



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 16 (right to privacy) "Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect every child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation."

In school we take data protection very seriously. Information about our pupils is stored safely and we teach children how to stay safe online, protect their identity and seek consent.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS P1-7

A second set of Parent Teacher Consultations are due commencing Monday 26th February-Thursday 29th February (inclusive).

Due to industrial action, schools are required to have these parent teacher consultations during the usual school day. **From 26.02.24- 29.02.24 all children will go home at earlier staggered home times after lunches have been served as follows:**

P1&2- 11.40am

P3&4- 11.50am

P5-7- 12.00pm

During these consultations we are able to offer the choice of a telephone or a face-to-face consultation with the class teacher. We do understand that working parents may prefer a phone call as this may be more convenient. We will send home more information and booking requests after Half Term.

Our After School Club provision will be extended during these days.

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HALF TERM

As per our Holiday List, school is closed all of next week for Half Term. School will recommence on Monday 19th February at the usual staggered arrival times. We hope all our pupils and families enjoy the break.

POST PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

The EA portal for post primary applications closes on **THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 12.00 NOON**. It is important that applications are made within this timeframe. Applications received after this time will be treated as 'late' and may result in you not gaining a place in one of your preferences.

Please click on the link below for more information...

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

ONLINE SAFETY

This week in school we marked **Safer Internet Day/Week**. We took this opportunity to talk with our children about developing healthy, respectful relationships in the online world. Please remember to monitor what your child is doing at home while online and how they are engaging with others. **Most social media platforms are not suitable for primary aged children as almost all require a minimum age of 13 years old.** As a school it is our stance that children should not be using social media platforms e.g. Tik Tok or any other platform for which they are underage. As a parent, if you permit (or are complacent in their use), you must be fully aware of and accept the dangers. Children can be exposed to images of abuse, self-harm and can easily get involved in spats with peers creating stress and anxiety – all of which is avoidable.

If your child must have a mobile phone, please take this opportunity to check the devices settings and restrictions. This will help your child avoid seeing inappropriate content online, keeping them safe and happy.

There are various apps available to parents which enable you to track, monitor and restrict your child's use of online tools, for example the **FAMILY LINK APP** allows you to limit your child's time spent online e.g. to 1 hour per day. You can also set the device so it can not be used after an agreed time e.g. 6.00 pm or that certain platforms e.g. Tik Tok can not be accessed. As a school we very much encourage our parents to take ownership of this issue and put online safeguarding measures in place. Thank you all for your help with this.

ST PATRICK'S DAY (Monday 18th March)

As per our 2023-2024 Holiday List St Patrick's Day is a Half Day in school – children will go home at staggered times as follows:

P1&2	12.00 pm
P3&4	12.10 pm
P5-7	12.20 pm





**PRINCIPAL FOR
THE DAY 2024!**



SCHOOL IS CLOSED NEXT WEEK...

School Dinner Menu (£2.60 per day)

Monday 19th February

Savoury Mince, Carrots with Mashed Potato or Pasta

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Banana Yoghurt Pot

Wednesday 21st February

Roast Gammon, Carrot & Parsnip, Cabbage, Mashed and Roast Potato

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Strawberry Jelly, Ice Cream & Fruit

Friday 23rd February

Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup, Baked Beans/Salad with Chips or Baked Potato

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Fresh Fruit Pot & Biscuit

Tuesday 20th February

Classic Margherita Pizza or Fish Goujon in Soft Shell Taco & Zingy Tomato Salsa with Coleslaw/Salad and Chips/Baked Potato

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Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Thursday 22nd February

Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Naan Bread with Garden Peas & Sweetcorn with Steamed Rice

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Chocolate Sponge & Custard

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