



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 20 (children unable to live with their family)

"If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the Government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child has alternative care that is continuous."

In school we have a very clear Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy. We actively promote safeguarding messages throughout the school in a language which child can understand. Safeguarding our pupils is of paramount concern to us in school.

Easter Holiday

School will close for the Easter break on **WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH** at **12.00 pm**- there will be NO lunches served. School will recommence for the Summer term on WEDNESDAY 11TH April at the usual time.

Please remember that a full list of our Holiday Dates is easily available on our website. A Holiday List for the next academic year (2018 – 2019) is included in our Newsletter, it is also available on our website – copy of the Holiday List for the next academic year was emailed to you yesterday.

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Health & Fitness Day...

We are holding a Health & Fitness Day on **Friday 23rd March.** Children may come to school in their PE Kits. Teachers have planned and timetabled a range of healthy activities including, football, Basketball, Dance, Games and nutrition. There is NO cost for the day.

P5C Assembly...

Mrs Carberry's class is taking their Assembly on **TUESDAY 20TH MARCH, 9.15 am.** Class Assemblies are usually very well attended by parents and relatives, thank you for your support.

Debbie Do Little to visit Primary 1

On Wednesday 21st March, Debbie Do little is visiting Primary 1.

Mobile Phones in school...

We discourage children bringing mobile phones to school. If you need to contact your child during the school day this should be done via the Office. If they must bring a mobile phone to school these must stay **SWITCHED OFF** during school (including break and lunchtimes). Children using mobile phones during school time will have them removed.

School Email and contact details

As you may have noticed over the past few weeks, we are moving to sending correspondence home (such as school notes) via email. It is obviously important that we have the correct email address for all contacts in school.

If you have NOT received notes from school to your email address I kindly ask that you email Kerrie or Tracey on the Office with your correct contact information... please email them on klamont306@c2kni.net with the following:

Your name, Name of Child and Class Teacher, email address and mobile number.

Thank you!

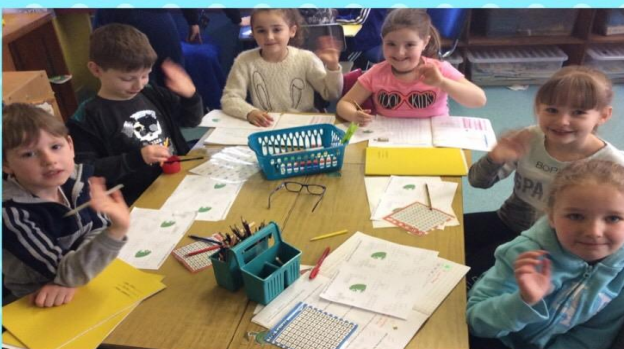


PTA Break the Rules Day!

Today in school a few of our School Rules were broken- but all for a worthy cause! Pupils had the chance to break one or more of the following Rules...

1. Healthy Break- Eat what you like for break!
2. School Uniform- Wear your own clothes to school!
3. Friday Test- NO Friday test!
4. Move seats- sit where you like in class!

We have included some photographs of the day below...



Eco Schools update- March 2018

This year we are focusing on Global Perspectives, Healthy Living and Outdoor Learning as part of our work for Eco schools.

Global Perspectives...

Cash for Clobber

- We are still asking for donations of old clothes, shoes and fabrics to be sent into school for the **Cash for clobber** competition, ran by Cookstown Textiles. Donation bags can be collected from the school office or sent to school in a black plastic bag.
- We are continuing to encourage children to bring in lunches with as few wrappers as possible, in our aim to try and reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill from school. We really appreciate parents support with this initiative.

Healthy Living

- We are having another **Health and Fitness Day on Friday 23rd March.** (further details in the Newsletter above)

Outdoor Learning

- If anyone has any old **wellie boots** which they no longer need could they please send them into school for Eco club. Hopefully now the weather is getting better we hope to get out and start planting and we aim to try and reuse materials.

Eco Club Book Swap

- We are asking for **donations of old books** to be sent to school. Eco club are going to be running a book stall in school. All books sent to school should be suitable for children under the age of 11. Further details to follow.

Thank you – Miss McDowell, WAU Leader



Holiday List, 2018 - 2019



Autumn Term, 2018

<u>School commences:</u>	Wednesday 29 th August	(Half Day)*
	Thursday 30 th August	(Half Day)*
	Friday 31 st August	(Half Day)*
Exceptional Closure 1:	Friday 28 th September	(Staff Development Day)
Exceptional Closure 2:	Monday 29 th October	(Staff Development Day)
HALLOWEEN:	Tuesday 30 th October - Friday 2 nd November (inclusive)	
CHRISTMAS:	Thursday 20 th December	(Half Day)*
	Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	
Exceptional Closure 3:	Thursday 3 rd January 2019	(Staff Development Day)

Spring Term, 2019

<u>School recommences:</u>	Friday 4 th January 2019	
HALF TERM:	Monday 18 th February - Thursday 21 st February (inclusive)	
Exceptional Closure 3:	Friday 22 nd February 2019	(Staff Development Day)
EASTER:	Monday 15 th April	(Half Day)*
	Tuesday 16 th April - Friday 26 th April (inclusive)	
Exceptional Closure 4:	Monday 24 th April	(Staff Development Day)

Summer Term, 2019

<u>School recommences:</u>	Monday 29 th April 2019	
MAY DAY HOLIDAY:	Monday 6 th May 2019	
Exceptional Closure 5:	Friday 24 th May 2019	
MAY BANK HOLIDAY:	Monday 27 th May 2019	
End of School year:	Friday 28 th June	(Half Day)*

*Half Day- School closes at 12.00 pm. The above holiday dates are all inclusive.



Stars of the Week

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

Our focus this week was: EXCELLENT LITERACY		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison Faye Cole-Phillips	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin River Gormley	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Natalia Urbanska
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Will Gray	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas Matthew Dunn	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion Mikolaj Palejko
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Ella Sloan	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Lucy Dumigan	primary 5 Mrs Luney MIA THOMAS
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Lewis Jones	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Oliver Fleming Magee	Primary 6 Mr Morrow Daniel Johnston
Primary 7 Mr Agnew Luka Vuckovic	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty Ethan Byers	Next week our focus is ENDEAVOUR
Happy Birthday to...		
Lewis Jones		

SchoolMoney

Thank you to those of you who have made the transition to our cashless payment system online. This is providing a much safer way of paying for school items rather than sending cash to school with pupils.

As a reminder, all School Meals (both paid and free meals) should be booked online in advance, this helps our kitchen staff prepare the correct amount of food. After Easter, we will no longer accept cash payments, if you have not managed to login to your SchoolMoney account I ask that you now give this your urgent attention. Thank you.



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Monday 19th March

Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips,
Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce
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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 20th March

Buffet...

2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1
Pizza
Carrot sticks, salad
~
Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Wednesday 21st March

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
~
Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard

Thursday 22nd March

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed
Vegetables
~
Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 23rd March

Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &
Mashed Potatoes
or
Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread
~
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

After School Clubs...

Teacher led after school clubs will continue as per usual next week... **This will be the last week of existing Clubs**, however the following Teacher led clubs will commence after Easter; Orchestra (Mr Agnew), Boys Hockey (Mr Morrow), Eco Club will continue (Miss McDowell).

Breakfast Club and 2.00 – 4.00 pm Club with Gillian and Corinna will still be on next week and recommence on the first day back after Easter.

The final sessions of Yoga and Dodgeball After School Clubs organised by the PTA are next week... thank you to the PTA for organising these Clubs!

