



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 2

"The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language abilities or any other status."

In school we promote the mutual respect of all children, regardless of background, heritage or any other status. Our School Code of Conduct outlines our expectations.

Can you help the PTA?

The PTA are seeking new members and helpers to assist with PTA activities and events in school. The PTA Chairperson (Lesley Ferris) sent home a note and reply slip for you to complete if you would like to volunteer.

The main aim of the PTA is to help raise funds for school to buy extra resources, for example, in previous years the PTA have bought new interactive whiteboards, ipads and treats for our pupils.

If you can volunteers some time or expertise, please complete the reply slip on the note sent home and return to school.

Thank you!

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Open Night for new Primary 1 pupils & parents

Open Night for new Primary 1 pupils & parents is on **THURSDAY 8th**

NOVEMBER, 6.30 PM. If you have a child due to start P1 please complete our P1 Pre Enrolment Form & return to Mrs Lamont or Mrs O'Donnell in the Office.

Parent & Carer Contact Information

There are occasions in which we need to contact parents or carers during the school day or to share information with you such as notes, newsletters and appointments.

It is very important we have the correct contact details for you. **Please ensure that we have your correct mobile number and email address.**

If you need to update this, you should inform the school Office by emailing klamont306@c2kni.net Thank you for your help with this.

After School Club Provision survey...

Thank you to those of you who took the time to share your thoughts and insight into your usage of our After School Club provision. This information will be invaluable in planning and delivering improvements in this area.

For your information, a summary of the outcomes are below...

1. As a parent or carer, would you like our After School Club provision to be extended to a later time? **YES- 97%**
2. If available, to which time would you use our After School Club provision?
4.00 pm 6% 5.00 pm 61% 6.00 pm 27%
3. Our After School Club costs £2.50 per hour, do you think this is reasonable value for childcare? **Yes- 78% NO- 1.5%**
It should cost less- 17% It should cost more- 3%
4. Is booking our After School Club online via SchoolMoney a convenient way for you to book? **YES- 95.5%**

As a result of this consultation, it is now planned to extend our After School Club provision after Halloween. I will write to you with more information in the coming weeks.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Our Parent Teacher Interviews are due to be held in school on **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October.** (As a reminder, all children will go home at the earlier time of 12.30 pm after lunches have been served).

By now, you should have received an email (and or text) inviting you to select a date and time to attend a Consultation with your child(s) teacher. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress your child is making in school. It is also a good opportunity to share information from home. Thank you to those of you who have promptly selected an interview date and time.

If you have yet to select your interview time I strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible as interviews are allocated on a first come, first served basis. I hope you have found this system a convenient way to book your Consultation.

I remind parents that there will be NO TEACHER LED after school activities the week commencing Monday 22nd October.

Recognise & Remove Concussion

The Department of Education has shared with parents information on recognising the signs of concussion. These may include:

- A headache
- Feeling dazed or drowsy or sleepy
- Feeling sick
- Feeling irritable
- Having difficulty remembering things
- Any other change in normal behaviour

More information is available on the DENI website.

School Uniform, lost property

A number of items of school uniform have made their way to lost property.

If your child has lost any items of clothing please check here next week. Items which remain unclaimed after Halloween will be donated to charity.

To help us, please label all items of clothing so we can return them to their owner!



School Carpark

Parents and visitors to school are welcome to use the Carpark facilities in our grounds. However, it is up to all adults to ensure the safety and care of our pupils and indeed other adults. For this reason, we ask everyone to adhere to the following:

- Speed limit of **5 MPH** (should be strictly observed)
- Vehicles should not be parked on pavements or access points at any time
- All drivers must observe the one-way system
- Drivers must exercise extreme caution at all times when in school grounds
- Pedestrians should use the designated crossing areas & pathways
- Parents should get out of their car to collect their child and escort them to their vehicle or in to school (pupil safety comes first!)
- The disabled bays at the front of school should only be used by blue badge holders
- Please show consideration for other drivers and remember the safety of our pupils is paramount

Please share this information with everyone at home who may be collecting or leaving pupils to school.

Charity Work– British Heart Foundation

This week, you should have received a note home about our nominated charity this year – The British Heart Foundation. Over the next two weeks, pupils will be encouraged to take part in sponsored aerobic activities both in school and at home including;

- A daily home 'step-up challenge' to develop strength and aerobic capacity.
- A 'Skipathon' challenge in school using skipping ropes.

Children will also be awarding 'kindness hearts' to fellow pupils. Thank you for your support and sponsorship!

Rights Respecting Schools

Yesterday, Mrs Carberry and I met with a group of Primary 6&7 pupils to discuss our upcoming assessment for our Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award. The group also met members of our Board of Governors who were impressed with the enthusiasm and passion of the children in talking about their rights respecting work. The assessment is on **Wednesday 17th October** – good luck everyone!



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

Monday 8th October

Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips,
Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce

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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 9th October

Buffet

2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1
Pizza, Carrot sticks & salad

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Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Wednesday 10th October

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard

Thursday 11th October

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed
Vegetables

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Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 12th October

Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &
Mashed Potatoes

or

Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

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Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK

30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

School Promotional Video!

Yesterday we sent home a note explaining that a camera crew will be visiting Ashgrove on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

A number of activities will be filmed to reflect the life and working of our wonderful school... I'm sure the children will enjoy sharing their learning & experiences and this should capture something special.

Please inform us by Monday 8th October if you do not wish your child to take part.

Thank you

