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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Money Details

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.60 A DAY. Snacks are 30p a day. SNACK NOV £5.40 Money should be paid on SchoolMoney App.

EARLY BIRD CLUB 8.15-8.45am

Where? In the school hall or outside in the playground weather permitting £1.50 a day Booked and paid on SchoolMoney App.

HEALTHY HAPPY MINDS PROJECT

To develop resilience, ability to cope with stress, anxiety, and change. If you feel that your child could benefit from these sessions and you would like to find out more, please contact Mrs White or your child's class teacher ASAP.

| <u>Dates for your Diary</u> | | res irg |
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| Christmas Celebration Events | | |
| 12/12/22 P4 & P6 parents, friends and | 7 Nov | IFA Coaching |
| grandparents are invited to attend | | Flu Vaccinati |
| @2pm | 8 Nov | Guitar Tutor |
| 13/12/22 P1-3 parents/grandparents | 9 Nov | Well-being V |
| are invited to attend at 10am and | 9 Nov | After School |
| | 10 Nov | Girls Hockey |
| P5&P7 Parents/grandparents are | 10 Nov | Last After Sc |
| invited to attend @2pm | 12 Nov | GL Transfer |
| Donations at the door to be shared | 14-16 Nov | Parent Inter |
| between Woods PS and NI Cancer | | P1-3 12.30pi |
| Fund for Children. | 14-18 | Anti-Bullying |
| | 14-17 Nov | Cash For Clo |
| P6&P7 Swimming Session Term 2 | | clothing ban |
| Friday 13 Jan – 24 March (9 | 18 Nov | P6 Class Asso |
| | 25 Nov | Last Swimmi |
| Weeks) £25 via Schoolmoney App | 2 Dec | Santa Daily |
| | | jumpers and |
| SEESAW APP | | sponsor chile |
| Could all parents please ensure that they | 5 Dec | P1 Open Aft |

are signed up for Seesaw and have their 12 13 account active as teachers want to start sending info/photos via Seesaw to all parents. Please contact the school office 1 if you need any help with this ASAP. **ONCE A WEEK... TAKE A PEEK!** 1! When there are headlice in the school

population they can spread easily and quickly. Treatments are available from local pharmacies. Please check your child's head and treat accordingly.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022 "REACH OUT"

REACH OUT TO BE KIND TO OTHERS REACH OUT TO HELP TO STOP BULLYING REACH OUT TO A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU NEED TO TALK. BE FRIENDLY AND INCLUDE EVERYONE

OUR FOCUS IN WOODS PS IS REACHING OUT TO BE A GOOD FRIEND'.

SCHOOL COMPETITION 2022

P1-3 DRAW OR MAKE SOMETHING TO PROMOTE BEING A GOOD FRIEND P4-7 MAKE A POSTER OR VISUAL DISPLAY TO PROMOTE KINDNESS, FRIENDSHIP AND THE ANTI-BULLYING MESSAGE.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE WITH MRS WHITE

BY WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022.

PRIZES FOR ALL WHO ENTER THE COMPETITION AND SPECIAL PRIZES TO THE TOP 3 ENTRIES IN EACH CLASS.



