



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Morning Routines...

Now that we have all settled back to school and our boys and girls are familiar once again with our routines, all children from P2-7 should walk into the school building by themselves. I am sure parents understand this is for Safeguarding reasons, thank you for your assistance with this.

School Carpark

Parents and visitors to school are welcome to use the Carpark facilities in our grounds. However, it is up to all adults to ensure the safety and care of our pupils and is paramount. For this reason, we ask everyone to adhere to the following:

- Speed limit of **5 MPH** (should be strictly adhered to)
- Vehicles should not be parked on pavements or access points at any time
- All drivers must observe the one-way system
- Please do not park across the zebra crossings
- Drivers must exercise extreme caution at all times when in school grounds
- Pedestrians should use the designated crossing areas & pathways
- Parents should get out of their car to collect their child and escort them to their vehicle or in to school (pupil safety comes first!)
- The disabled bays at the front of school should only be used by blue badge holders
- Please show consideration for other drivers and remember the safety of our pupils is paramount

Please share this information with everyone at home who may be collecting or leaving pupils to school.

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

P4-7 After School Clubs commence next week!

Our After School Activities commence next week – Miss Morrison has informed you of which Club your child will attend. We make every effort to ensure children are allocated to their first preference. Please see below for a reminder of Clubs, days and the teacher who is responsible.

In addition to the Clubs below our 2.00-3.00pm & 3.00-5.30pm Club is available for all year groups. Please note, there is a charge of £2.50 per hour (or part thereof) for this particular Club.

Term 1 Clubs, 2.50-3.40pm (September-December)

Club	Staff	Day	Term	Year Group	Max No. of Pupils
Drama	Mrs Torrie	Tuesday	1 September to December	P3 and P4	N/A
Boys Football	Mr Hutcheson	Tuesday	1 September to December	P6&7	20
Scripture Union	Mrs Flaherty	Tuesday	1 September to December	P4-7	20
Art Club (£5 fee for art supplies)	Mrs Luney	Tuesday	1 September to December	P5&6	15
Film Club	Miss Morrison	Thursday	1 September to December	P4&5	20
Drama	Miss Johnston	Thursday	1 September to December	P5-7	20

TERM 1 CLUBS BEGIN THE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
& FINISH ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER.

Please ensure prompt collection of children from school once teacher Clubs have finished, uncollected children will be brought to our After School Club for supervision. There is fee per hour or part thereof for this service.



Morning Supervision

Over the past couple of weeks there have been a number of children who persistently arrive to school before **8.40am** and are left unsupervised in school grounds; this is compromising the safety of these pupils. Please be aware it is the responsibility of parents to ensure the supervision of their child/children until 8.40am. I will write to parents next week if their children are left unsupervised in school grounds.

Children arriving to school early must go to our **Breakfast Club** which starts at 8.00am. Breakfast is available for only £2.00 per day. Children arriving to school before 8.40am should make their way to the Breakfast Club via the P3/5 gate.

School Attendance HIGH IMPROTANCE

It is very important that our pupils attend school every day. Each day absent from school represents a day of lost learning. We understand that occasionally a child may be ill and not able to attend school – this should be rare.

Each month we closely monitor the attendance of all children. **If attendance falls below 85%** we will draw your attention to this matter. If your child is off school, please ring and leave a message to explain the absence and follow this up with a written explanation on the child's return to school.

Staff Development, 27.09.18

Please remember, as per our Holiday List, that school will be **CLOSED on Friday 27th September** for Staff Development.

Uniform Items

Our children look very smart in their school uniforms – it is great to see such a high standard. Visitors to school often comment on how well presented the pupils are.

I ask parents to ensure that names are included in all items of clothing sent to school, including PE kits for P4-7.

Thank you all for the tremendous effort in supporting the school with a uniform PE kit. As a reminder, our PE is as follows:

PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS OR TRACK SUIT BOTTOMS, TRAINERS OR PLIMSOLLS.



Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)

We are delighted to be awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). Miss McDowell has led and developed this impressive school development work and I pass my gratitude to her and everyone involved.

The PSQM report highlighted the “outstanding” Science teaching and praised our approaches to active learning. The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Our website has lots of information our Science in Ashgrove and all the engaging learning tasks our pupils are involved with.



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY – refer to website

Monday 16th September

Sausages, Garden Peas & Chips

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Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

Tuesday 17th September

Oven Baked Whiting, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes **OR** Spicy Beef with Noodles & Stir-fry Vegetables & Crusty Bread

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Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Wednesday 18th September

Roast Beef, Cabbage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

Thursday 19th September

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice & Carrot Sticks

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Chocolate Cookie, Fresh Fruit & Milk

Friday 20th September

Irish Stew & Crusty Bread **OR** Lasagne, Tossed Salad & Crusty Bread

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Apple Sponge & Custard

HEALTHY BREAK

30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber



Ashgrove Primary – Pre Enrolment Form

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A. PUPIL DETAILS...

Child's Forename:		Surname:	
Chosen name:		Date of Birth:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Parents/Guardians			
Address of Parents/Guardians			Postcode:
Telephone No:		Mobile:	
Is the child enrolled in a Nursery school or unit?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
If 'yes' which Nursery school or unit?			

B. INTENDED SCHOOL OF PREFERENCE

1.	
2.	
3.	

Does the child already have siblings enrolled at Ashgrove Primary School or a previous family connection?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If 'yes' please give details...

Any other relevant information...

B. The address which I have given is the child's home address. The details I have given are correct... (please sign & date below)

Parent/Guardian:

Date:



Winners of... Best Overall Primary School 2018
PSQM 2019



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Literacy

<p>Primary 1 Myles Anderson & Ollie Rowan</p>		<p>Primary 2 Miss McDowell Lottie Hastings</p>
<p>Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Jamie Stewart</p>	<p>Primary 3 Miss Johnston Olivier Bazylewicz</p>	<p>Primary 3 Miss Crozier Lydia Murphy</p>
<p>Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Riley McDowell</p>	<p>Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Willow Jameson</p>	<p>Primary 5 Mrs Luney Ayden millar</p>
<p>Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Jessica Hagan</p>	<p>Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Ellie Sloss</p>	<p>Primary 6 Miss McClune Phoebe Martin</p>
<p>Primary 7 Mr Morrow Darcey Ferris</p>	<p>Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty PT McGrath</p>	<p>Next week our focus is Numeracy!</p>

BOOK FAIR WEEK...

Scholastic Book Fair is coming Ashgrove the week commencing Monday 30th September... Mrs Luney will write to you with more details soon!

