



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

Article 3 "The best interests of the child must be a top priority."

In school we strive to ensure that we keep the best interests of our children at the fore of everything we do. The above article is written in to our new policies and will be embedded in the ethos statement of the school this year.

### Rights Respecting Schools, Gold Assessment...

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, Ashgrove is being assessed for the RRSA Gold Standard Award. If we are successful we will be on the only school in the Newtownabbey area to be awarded this high accolade. Over the past couple of years the children have learned all about the Rights of the UNCRC and indeed the Rights of children all over the world. Raising the awareness of Rights and

Our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors have done a wonderful job in sharing the work of the school and our pupils. Mrs Carberry has led this important piece of school development work and has done a sterling job!

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**



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## OPEN NIGHT FOR PRIMARY 1 & NEW PUPILS

Thank you for returning your Primary 1 pre-enrolment forms or for sharing these with other parents. Open Night for new P1 pupils (or pupils moving in the area) is on **THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 6.30 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## Flu Vaccinations...

Our Flu Vaccinations are due to take place in school on **MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**. These are administered by the Community Nurse via a nasal spray (no needles are required). Please note that we cannot administer the vaccination unless we have permission from home. Parents are not required to attend.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

This week, you should have received home a note and reply slip about our forthcoming Parent Teacher Consultations on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

As per the emailed note, all children will go home at the earlier time of **12.30 pm** on these days. There will be no **TEACHER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** during the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. However, to help working parents we are extending our Club (which usually runs from 2.00 – 4.00 pm) to start at 1.00 pm on these days – this can be booked online via SchoolMoney.

We hope you will find the Parent Teacher Consultations a useful opportunity to be updated on your child's progress. This is also a chance, if required, for you to share relevant information about home.

We kindly ask parents to be mindful that Parent Teacher Consultations should last between 10-15 minutes per pupil. Please be mindful that there will most likely be other parents waiting to see the teacher. If necessary, you may make an additional appointment.

## PTA Wizards & Witches Ball

The PTA Monster Ball is taking place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. This is always a fun and popular PTA event. This year the PTA are holding three separate Disco's as follows:

- P1 & 2            5.30 – 6.30 pm
- P 3 & 4            6.45 – 7.45 pm
- P5 - 7             8.00 – 9.00 pm

*Tickets available to purchase now at  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/ashgrove](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/ashgrove)*



## Half Term Holiday

It is hard to believe that the Half Term Holidays are fast approaching! A full list of all diary dates and Holidays are available on our website. As a reminder, school will be closed for the Half Term break from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** (inclusive). **School will recommence at the usual times on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

## AQE & GL Assessment Information

I would like to remind those parents who have children sitting the AQE assessments that the tests will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday 10th Nov 2018: AQE (CEA) 1st Paper
- Saturday 17th Nov 2018: GL Assessment
- Saturday 24th Nov 2018: AQE (CEA) 2nd Paper
- Saturday 1st Dec 2018: AQE (CEA) 3rd Paper
- Saturday 8th Dec 2018: GL Supplementary Entrance Assessment

## Harvest Service – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to those of you who have returned your reply slip to attend our Harvest Services on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. As per last year, we are holding two Services- 9.30am & 11.15am. You should have received your ticket – please bring this with you!

**It will state clearly on your ticket which Service you should attend to see your child/children.**

### Shared Education Dates & Reminders...

- P3 visited Queens PEC today as a “Getting to know you” event with St . Michael’s PS .
- Primary 2 have a Shared Education visit on THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October – notes and permission slips have already been sent home!
- Primary 6 will join St Michael’s in Queens PEC on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November some P3 pupils from St Michael’s will visit Ashgrove.





## Healthy Breaks for school

The Public Health Agency have shared the following advice for parents and carers for Healthy Breaks in Schools...

**Drinks:** It is important that children drink enough during the day. Milk (unflavoured) and water are the most suitable drinks for children. In Ashgrove PS we ask that children drink water in class – no fizzy drinks, smoothies etc – these contain lots of hidden sugar which are harmful to teeth and can spike blood sugars.

**Bread based snacks:** Bread based snacks can help meet the extra energy needs children require and help them to feel more satisfied. This includes white or wholemeal, rolls, bagels etc

**Not suitable:** Sugary spreads, including jam, honey, marmalade or chocolate spread.

## School Carpark...

Some concerns have been raised with me about the lack of courtesy with adults using the School Carpark – this is not acceptable. We are fortunate in Ashgrove to offer adequate parking for guests in school, however, this must be treated with respect for all drivers. **Our children must be our main concern.** For this reason, we must all observe health & safety guidelines which are regularly shared with parents and carers in our Newsletter.

I have spoken with the Neighbourhood Police Constable who will visit the school & carpark next week during collection times. I have been advised by the Police that if users of the Carpark can not use this responsibly then it should be closed for use.

*As a reminder, parents should NOT double park or park in areas which are clearly marked with hazard lines.*

*I thank everyone for their due consideration.*



## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

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

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Yoghurt & Fruit

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potato OR Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes

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Egg Sponge Flan & Custard

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Roast Pork, Carrot & Parsnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli & Naan Bread

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Carrot Cake & Custard

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Pasta Bolognaise, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

OR Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread,

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

### HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

## After School Club Provision

*Good news! After the Half Term Break, our After School Club will be extended to 5.30 pm!*

*This is now available to book online via SchoolMoney for the week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.*

*Cost: 2.00 – 4.00 pm £2.50 per hour*

*4.00 – 5.00 pm £3.00 per hour    5.00 – 5.30 pm £1.50*

