



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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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, on the next page we have included a list of diary dates and times- please take note of these!

New Ashgrove App!

It is with much excitement that we launched our new Ashgrove PS App... this is available to download from the homepage of our website. Alternatively you can simply search for it on the App store for Apple or Android products. The App is free of charge. We also texted a link to our app to all parents this morning.

We will use the app to communicate with you... it will also contain lots of useful information about life in our busy school!

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Dates for your Diary...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Saturday 10 th November	AQE Test 1
Monday 12 th November	Flu Vaccinations Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 14 th November	P3 to St Michael's (Shared Education)
Thursday 15 th November	P7 Stage 5 Annual Reviews (Mrs Doherty has invited parents concerned) Safeguarding & Anti-Bullying Assembly
Monday 19 th November	Global Learning Week
Saturday 17 th November	GL Assessment Test
Tuesday 20 th November	P6 Shared Education activity day
Wednesday 21 st November	P5 Shared Education visit
Friday 23 rd November	P4 Shared Education visit
Saturday 24 th November	AQE Test 2
Thursday 29 th November	Attendance reviews
Friday 30 th November	Last day of teacher led After School Clubs School Council Meeting
Saturday 1 st December	AQE TEST 3
Monday 3 rd December	P7 Standardised Testing Week
Wednesday 5 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 7 th December	AQE celebration day
Thursday 13 th December	Nativity (P1-4)
Friday 14 th December	Nativity (P1-4)
Wednesday 19 th December	Carol Service in Ashgrove PS School Council Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20 th December	12.00 pm finish for Christmas



Enrolment for Primary 1, September 2019

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:

- Wednesday 2nd January 2019 – Online Primary 1 Application Procedure opens on EA website with online portal available
- Thursday 31st January 2019 – Online portal closes at 12 midnight (any application received after this date will be treated as late)
- No later than Friday 15th February 2019 – Ashgrove PS will select pupils at first preference stage
- Monday 25th March 2019 – Final date by which EA will accept change of preferences, new applications or additional supporting information
- Thursday 9th May 2019 – Ashgrove Primary will write to successful & unsuccessful applicants
- Thursday 23rd May 2019, 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 7th January... Staff will be on hand to help with the new online primary 1 application procedure. This will be a chance for parents to see our school in action during the school day...



After School Clubs w/c 12th November 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Badminton Orchestra	After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Yoga Tag Rugby Scripture Union Coding Club	After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Le Club Francais Playsport Dance starting 14.11.18
Thursday	Friday	Please remember to Book places at our After School Club online via SchoolMoney.
After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm Hockey Library	After School Club 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm 5.00-5.30pm	
Breakfast Club is also available every day from 7.45 – 8.40am, please book online via SchoolMoney!		

Thank you to those of you who booked online and made use of our extended After School Club provision to 5.30pm this week. To book a place simply login to your SchoolMoney account & select one of the following options each day from the dropdown menu:

Option 1: 2.00 – 3.00pm
 Option 2: 2.00 – 4.00pm
 Option 3: 2.00 – 5.00pm
 Option 4: 2.00 – 5.30pm

} Available to all pupils P1-3

Option 5: 3.00 – 4.00pm
 Option 6: 3.00 – 5.00pm
 Option 7: 3.00 – 5.30pm

} Available to all pupils P4-7

Option 8: 4.00 – 5.30pm

} Available to pupils in a teacher club from 3.00 – 3.45pm



First Transfer Test 2018

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!

Pastoral Care Awards

The Department of Education, in partnership with the Public Health Agency, is seeking examples of outstanding pastoral care in schools.

The Awards recognise school communities that have demonstrated exceptional co-operative effort in supporting the pastoral care of pupils and their families in the past 18 months.

The closing date is **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2018** and communities are being urged to nominate now. Schools cannot self-nominate but parents or others in the wider school community can nominate a school that has provided exceptional pastoral care.

Applications should be made by no later than 14th December 2018 using the online form available at www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/derrytrasna-award-pastoral-care

Anti-Bullying Week!

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week – Mrs Flaherty has been working with a group of super P6 pupils and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to produce a range of videos about staying safe and being kind online.

THANK YOU for the huge response we had for our competition to draw an Anti-Bullying Mascot and slogan (the winner will be announced in a special safeguarding Assembly next Thursday!).

In addition, pupils will engage in activities to promote anti-bullying awareness.



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><u>Monday 12th November</u> Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 13th November</u> Buffet 2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1 Pizza, Carrot Sticks & Salad ~ Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 14th November</u> Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard</p>	<p><u>Thursday 15th November</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables ~ Strawberry Mousse & Fruit</p>
<p><u>Friday 16th November</u> Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread ~ Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot</p>

Shoebox Appeal...

Thank you for the huge response we had this year for our Blythswood Shoebox appeal – Mrs Carberry and I very grateful for your support and kindness.

Cancer Focus NI

Today we had a visit from Cancer Focus NI who delivered workshops and activities to all year groups and classes. Key messages about the importance of making healthy choices and taking regular exercise were shared with all pupils...

Flu Vaccinations

As a reminder, Flu vaccinations are due to take place in school on Monday 12th November. The nurse can only administer the vaccination to pupils for whom she has the proper consent. If you have not returned your consent and wish your child to be vaccinated, you will now need to contact your GP.

