



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS – GOLD STANDARD

Article 8 “Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must protect and respect this right and protect the child’s name, nationality or family relationships from being unlawfully changed”

In School, we ensure each child is called by their proper name and registered with us by the name on their birth certificate.

DIARY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK...

APART FROM DRAMA CLUB, THERE ARE NO TEACHER LED CLUBS NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 2nd December – P6 to W5 shared Education
P7 PTE & PTM tests**
- **Tuesday 3rd December – School Christmas Dinner
P7 PTE & PTM tests**
- **Wednesday 4th December- P7 PTE & PTM tests**
- **Thursday 5th December- P& AQE celebration day!
KS2 Drama Club rehearsal to 4.30pm**
- **Friday 6th December- P7 to Glengormley High**

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our Christmas Carol Service is due to take place in school on **Wednesday 19th December at 9.30am.**

THIS PROMISES TO BE A VERY SPECIAL EVENT AND WILL SURELY GET US ALL IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Initially, we are able to offer two tickets per family to those pupils **singing or reading** during the service. I am sure parents and carers appreciate space in the Hall is limited and we have taken the decision to prioritise tickets to those families with children involved in the Service.

PRIMARY 1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

As you will be aware, the Education Authority are promoting parents to apply for Primary 1 places for September 2020 via their online portal. **The online portal will be available from 12.00 midday on 07.01.20.** We of course will offer parents any help they require with their online applications.

During our **OPEN DAY on Tuesday 7th January 2020,** our ICT suite and ipads will be available for P1 applications – staff will also be on hand to help with this process.

Alternatively, parents may if they wish, make a paper application to the school of their choice and again if parents require help with this we are happy to help in any way we can.

Please see below for key dates for the application process:

- Tuesday 7th January 2020 – EA online portal opens @ 12.00 midday
- Thursday 30th January 2020 – EA online portal closes
- Friday 7th February – birth certificate and supporting documentation to be with first preference school

We will keep you notified on our school app of other dates and the enrolment process.



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Brilliant Behaviour

Primary 1 Miss Morrison Ali Boyd	Primary 1 Mrs Coulter Adam McArdle	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Evie Ewing
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Lily Best	Primary 3 Miss Robinson Jacob Watson	Primary 3 Miss Crozier Filip Kastek
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Will Gray	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Marcus McAllister	Primary 5 Mrs Luney Freya Woodside
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Josh Redfern	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Cain Mulligan	Primary 6 Miss McClune Faye Lindsay
Primary 7 Mr Morrow Holly Braiden	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty Kirsty Young	<i>Next week our focus is Numeracy</i>

(Goodbye AQE) Final Assessment- Good Luck!

For the final time this year we are wishing Primary 7 the very best of luck for their last AQE Assessment tomorrow morning! You should all be proud of your fine efforts and hard work to date. I would like to thank Mrs Flaherty and Mr Morrow for their continued efforts and dedication in preparing our boys and girls.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM IN ASHGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Designated Teacher: Mrs Luney (P5)
Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Coulter (P1)
Principal: Mr Smith
Safeguarding Governor: Mr William Edwards



FLU VACCINATIONS

Our flu vaccinations have been rescheduled for **FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER...** you do not need to attend the vaccinations. These are a nasal spray (no needles involved).

CHRISTMAS CARD HOUSE COMPETITION...

We are asking our pupils to design the front of a Christmas Card for Ashgrove Primary which we will use as our official Christmas Card this year.

We will select a winning card from each Key Stage as follows:

- Foundation Stage: P1&2
- Key Stage 1: P3&4
- Key Stage 2: P5-7

The artist of the winning Christmas Cards will be awarded with 100 House Points! We hope you will enjoy completing this competition with your child – we are not looking for perfect cards but for creativity!

Please submit your cards to Mrs Carberry by **WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER** – the winning cards will be shared with you all on Friday 7th December! Good luck everyone!

Please note, this will be an E-Christmas card and will be emailed to parents!

NATIVITY – THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW!

All three performances of our Key Stage 1 Nativity are fully booked – thank you for your interest and booking your ticket online.

I am sure parents understand there is limited availability in the Hall and therefore we can not allow guests who are not booked to attend – we do ask for your understanding with this.

P1-4 are working to produce an amazing Nativity – it really will be a special treat for everyone... due to such high demand for tickets we will have one more show on **Wednesday 11th @ 11.15am** – if you have not managed to book your ticket for the previous dates I urge you to do this as soon as you receive your notification text.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY REMINDER...

School finishes for Christmas on **FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER**. All children will go home at 12.00 pm, no lunches or school dinners will be served.

School will reopen to pupils on **TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY** at the usual times.

COURT ORDERS AND CARE LIST

Some parents have requested their child's name to be placed on our Care List which is only for pupils who have a Court Order in place to prevent them being collected by a birth parent. Please note this list exists only for these circumstances which have been ruled by Court. For others, Staff will only permit collection from school of P1-4 pupils by the prior arrangement of parents – this has always been our practice – children are dismissed by the teacher responsible each day unless they attend our After School Club.

SHOULD YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, it is your responsibility to keep us informed and provide us with the appropriate documentation.

P5-7 pupils often have their own arrangements for walking, cycling, or meeting with parents after school each day. Teachers will supervise their exit from school as normal.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Next week, Mrs Carberry and I will review the attendance of all children in school. **We are very fortunate that the vast majority of children in Ashgrove are strong and regular attenders– we thank our parents for their support with this.**

If the attendance of your child at school is a concern we are required to write to you informing you of this matter in the hope that improvements will be shown in the coming weeks. Mrs Carberry and I will also send home **Absence Reply Slips** for us to record a reason for absence if your child has been off school – please complete these and return to the class teacher. It is important we record a reason for all days off school. Please remember to send a note to school informing us why your child has been off on their return, alternatively you may email school on info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.com

For a minority of pupils, persistent lateness is a recurring problem. We very much appreciate and thank our parents and carers who ensure their child/children are in school on time ready to start their day. Lateness can be disruptive to the whole class and not just to the children who are late.

All pupils should be in school for 8.55am – this bell marks the beginning of the school day and pupils arriving after this time are late.



UNCLAIMED UNIFORM AND CLOTHING ITEMS...

We have once again collected quite a number of lost clothing and uniform items. We are sure that many of these items are costly and we would like to reunite them with their owners! If your child has misplaced items in school please check our lost property. To help us return lost property to children, please label all items.

BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WE WILL HAVE TO GIVE ANY REMAINING ITEMS TO CHARITY.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Monday 2ND December

Chicken bites, salad, coleslaw & chips
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Melon wedges & yoghurt

Tuesday 3RD December

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday 4TH December

Salmon cakes, diced potatoes & beans
OR sweet chilli pasta with cheese,
sweetcorn & crusty bread
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Yoghurt & Fruit

Thursday 5TH December

Chicken curry, boiled rice, naan bread
& carrot sticks
~
Chocolate brownie & fresh fruit

Friday 6TH December

Chilli beef, garden peas, wedges & rice
OR BBQ chicken panini, salad &
coleslaw
~
Sponge topped with fruit & custard

HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Red Apple & Cucumber

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Pepper

