



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

#### Article 12

"Every child has the right to express their views, feeling and wishes in all matters which affect them and to have their views considered and taken seriously"

In School we work hard to achieve and realise this Right for our children. Our fantastic School Council, House Captains and Vice Captains represent their classmates and voice opinions on a range of matters. We regularly consult with everyone through questionnaires and Class Council meetings.

### Severe Weather Policy & Procedures...

As per the MET Office forecast we are due for some very cold, unsettled weather which may bring some snow. It is only in very exceptional circumstances that we will take the decision to close the school due to snow or severe weather. We always aim to give parents as much notice about an unexpected closure as possible, we will do this through the following:

- ✓ A Text will be sent to our main contact for each child
- ✓ A notice will be placed on our website
- ✓ A notice will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages
- ✓ BBC NI will be notified

**Please check these before ringing the school.**

**Our Sever Weather Policy & procedures are available to download on our website.**

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## Our Health & Fitness Day!



PICCOLLAGE





# The Belfast Giants visited Primary 5 as part of our Health & Fitness Day!



## How to raise a concern in school...

At intervals throughout the school year, we like to remind and advise parents as to how they may raise a concern. At all times, we aim to resolve matters swiftly and in a supportive, amicable manner.

At Ashgrove Primary School we value parents and carers as partners in the education of our pupils. The views of parents are significant and we encourage the positive contributions which parents and carers make to the life of our school.

We recognise that from time to time, a parent or carer may have a concern about some aspect of their child's life at school. By working in partnership with home, it is the school's aim that any concern is dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Please find below the procedure we have in place.

As a school we will deal with any concern in courteous and professional manner as the needs of our pupils are paramount.

### **HOW DO I RAISE A CONCERN?**

1. Make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss the matter. We strongly advocate making an appointment as otherwise this impinges on teaching and preparation time. (Making an appointment will enable the teacher to give you the necessary time to listen to your concern).

*Most often concerns can be resolved at this stage.*

2. If after speaking to the teacher the matter is not resolved the issue can be taken up with the Head of Key Stage or the Vice Principal.
3. Following the second step, if concerns still remain the issue can be referred to the Principal.
4. Ultimately if the issue is still not resolved the parents/carers can write to the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee of Board of Governors (Mr B. Edwards)- please refer to our Complaints Procedure.

*It is very rare for concerns not to be resolved before stage 4.*

*If you have a concern about any aspect of Child Protection or Safeguarding do not hesitate to contact either:*

*MRS LUNEY, P5 (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or*

*MISS MCLAUGHLIN, P1 (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)*





# Parent Questionnaire- please return to us!

Parents & Carers,

We are seeking your views on various aspects of school life. The opinions of our parents matter to us and will help us to plan for future developments.

Please complete and return to the class teacher.

Ashgrove Primary School



Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Questionnaire, January 2017

	Question (Please tick ✓ the appropriate box for each statement)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1.	The school is well led and managed at all levels.					
2.	My child is safe and well cared for at Ashgrove Primary School.					
3.	My child enjoys learning at Ashgrove Primary School.					
4.	The staff in Ashgrove Primary support the care, dignity and well being of my child.					
5.	The staff manage the children's behavior and deal effectively with the related issues.					
6.	The school has informed me about how to report a safeguarding/child protection matter.					
7.	There should be clear and proportionate consequences for inappropriate behaviours.					
8.	Ashgrove Primary has a range of ways in which excellent behaviour and work is celebrated and acknowledged.					
9.	My child/children are happy at school and have friends.					
10.	The school has informed me about how to report any concerns/complaints I may have.					
11.	My concerns are dealt with by the school in a satisfactory manner.					
12.	The staff of Ashgrove Primary School help my child/children to develop his/her personal, social and emotional skills.					
13.	The school asks for my views and takes my views into account.					
14.	Ashgrove Primary is well thought of in the community.					
15.	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Ashgrove Primary.					
If you have any comments, please use the space below or continue on the back of the page.						



## School Punctuality

As a reminder to all parents **school starts at 8.55am**. By this time all pupils are expected to be in school for the start of the day...

Persistent lateness means pupils miss out on important routines and this disrupts the smooth running of the school.

Pupils are welcome to enter the school grounds from **8.40am** when a member of staff will be on duty.

## Primary 5 to Odyssey Arena- Belfast Giants

As part of the Health and Fitness day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, Belfast Giants will visit P5. The Belfast Giants are also providing us with 50 free tickets to attend their match on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. (These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to P5 pupils only).

A private coach will collect children from school at 5.15pm, they will return to school between 9.45-10.00pm.

Pupils may wear their own clothes and bring a snack and drink- no spending money is required.

If parents wish to accompany their children, adult tickets may be bought for the match by contacting the Odyssey Arena. Due to limited space on the bus, parents will need to make their own way to and from the Arena.

## Primary 1 Health Appraisals

Health appraisals for our Primary 1 pupils will take place in school next week.

## AQE & GL Assessment Results

Results from the above tests for our Primary 7 pupils will be available to parents on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. Results will be posted to your home address. School is not informed of the results before this date.

Some further important dates are as follows:

3rd Feb 2017: AQE Assessment (CEA) re-mark application form submission deadline.

10th Feb 2017: GL Assessment (GL) re-mark requests deadline (2pm).

Feb/Mar 2017: AQE Assessment (CEA) re-mark results.



# Primary 5 to Greenhill activity centre

Primary 5 pupils are heading to Greenhill Activity Centre (Newcastle) in June for an overnight residential. The deposit of £20.00 for the excursion is due to be paid by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

## School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce

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Ice Cream, Jelly & Fruit

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potatoes

OR

Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes

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Egg Sponge Flan, Fruit & Custard

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Parsnip, Oven Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Broccoli

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Carrot Cake, Custard & Fruit

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Pasta Bolognese, Cheese, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

OR

Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

## HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber



Keep up to date with what's happening in school...

We work hard to keep our parents and families informed about our school... to catch up on the latest news follow us on Facebook, Twitter and remember to check our website regularly!

