



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

#### Article 5

*“Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up so that they can fully enjoy their rights.”*

### WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Half Term break- it is good to see all our pupils back safe and sound. This promises to be a very busy Half Term to Christmas, in the Newsletter we have included a list of diary dates and times- please take note of these!

### FLU VACCINATIONS

Yesterday, we sent a notification on our school app to inform you the Flu Vaccinations have been postponed by the Department of Health to December. This means the flu vaccinations will **NOT** go ahead on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November as originally planned. There is a disruption to the supply of the nasal spray vaccine which is completely outside of our control.

I will inform you in due course when the vaccinations have been rescheduled.

If your child urgently requires the flu vaccination, please contact your GP.

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## OPEN NIGHT

Thank you to all our amazing choir members and classroom helpers who came along yesterday evening to help us at Open Night. I had many kind comments from visiting parents about the choir and the exemplary pupils.

Open Night was indeed very busy – which is wonderful to see and there is much interest in our P1 places for September 2020. In the Newsletter I have outlined the admissions procedure along with key dates.

If you missed Open Night and would still like to see our school,

## ELECTION – Polling Station

School will be **CLOSED on THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** as the building will be used as a Polling Station for the upcoming election. Please make sure you have alternative childcare arrangements for this day.

## NATIVITY, The Magical Christmas Jig-Saw

Due to the elections above and the closure of school, our Nativity has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

Preparations with P1-4 are well underway and this is always a real delight. Mrs Torrie (Head of Key Stage 1) will shortly write to parents asking for some help with costumes etc which is always greatly appreciated.

Tickets for the Nativity can only be booked online via SchoolMoney. P1-4 parents will receive a text & email when these are available. Times for the Nativity are as follows:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am and 11.15am**  
**&**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am**

Space in the Hall is limited and therefore ticket numbers are restricted. Tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, so please book promptly.



## ENROLMENT FOR PRIMARY 1, SEPTEMBER 2020

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our Open Night yesterday evening. Our Pre-enrolment forms are available to download on our website.

The Education Authority has changed the enrolment process for primary 1 places and has moved to **an online application process**. We will send you the link for Primary 1 application once it is open.

As a reminder, please see below for a list key dates in the application process:

- **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020** – Online Primary 1 Application Procedure opens on EA website with online portal available
- **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020** – Online portal closes at 12 midnight (all applications received after this date will be treated as late)
- **No later than FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – Ashgrove PS will select pupils at first preference stage
- **TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> April 2020** – Ashgrove Primary will write to successful & unsuccessful applicants
- **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> May 2020, 4.00 pm** – Final date for the receipt of appeals

## OPEN DAY FOR PRIMARY 1 ENROLMENT

Following the success of our Open Night we are hosting an OPEN DAY on **MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY...** Staff will be on hand to help with the online primary 1 application procedure. This will be a chance for parents to see our school in action during the school day...

**NEW P1 PUPILS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO THIS TOO.**



## DIARY DATES & EVENTS

Date	Event
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	AQE Test 1
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations POSTPONED Anti-Bullying Week P6&7 Ski Trip Information evening
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	P4 to W5 Shared Education P7 Stage 5 Annual Reviews (Mrs Doherty has invited parents concerned)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	P3 to St Michael's (Shared Education)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 Safeguarding & Anti-Bullying Assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	P6 to Maths Masterclass
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	P2 to W5 Shared Education
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	AQE Test 2
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fair Last day of teacher led clubs Mrs Carberry & Mr Smith to monitor attendance
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	AQE Test 3
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	P6 to W5 Shared Education
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 visiting Glengormley High School
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 GL Supplementary Paper
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 to Hillsborough, Shared Education
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-4 Nativity, The Magical Christmas Jigsaw 9.30 & 11.15am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-4 Nativity, The Magical Christmas Jigsaw 9.30am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ELECTION
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 to Hillsborough School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service, 9.30am School Council Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes at 12.00pm for Christmas



## FIRST TRANSFER TEST 2019

Our Primary 7 pupils will be sitting the first of at least 3 transfer tests tomorrow at a school of their choice. **WE WISH THEM ALL THE BEST OF LUCK** and will be keeping them in our thoughts tomorrow morning.

Get plenty of sleep tonight and a healthy breakfast tomorrow morning and remember to arrive in plenty of time!

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK!

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week – our teachers have lots of activities planned to promote anti-bullying awareness.

P5 are hosting an Anti-Bullying Assembly on **THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 9.15AM**. P5 parents are very welcome to attend.

## PARENT & CATER CONTACT DETAILS

In school we communicate with our parents in various ways including social media, email, text and our school app. It is the responsibility of parents & carers to pass new contact details to us if these have changed, we can therefore update our records and you will receive communications from us.

**MANY COMMUNICATIONS ARE IMPORTANT, SUCH AS EARLY CLOSURES, EVENTS AND YOUR CHILD MAY EVEN BE ILL.**

Please also make sure you have downloaded our app – this is free of charge and you can download this to multiple devices meaning everyone at home can receive communications. If there is more than one adult at home, please make sure everyone has our app.



# School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Fish Fingers, Baked Beans & Chips  
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Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Steak Burger in a Bap, Salad, Coleslaw  
& Spiced Cubed Potatoes OR Chilli  
Chicken Pasta, Salad & Wheaten Bread  
~  
Chocolate Pear & Sponge with  
Chocolate Sauce

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Roast Chicken, Stuffing Carrots, Roast  
& Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
~  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Peas &  
Naan Bread  
~  
Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Batons, &  
Crusty Bread OR Chicken Goujon Wrap  
& Tossed Salad  
~  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

## HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery  
Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

