE Kit, uniform and coats to avoid confusion and help to prevent loss.

PARTY INVITATIONS IN SCHOOL

We have been made aware of the upset caused by children feeling 'left out' when party invitations are distributed in class and all of one gender are not invited. This upset hinders children's ability to focus on their learning and puts teachers in a difficult position. Our priority is the children's happiness, contentment at school and their learning. Our school policy is as follows:

'At Woods Primary School party invitations should only be given out during the school day when all of the same gender in a class, or the whole class, is being invited.'

We understand that some people prefer to arrange smaller parties but it would be appreciated if the invites were distributed outside of school hours or by texting parents.

EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please take time to read our Exceptional School Closure policy and sign and return the reply slip.

Be aware all parent should notify school of any changes to their contact details/ travel home arrangements as soon as possible.

Parents, can you help us?

We need some help from parents over the next year to help our school provide a broad range of experiences for our children. If you are willing to assist with After School sessions in Football, Hockey or Art and Craft, please let us know. We would also like to paint our sheds outside to help maintain them.

If you are willing to do this voluntary work please complete the reply slip attached and return to school ASAP.

ECO WORK AT WOODS



Cash for Clobber – Recycle textiles for CASH

We have sent home bin bags to be filled with items to be recycled like old coats, old shoes, handbags, etc. Please return filled bin bags on **Mon 6 or Tue 7 November** (Leave in the school hall). Bags can also be dropped into our clothing bank at any time, if this suits better. The money raised will go towards school funds and help to pay for resources.

Recycling batteries

We can recycle old household batteries at school. If you have any, please send them into school and put them in the red collection box at the front door.

Bryson Energy Efficiency Talk - P6 and P7 - 2 October 2017

The children will learn about the importance of saving energy as part of our eco work in the school.

MR HULLABALOO ANTI-BULLYING SHOW

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2017

9.30-10.30AM

P1-3 children from Woods and St Trea's P S will come together for an anti-bullying show in our school hall. The show will reinforce the messages of being a good friend to others and treat others the way you want to be treated. This event will be funded by shared education.



50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

To be held in school on Thursday 5 October 2017 @7.45pm
Everyone willing to help out in any way at our two events to celebrate 50 years of Woods Primary School will be very welcome.

POUND COINS

Please remember we cannot accept old pound coins after Monday 9 October.



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

During the Half Term holidays the contractor will attempt to finish the final phase of the traffic management system at our school. This will involve re-surfacing the exit road from the school onto the Oaklea Road and erecting new 'Give Way' signage. Please drive carefully during these works on return to school in November. They should be completed by 10 November 2017.



EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURES POLICY

(In the event of extreme weather)

An exceptional closure is unplanned, and is due to unforeseen circumstances such as adverse weather conditions, power failure, or situations which affect the safety of pupils and staff.

In times of extreme weather, such as a heavy snowfall, the Principal will consider and carry out a risk assessment based on the following issues:

- Transport – Can buses, meal deliveries etc reach the school, particularly if the unforeseen circumstances affect a large proportion of pupils?
- Can pupils and staff access the school building safely?
- Can pupils and staff be evacuated in an emergency?
- In an emergency, could the Emergency Services access the school?
- Is the area designated for disembarkation from transport safe for pupils?
- If a limited number of staff and pupils can attend, is the Pupil Teacher Ratio acceptable?

The Principal will endeavour to make a decision at the earliest possible time. Decisions the night before can only be taken when all the indications are that adverse conditions will continue overnight.

Every effort will be made by the School Building Supervisor to ensure that the grounds and building are safe for use.

Should continuing severe weather conditions throughout the school day impact further on the risk assessment then a decision to close early will be communicated to parents and staff at the earliest possible time.

We would appreciate every reasonable effort by staff to get to work. It is essential that staff and parents/carers keep in communication with the school as to their current position.

In the event of school closure the following procedures will be followed:

1. A note placed on the School website front page.
2. A text to a parent's mobile or if you wish to nominate an alternative number, please contact the school office with details.
3. If we decide to close early a text or telephone call from the school.
4. If in doubt please phone the school.

It is always very important that parents make informed decisions on the safety of their children travelling on dangerous roads regardless of whether the school is open or closed.

Parents should not post details of school closures on social media sites.

This is not controlled by the school and, as happened previously, inaccurate information can quickly circulate in the community.

SHARED EDUCATION FUN SCIENCE SHOW AT WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 16 OCTOBER 2017
SUITABLE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN P4 - P7

No of adults to attend: _____ No of children to attend: _____

Name(s) of child(ren)/Class: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent) Date _____



WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME



I do allow*/Do not allow* my child(ren) _____

To go to The Grand Opera House, Belfast to see 'Peter Pan' on Tuesday 19 December 2017.

I enclose £ _____ contribution (£10 PER CHILD).

Signed _____ (Parent) _____ (Date)

It is very important that these reply slips come in promptly as alterations to numbers cannot be made after the final payment which will be paid to the Opera House on Wednesday 27 September 2017.

PARENTS WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

- After School Clubs – Football/Hockey/Art And Craft/Other _____ YES/NO
- Supervise voluntarily on school trips YES/NO
- Gardening and painting sheds YES/NO

Please indicate your willingness to undergo an Enhanced Police Check to comply with our Child Protection policy. YES/NO

Parent Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

TEMPORARY STAFF

Volunteers for PAID temporary work in our school eg classroom assistants, cleaner, lunchtime supervisor or secretarial.

From time to time we need temporary staff to fill in for sickness or staff absence. If you are interested in this type of short term work in school please complete the reply slip and return it to the school office.

I am interested in the following type of work on a temporary basis:

(Please tick as appropriate)

Classroom Assistant Cleaner Lunchtime Supervisor Secretary

I am available on these days:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

(Please tick as appropriate)

Signed: _____ Child's Name: _____

123 CLUB HALF TERM PARTY
FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017 2 PM-3 PM
OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN P1 – P3



My child(ren) _____ will be attending the 123 Club Half Term party.

I enclose £2 per child: £ _____

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)

PRE-ADMISSION FORM

Education Authority policy dictates that all schools should make a 3-year financial plan. To assist us in making this as accurate as possible it would be very helpful to have a more accurate idea of future enrolment trends. With this in mind we are asking you to complete the attached pre-admission form and return it to the school office. If you know of any family, friends or neighbours who are considering sending their child to Woods Primary School it would be greatly appreciated if you could give them a form or ask them to contact the school so they can be added to our pre-admission list.

Please note that this form is for our information only and in the January of the year your child is to start school an official form must still be filled in.



WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRE-ADMISSION FORM

*Together we Learn
Together we Achieve*

| PARENT'S NAME | ADDRESS | CHILD'S NAME | DATE OF BIRTH |
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