



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Last year, Ashgrove PS gained the UNICEF Rights Respecting School GOLD standard Award – we are the only school in Newtownabbey to achieve this. This has involved embedding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in our ethos. We also focus on looking at the Rights of other children and adults in developing countries. Mrs Carberry in charge of leading this programme in school.

Staff Development Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that school will be **CLOSED TO PUPILS ON FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**. Although school will be closed to pupils staff will be here for training and development- there will still be cars in the carpark.

Please remember to make alternative childcare arrangements for this day.

Please remember to check our website, Facebook page and Twitter for reminders of school closures and upcoming events.



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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

In aid of a wonderful cause, Ashgrove Primary will host a Macmillan coffee afternoon for parents & carers on **FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER FROM 2.00PM**. Children will also be able to purchase cakes and buns during their break time.

We'd love it if you could send a packet of shop bought cakes/ buns (ingredients need to be visible) to help us raise money for Macmillan. Please send any cakes/buns to Miss McClune's room between 1/10/19 and 4/10/19. We look forward to seeing you for a cuppa!



Ashgrove PS Book Fair 01.10.19-03.10.19

To celebrate National Poetry Month the Book Fair will be arriving in school again from **TUESDAY 1ST TO THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER.**

There will be hundreds of titles for you and your child to choose from and with prices starting at £2.99 there's sure to be a book for everyone.

Our school can earn **FREE BOOKS** for every book sold at the Fair so this is a great opportunity to stock up our classrooms with brand new resources. **The Book Fair will be held in the Assembly Hall or Dining Hall..**

**DOORS WILL OPEN EACH DAY AT 1:30PM AND CLOSE AT 3:30PM,
SO COME ALONG WITH YOUR CHILD.**



Flu Vaccinations- Monday 11th November

All pupils should have brought home a letter from the Community Nurse about the upcoming Flunz Tatra vaccine on **MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**. The letter seeks consent from parents/guardians for the flu vaccine to be administered. The closing date for the receipt of forms was today, unfortunately we can not accept late forms.

Parents are NOT required to attend vaccinations. Each child will be accompanied by their teacher and it is a 'sniff' vaccination – no needles! Please note, the Community Nurse cannot administer the vaccine unless the forms have been returned with consent.

PRIMARY 1- FULL SCHOOL DAY

Our Primary 1 pupils will stay for a full school day from **MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**- they will go home at 2.00pm.

From Monday 23rd September (next week), Primary 1 pupils will stay in school for lunch. Next week only, Primary 1 pupils will go home at 1.15pm.

Our Primary1 Induction Booklet contains lots of important information about school routines – please refer to this throughout the year. As a reminder, to book a School Meal for your child, you should book this online with your SchoolMoney login details. We thank you for diligence with this.

Primary 1 Pre-Enrolment Forms

Our **Primary 1 Pre Enrolment Form for September 2020** has been added to the Homepage of our website. We have also sent a copy of this home to all our families – if you have a child who is due to start school next year, please complete and return to school. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your pre-enrolment forms.

We always appreciate when a new child comes to our school with thanks to word of mouth, if you know a family with a child of Primary 1 age please share this with them.

Music Tuition

We are fortunate to offer a music tuition service to our pupils in school. It is very important if your child has an instrument they practice at home and an adult signs the practice book each week.



