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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
<b>Christmas Celebration Events</b>		
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
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 <b>Transfer Club</b> 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 <b>£2 cash on the day</b> 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

### **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.