| 7 Nov | IFA Coaching today outside (weather permitting) & Flu Vaccination Clinic in the school hall |
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| 8 Nov | Guitar Tutor in every Tuesday morning this term |
| 9 Nov | Well-being Wednesday Activity |
| 9 Nov | After School Christmas Art Club commences 4 weeks |
| 10 Nov | Girls Hockey Blitz in Cookstown 10-12.30pm. |
| 10 Nov | Last After School Transfer Club today |
| 12 Nov | GL Transfer Test today in Post Primary Schools |
| 14-16 Nov | Parent Interviews in school Mon-Wed - closing early |
| | P1-3 12.30pm & P4-7 12.45pm |
| 14-18 | Anti-Bullying Week Activities – Be Kind |
| 14-17 Nov | Cash For Clobber Collection – Put bags into the |
| | clothing bank |
| 18 Nov | P6 Class Assembly for Anti-bullying Week |
| 25 Nov | Last Swimming session for P5 |
| 2 Dec | Santa Daily Mile (P1-7 wear santa hats and/or |
| | jumpers and donate £2 cash on the day for our |
| | sponsor child project. |
| 5 Dec | P1 Open Afternoon 2-4pm/ P1-3 pupils home @1pm |
| 12 Dec | P4 & P6 Christmas Celebration @ 2pm |
| 13 Dec | P1-3 Christmas Celebration @ 10am |
| | P5 & P7 Christmas Celebration @ 2pm |
| 14 Dec | Christmas Pantomime Trip 11.30am-4.30pm School |
| | opens @ 11.00am today. Children wear uniform & |
| | bring a packed lunch, with a small treat and water |
| | bottle. |
| 15 Dec | Christmas Dinner in school – wear Christmas |
| | tops/jumpers with school uniform bottoms and |
| | normal footwear. |
| 19 Dec | Christmas Party Day: Wear own Clothes with |
| | trainers/comfortable shoes for a Party in the hall |
| 20 Dec | Half Day P1-3 & older siblings 11.45am, P4-7 12 noon |
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PUPIL COUNCIL EVENT FOR

<u>P1-7</u> *'Sponsored FITNESS DAY'* Thursday 27 October

- Wear Sports Clothes.
- Get sponsors to participate in a day of fun and active games.
- Proceeds towards the school ICT FUNDS to replace classroom whiteboards and purchase replacement chrome books/laptops for classroom use.
- Please bring cash and sponsor cards on 27 October.

HELP WITH TRANSPORT

The cost of bus hire has increased so much this year that we are asking for parental support in transporting pupils to some local events where small numbers of children are participating.

If you are willing to help transport girls to the hockey tournaments in November 2022 and January /February 2023, please phone the office. We will send you home the relevant Police Check Form for volunteers and ask that you check with your insurance company if you are covered to transport pupils for school purposes. We appreciate your support and help.

AFTER SCHOOL EVALUATION SURVEY

Thank you to the parents who took the time to share their views on our after-school provision. We are glad that parents find our existing programme suitable and do not require any changes. From the feedback received we know that 100% of parents stated they agreed that the clubs were a reasonable price. 73% of parents who replied stated they used the after-school clubs. 80.5% of parents indicated that they wanted a club 1 or 2 days per week. 8.3% of parents replied that they wanted a club on 3 days and 11.2% stated they wanted a club running 4 days per week. We need to ensure that the clubs are viable and worthwhile. Therefore, we can only run clubs when there is enough demand. We will continue to monitor attendance at clubs and try to plan clubs that interest the children. One parent asked about EA Music Teachers running an afterschool club. Unfortunately, they do not work after 3pm in schools to provide music tuition. Thank you all for your feedback. We will continue to aim to provide the best experiences for all our pupils.

CLUBS RUNNING THIS TERM P4-7 3-4pm

 IFA Football Club
 Wed 26, 9 Nov, 23 Nov & 30 Nov
 £6.00

 Christmas Art & Craft Wed 26, 9 Nov, 23 & 30 Nov
 £7.50

 Multi-sport with Lisa
 Thurs 10, 17 & 24 Nov
 £6.00

Booked and Payable via SchoolMoney App.

PARENT INTERVIEWS (P1 - P7) 14-16 NOVEMBER 2022

School will close at 12.30 pm (P1 - P3 and older siblings) and 12.45 pm (P4 - P7) to facilitate Parent Interviews on these days. We will provide an early school dinner. NO 123 Club on these days.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO RETURN THE REPLY SLIP ATTACHED TO THE LETTER IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOLBAG. PLEASE STATE YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR A PARENT MEETING.

IF THESE FORMS ARE NOT RETURNED BY <u>TUESDAY 25</u> <u>OCTOBER</u> WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUESTS.

We want to ensure that we work in partnership with parents to help all children to make progress and reach their potential. One way to help your child is to attend the school Parent-Teacher meeting.