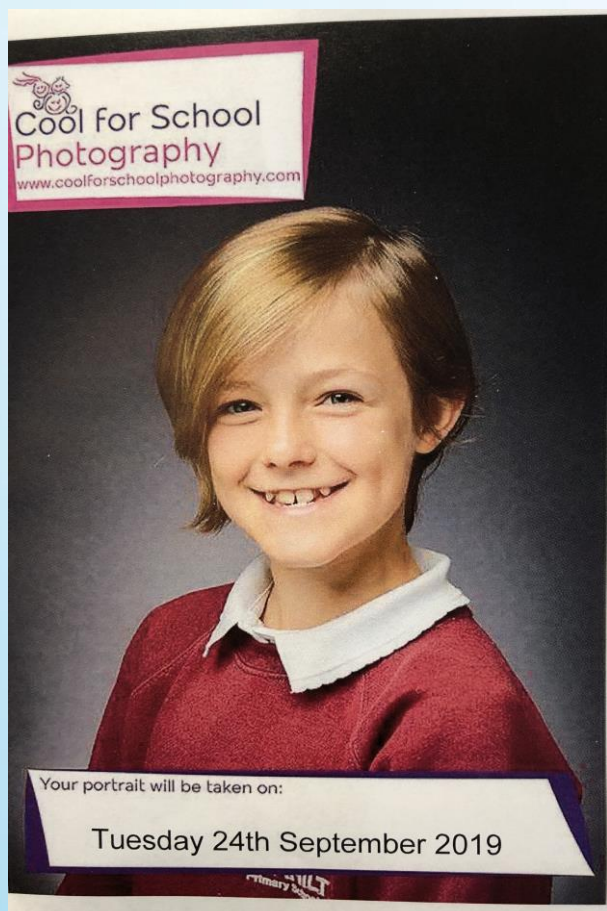
Parent Teacher Consultations

Our first set of Parent Teacher Consultations are on **Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October**. ALL Children will go home at the earlier time of 12.30pm after lunches have been served. In early October we will be in touch with you to arrange Parent Consultation times.

European Day of Languages

We are celebrating the **EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES** on **WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**. Children may come to school dressed in the colours of their nominated country. A note about the day was emailed to all parents on Wednesday of this week.

YEAR GROUP	COUNTRY	COLOURS
Primary 1	Poland	Red & White
Primary 2	Spain	Red & Yellow
Primary 3	Italy	Green, White & Red
Primary 4	Germany	Black, Red & Yellow
Primary 5	France	Blue, White & Red
Primary 6	Switzerland	Red & White
Primary 7	Holland	Red, Silver & Blue



School Photographs...

- As a reminder, Cool for School will take pupil photographs on **TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER**.
- A proof photograph will be sent home to you in due course and you may then order these online.
- It is important that all children are in school on time on Tuesday morning – lateness may mean your child misses out.
- **If you would like a Family Photograph taken, please come to school for 8.30 am.**



Take a step, pedal or scoot towards your

Sustrans superhero award



Make **6** active journeys to
or from school to be a



To find out more about Sustrans Superheroes, ask:
14th - 18th October



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SCHOOL CARPARK & TURNING CIRCLE

Drivers using the school carpark should have noticed new signage which our House Captains displayed yesterday. I once again thank the majority of drivers who use this facility with due care.

It is shameful that some drivers persistently show a lack of consideration for the safety of their own and other children by double parking and parking on pavements. **It is the responsibility of adult drivers to park responsibly and ensure the safety of our children.** If there are no carpark spaces available, please do not double park – simply drive out.

The Board of Governors are aware of these concerns and will monitor the use of the carpark.

To ease congestion, parents (or those collecting from school) should consider walking to & from school if you live nearby.

School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><u>Monday 23rd September</u> Steak Burger in a Bap, Sweetcorn & Chips ~ Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 24th September</u> BUFFET Sandwiches (Chicken & Cheese), Pizza Finger, Cocktail Sausages, Chicken Goujon, Carrot Sticks ~ Fruit Muffin & Milkshake</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 25th September</u> Roast Pork, Stuffing, Turnip, Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Biscuit & Frozen Yoghurt</p>	<p><u>Thursday 26th September</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Carrots & Naan Bread ~ Fruit Sponge & Custard</p>
<p><u>Friday 27th September</u></p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK 30P PER DAY...</p> <p>Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot</p> <p>Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery</p>



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

OUR FOCUS THIS WEEK: ENDEAVOUR

Primary 1 Miss Morrison 	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin 	Primary 2 Miss McDowell <i>Paris Deans</i>
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill <i>Audrienne Marren</i>	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas <i>Lana Robinson-McKeown</i>	Primary 3 Miss Crozier <i>Molly McKenna</i>
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie <i>Emily</i>	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson <i>Jack Smith</i>	Primary 5 Mrs Luney <i>Alfie Stewrat</i>
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry <i>Dessie Clarke</i>	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing <i>Jack Lamont</i>	Primary 6 Miss McClune <i>Tess McCann</i>
Primary 7 Mr Morrow <i>Kobe Davison</i>	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty <i>Praises John</i>	Next week our focus is BEHAVIOUR

CLASS CHARTERS...

This month teachers and pupils have been working together to agree a Class Charter for each classroom. (These are now on display!)

Class Charters are an important agreement which everyone must follow. The Charters are based on UNCRC and the Rights of the child. For everyone to enjoy learning in school we ask everyone to observe their Class Charters.

