



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

"Every child is entitled to an adequate standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development."

In school we work with a range of agencies including the Community Nurse, sports academies, educational psychologists, literacy and numeracy support etc to access support for our children to ensure their physical and social needs are met.

### Bank Holiday and Exceptional Closures

School is **CLOSED** for STAFF DEVELOPMENT on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We are also **CLOSED** on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May for the BANK HOLIDAY and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May for an EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURE.

Even though there may be staff cars in the carpark, school will still be closed to pupils.

Please remember to make alternative childcare arrangements for these days.

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## Collection times from school...

On Monday we emailed all parents a reminder of home time collection arrangements. Unfortunately, we have seen a significant increase in the number of children left uncollected at the end of the school day without alternative arrangements being made by parents who are late. For Safeguarding reasons, we can not continue to allow pupils to wait at Reception as we can not guarantee that Mrs O'Donnell (Secretary) will always be available to supervise.

We understand that occasionally, parents may be late at collection times. If this happens we ask that you ring the school Office to let us know – this means we can arrange supervision for your child in our After School Club (there is a charge for the use of this facility).

## Primary 1- important dates...

- ✓ Primary 1 health appraisals will take place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, there is no need for parents to be present.
- ✓ Our Induction Information Afternoon for P1 parents for September is on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, 4.00 pm in the Assembly Hall.

## Shared Education Updates

This week, Primary 7 visited St Michael's PS and took part in a series of ICT workshops led by Mrs Flaherty (we posted some pictures on our website and facebook page). The children worked with sphero's and sphero minis.

Primary 3 also met up with their friends from St Michaels yesterday and visited Greenmount, Antrim.

Following the success of our Shared Education programme this year, we plan to expand the initiative next year in to other year groups. Mrs Douglas (Shared Education Co-ordinator) has prepared a short questionnaire for parents to complete. This was emailed to parents for the year groups which took part i.e. P3, P5 & P7 – please take a couple of minutes to let us hear your views.

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## Primary 5 to Greenhill!

Primary 5 had a great time this week in Greenhill, Newcastle for their overnight residential. The children took part in Zip-lining, Orienteering and lots of other activities. We hope this has given all or P5's lots of great memories. I'm sure parents would like to join me in thanking Mrs Luney, Mrs Carberry, Mrs McIntosh and Mrs McMullen for taking good care of everyone.



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## Primary 1 to Streamvale Farm!

Primary 1 also had a busy week and great time at Streamvale Farm... Miss Morrison and Miss McLaughlin have added lots of great photographs on our website. P1 fed the ducks, lambs, pig and even had a snack of their own!





## Primary 7 Transfer Arrangements

Placement letters for Primary 7 pupils will be posted to your home address on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May (today) – you should receive these on **SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY**. The Education Authority has once again provided a Helpdesk on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May between 3.30 and 5.00 pm which parents can contact in the event they do not receive their placement letter. The EA will also write to pupils who have not been allocated a school place. **The helpdesk number is 028 25661379.**

The Helpdesk will NOT have information about the placement of post primary placement of pupils who hold a statement of Special Educational Needs as these pupils are placed via a separate process managed by Special Education.

## AQE Information Sessions

- Belfast Royal Academy: Open Morning & AWE Information Session- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May for P6 pupils & parents 9.45 and 10.45 am.
- Ballyclare High School: AQE Information Session Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.00 pm.

## Sports Day...

We hope to have Sports Day for **P1-4 on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Sports Day for P4-7 on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May**, this is of course weather permitting – a text will be sent if we have to postpone the events. A detailed letter, outlining the days has already been emailed to all parents – please check your emails.

Children may wear their PE kit to school on Sports Day. As a reminder, our PE kit is as follows:

- Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Trainiers or black plimsolls

After the activities, children may go home accompanied by a parent or guardian – please complete and return the reply slip if this is the case.

## PTA Summer Fair...

Please note our PTA Summer Fair is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – apologies for the incorrect date in the Newsletter last week!



## School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes &  
Tomato Sauce  
~  
Yoghurt & Fruit

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potato  
**OR**  
Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes  
~  
Egg Sponge Flan  
& Custard

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Roast Pork, Carrot & Parsnip, Oven Roast &  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
~  
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli & Naan  
Bread  
~  
Carrot Cake, Custard

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT**

### HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Water Melon & Yellow  
Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

**(HEALTHY BREAK AVAILABE FOR ALL  
CLASSES FROM P1-5)**

## Crown Jesus Ministries & M&M Theatre Company...

Today in school we had a visit from Crown Jesus Ministries who delivered  
a puppet show in Assembly.

The M&M Theatre company visited P4-7 this afternoon and performed  
their Play – Oliver! Thank you to Mrs Flaherty for arranging this!

