



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 7

“Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality and as far as possible to know and be cared for by their parents”

In Ashgrove, we take care to recognise and celebrate the diversity in our school. We have pupils and families from many backgrounds and cultures which adds to the richness of the fabric of our school life.

NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

“A Magical Christmas JigSaw”, will take place in school on **Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December.** Pupils from P1-4 will be involved in the production. Tickets are available to book online via SchoolMoney – there are a limited number of tickets for each performance, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Our Christmas Carol Service for P5-7 parents will be held on **Thursday 19th December,** everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be available after the Service.



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DIARY DATES TO CHRISTMAS

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 23rd November	AQE 2
Tuesday 26th November	P4T to St Michael's Shared Education Last day of teacher led clubs this term
Wednesday 27th November	P3 to St Michael's Shared Education
Thursday 28th November	PTA Christmas Fair 6.00-8.00pm ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT 2.00 PM ... Uncollected children will be brought to our After School Club where supervision is provided.
Saturday 30th November	AQE 3
Monday 2nd December	P6 to W5 Shared Education
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Dinner in School
Thursday 5th December	Additional KS2 Drama Club rehearsal to 4.30pm for Carol Service – refer to note from Miss McClune
Friday 6th December	P7 to Glengormley High School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Saturday 7th December	GL Supplementary Paper
Monday 9th December	P7 Shared Education to Hillsborough
Tuesday 10th December	P1-4 Nativity – The Magical Christmas Jig-Saw 9.30am and 11.15am
Wednesday 11th December	P1-4 Nativity – The Magical Christmas Jig-Saw 9.30am
Thursday 12th December	School CLOSED for General Election
Friday 13th December	World of Owls visiting P3
Saturday 14th December	KS2 Choir singing in Odyssey SSE Arena
Tuesday 17th December	P7 to Hillsborough Shared Education
Thursday 19th December	Senior Choir Carol Service 9.30am School Council Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	12.00pm finish for Christmas

PLEASE TAKE NOTE, THE LAST DAY OF TEACHER LED CLUBS THIS TERM WILL BE TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER – Teacher led clubs will resume again after Christmas.



PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our PTA Christmas Fair is on **THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER, 6.00 - 8.00pm.**

All children will go home at the earlier time of 2.00pm on 28.11.19 (After School Club 2.00-5.30pm will still be available if required).

The PTA have requested donations of the following:

1. Tombola prizes – New items such as gift sets, vouchers, toiletries, fancy goods or any other gift ideas.
2. Sweets & Chocolates – multipacks, boxes, bags etc.
3. Toys – new or good condition toys (especially cuddly toys).

Please send your donations to school before 28.11.19.

Craft stalls, hot food, sweets, books, hot chocolate and much more will be available. You can even visit Santa!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS...

In Ashgrove Primary we have dedicated Safeguarding Team in school who work to ensure that Safeguarding messages are shared with all pupils, staff, visitors and parents in school.

If you have a worry or concern about any child in Ashgrove Primary you must contact a member of the Safeguarding Team...

DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION Mrs Luney (Primary 5)	DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION Mrs Coulter (Primary 1)
PRINCIPAL Mr R. Smith	SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR Mr W. Edwards

Our Safeguarding Policy and procedures are available on our website.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL...

Unfortunately, it is the time of year when there are lots of colds, bugs and flu like symptoms. If your child is unwell it is important you keep them at home until they are recovered and well enough to be in school. This prevents the spread of colds and the flu throughout school.

If your child is absent, please ring the Office and leave a message for the class teacher. We kindly ask all parents to follow this up with a brief note on your child's return to school.

The following information is from our Attendance Policy and outlines how many days children should take at home to recover from common ailments.

Chicken Pox	5 days absence from onset of rash
Whooping Cough	5 days absence from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever	5 days absence from onset of rash
Diarrhea/ Vomiting	Until symptoms have settled for 24 hours
Headlice	None (with treatment)

The Information above is provided by the Health Protection Agency

ALLERGIES AND FOOD INTOLERANCES

We have a number of children in school with allergies and food intolerances. Our kitchen/school meals staff are happy to accommodate your needs. We do however ask you keep us fully informed together with a diagnosis from a recognised medical practitioner. Parents and Carers are also required to complete consent and information forms in school both for the administration of medication (if required) and for dietary needs.

P7 AQE ASSESSMENT- GOOD LUCK!

Once again, we wish our Primary 7 pupils who are sitting the second transfer test tomorrow morning the very **BEST OF LUCK**. Teachers and other members of staff work hard to prepare children for these assessments. We will be thinking of you all!



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Some parents have requested class lists for Christmas Cards, this is of course a very kind and thoughtful gesture. If you request a list, we will only send home a list of Christian names of children in your class i.e. secondary/surnames will not be included. If you are sending invitations or cards to a class, please include everyone!

ASHGROVE NURSERY OPEN DAY & NIGHT...

Ashgrove Nursery are holding an OPEN NIGHT for parents on **WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 6.00-7.00pm.** Open Day for both parents and pupils is on **Monday 16th December 4.30-5.30pm.**

BALLYHENRY NURSERY OPEN DAY...

Open Day in Ballyhenry Nursery is on **WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2.30-4.30pm.**

School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><u>Monday 25th November</u> Steak Burger in a Bap, Sweetcorn & Chips ~ Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 26th November</u> BUFFET Sandwiches (Chicken & Cheese), Pizza Finger, Cocktail Sausages, Chicken Goujon, Carrot Sticks ~ Fruit Muffin & Milkshake</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 27th November</u> Roast Pork, Stuffing, Turnip, Cauliflower, Masked & Oven Roast Potatoes & Gravy ~ Biscuit & Frozen Yoghurt</p>	<p><u>Thursday 28th November</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Carrots & Naan Bread ~ Fruit Sponge & Custard</p>
<p><u>Friday 29th November</u> Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, Mushy Peas, Oven Roasted & Mashed Potatoes OR Spicy Chicken Tacos & Salsa ~ Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery</p>

