



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 1

“Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.”
We are working hard in school to raise awareness of the rights of the child, we are holding regular Assemblies and highlighting rights on displays...

Staff Development Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that school is **CLOSED** for Staff Training tomorrow (**FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**). Teachers will be looking at school and class data from standardised testing – this will provide us with useful information to plan for and tailor our teaching to best meet the needs of all children.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Many thanks to those of you who have sent their voluntary contribution to us in September – we appreciate your kindness. If you have yet to do so, please pay this via SchoolMoney next week.

We ask for a donation of £5.00 per pupil (Maximum of £10.00 per family). In these times of financial hardship in the education sector every penny counts

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Charity Work in School – ABAANA

This year in school our chosen Charity to support is Abaana. Abaana is a charity which invests in children in Africa helping them to escape poverty. Mrs Flaherty is organising a Wacky Hair Day & Sponsored Walk on **FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER.**

The money we raise will go towards building a school in Uganda. This supports the UNICEF Rights Respecting work we do in school as all children around the world have the right to an education.

More information about the activity day and a sponsorship form will be set home very soon. We do appreciate your support.

Flu Immunisation Programme

Thankyou to everyone who returned their Medical Consent forms for the Community Nurse to administer the flu vaccination. The nasal spray will given to children on **MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.** There is no need for parents to be present during this. If you did not hand in your medical consent form this vaccination cannot be given to your child.

Annual School Book Fair

As a reminder, the **BOOK FAIR** will be arriving in school next week 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.

DOORS WILL OPEN EACH DAY AT 1:30PM AND CLOSE AT 3:30PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

PRE-ENROLMENT FORMS FOR P1 2020

Thank you to everyone who has returned their P1 pre-enrolment forms for September 2020. It is very encouraging to have a number of pre-enrolment forms at this stage and we thank you all for your interest. These forms are available from Reception or to download from our website and app. The Education Authority will once again use the online application portal.



HAIR CARE & HEAD LICE AWARENESS

Occasionally, some cases of head lice in school come to our attention. It is therefore essential that all parents and carers check their children's hair regularly for signs of lice and their eggs.

Having head lice, also called nits, does NOT mean that a child is dirty or unkempt. Children are most commonly affected and anyone with hair can catch them. If you find head lice in your child's hair don't panic- this is easily treated.

Here is some advice provided by the NHS which parents and carers may find useful:

If you think your child may have head lice:

- ✓ Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.
- ✓ If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

TREATING HEAD LICE...

If head lice are present, you must treat your child promptly. You should only treat your child if you find live head lice. Don't treat 'just in case'.

Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies and some supermarkets. Your GP may also be able to help.

(There is no need to keep your child off school if you find head lice, simply administer the treatment and come to school as usual).



Diary Dates for OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2019

Date	Event
W/C Monday 30 th September	Primary 1 start a full school day... P1 go home at 2.00pm
Tuesday 1 st October	Please send donations of shop bought buns to Miss McClune for our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Wednesday 2 nd October	Please send donations of shop bought buns to Miss McClune for our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 3 rd October	Please send donations of shop bought buns to Miss McClune for our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon Mrs Carberry & Mr Smith to monitor school attendance
Friday 4 th October	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon from 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 th	
Friday 11 th October	Sustrans Assembly Sponsored Activity Day for Abaana – Wacky Hair Day & Sponsored Walk
W/C Monday 14 th October	Sustrans Superhero week
Tuesday 15 th October	Dairy Council visiting P5
Friday 18 th October	P6 Harvest Assembly – P6 parents are invited to attend
Monday 21 st October	Parent teacher consultations – all children go home at the earlier time of 12.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parent teacher consultations – all children go home at the earlier time of 12.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent teacher consultations – all children go home at the earlier time of 12.30pm
Monday 28 th October	Staff Development day – School Closed
Tues 29 th – Fri 1 st Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM
Thursday 7 th Nov	OPEN NIGHT – 6.30pm. All children go home @ 2.00pm.
Saturday 9 th Nov	AQE test 1
Monday 11 th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
W/C Mon 11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 19 th Nov	P6 Maths Masterclass
Saturday 23 rd Nov	AQE 2
Thursday 28 th Nov	Last day of teacher led clubs

Diary dates are regularly updated on our website- keep checking this



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Mrs Carberry & Mr Smith held interviews with our P7 pupils who applied to be House Captains in school. A very well done to everyone who put themselves forward for this important role!



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY (PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE)

Week 1 on Dinner Menu

<p><u>Monday 30th September</u> Chicken Bites, Salad, Coleslaw & Chips ~ Melon Wedges & Yoghurt</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 1st October</u> Salmon Cakes, Baked Beans or Much Peas & Masked Potatoes OR Chilli Chicken Pasta, Cheese, Sweetcorn & Crusty ~ Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 2nd October</u> Roast Beef, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes & Gravy ~ Fresh Fruit & Ice Cream</p>	<p><u>Thursday 3rd October</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Chocolate Brownie & Fresh Fruit</p>
<p><u>Friday 4th October</u> Chilli Beef, Peas, Wedges & Rice OR BBQ Chicken Panini, Salad & Coleslaw ~ Sponge Topped with Fruit & Custard</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery</p>

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**. 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!

