



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2018

Summer Holidays & Class Transition

This is the final Newsletter of the 2017-2018 Academic year.

School CLOSES for Summer at 12.00 pm on Friday 29th June. All children should be collected from school at this time.

The new school term begins on WEDNESDAY 29th August. Children will go home at 12.00 pm on WEDNESDAY 29th, THURSDAY 30th and FRIDAY 31st August. It is important all children are in school on these days as vital class routines are discussed and established.

A Class Transition Day will be held on **Thursday 28th June** – all children will visit their new classroom and see their new teacher. To help your child transition to their next class talk with them positively about moving on.

Please note the NO SCHOOL MEALS will be served on Friday 29th June.

The Board of Governors, Staff and I wish everyone in school a great Summer and thank you all for your continued support and interest in the life of our school.

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Lost Items- Uniform & PE Kits...

We have once again gathered quite a collection of lost items in our Lost Property Containers including lunchboxes, shoes and PE clothes. If your child has lost any items during the year please ask to check our Lost and Found containers outside Mrs Doherty's room.

These are available to check in the morning. Any items not claimed by the end of term and without a name on them will be donated to charity. Where possible we endeavor to return items to their owner, however many items have no name labels!

Returning Reading Books and other items...

Please make sure that all Reading Books, Text Books and all other items belonging to school are returned to us. We have invested a lot of money in Reading Books and these are expensive to replace which is an unnecessary loss to our budget.

In addition, throughout the year, we have lent uniform items to pupils who needed to borrow them for various reasons. If you have some of these items at home please send them back to us.

End of Year Pupil Reports...

Pupil Reports will be sent home on **Thursday 28th June**. The Report will be sent home in a sealed envelope with your child – please check school bags! If children are not in school, the Report will be posted to your nominated first contact. If a parent, or legal guardian, requires a copy of the Report, please contact the school Office who will arrange for an additional copy to be sent to you.

School Uniform

I would like to thank parents for their help in maintaining our high standards with regards to school uniform this year. We believe this is an important part of our identity and gives a good impression of our school.

As a reminder, our website contains information about what uniform items children are required to wear. Some important points to remember are:

- * Please LABEL all items of uniform (including PE Kits); this helps us return lost items to their owners
- * Pupils moving in to Primary 4 in September will need to wear a white shirt and school tie – these may be bought from The Jeanery or Cartmills in Glengormley.



A Fond Farewell to Primary 7...

This morning we held our Annual Celebration and Leavers Assembly... thank you to the many parents who came along to celebrate all the wonderful achievements and to say a fond farewell to our P7 pupils.

The super montage of photographs and video clip which was displayed during the Assembly will soon be available to view on our website. Our P7 Leavers have been an amazing bunch and we will miss them next year...

Congratulations to our Prize winners – it's always a delight to see the many fine skills and talents of our pupils celebrated and valued. I would like to mention a special word of CONGRATULATIONS to Zara McGrath and Owen Ferris on becoming our new Head Girl and Head Boy!

Prize Winners...

Head Girl – Zara McGrath	Head Boy – Owen Ferris
RRSA- Eoin Keenan	Ryan Busa Best Buddy – Isabella Worthington
Eco Schools – Luan McVicker	Academic Achievement- Ze Lun Xue
ICT Shield – Maisie Hutton & Aliyah Millen	Contribution to school life – Joel Clotworthy
Most Caring – Kiera Montgomery	Arts Trophy – Bailie McDowell
Music Shield – Jessica McAuley	Swimming Cup – Ryan Kelly
Boys Hockey – Ben McIlroy	Girls Hockey – Sarah Cowan
Boys Mini Marathon – Joshua Mussen	Girls Mini Marathon – Christina May Crumlin
Badminton, Player of the Year – Katie McAlister	Footballer of the Year – Ben Harrison
Most Improved Player – Rhys Gordon	Top Goal Scorer – Ben Harrison

Primary 7 Project Winners

1. The Shark, Farrah Bowman
2. Hand & Foot, Ethan Harris O'Neill. Stop Motion Tutorial, Olivia Ferris
3. The Miniature Schnauzer, Shay Mulligan. Our Wee Country – Lily Lockhart

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Harry Potter, Lucie Copeland & The Blue Whale, Matthew Doubleday





Staff List for 2018/19 Academic Year

Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	Primary 7
Miss Morrison (Head of Foundation Stage)	Miss McDowell (WAU Leader)	Mrs Douglas (Shared Education Leader)	Miss Torrie (Head of KS1)	Mrs Luney (Literacy Leader)	Mrs Ewing (Numeracy Leader)	Mrs Flaherty (Vice Principal)
Miss McLaughlin (DDT)	Mrs Cartmill	Miss Crozier & Mrs Manion	Mr Hutcheson	Mrs Carberry (Patrol Care Leader)	Mr Morrow	Mr Agnew (Music)

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:	Friday 24 th May	(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.



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Monday 25th June

Hot Dog, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce

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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 26th June

Irish Stew & Crusty Bread
OR Ham & Cheese Panini Salad & Coleslaw

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Apple Crumble & Custard

Wednesday 27th June

Roast Beef, Turnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Cracknel, Custard & Fruit

Thursday 28th June

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables & Naan Bread

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Cupcake & Fruit

Friday 29th June

NO SCHOOL MEALS SERVED –
all children will go home at 12.00 pm

Thank you!

I would like to mention a special word of thanks to Vivienne and everyone who works in the School Kitchen for their hard work all year in preparing the meals for our pupils and staff!

Mayor, Mr Paul Michael, visited Ashgrove this morning...

The borough's newly appointed Mayor, Mr Paul Michael, visited Ashgrove Primary this morning to wish our Primary 7 Leavers well as they move on to their new schools.

While here he congratulated us in our "Overall Best Primary School" Award and he also took some time to unveil our Ryan Busa, Friendship Bench. Thank you for visiting Ashgrove!

