



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 9 "Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests. Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents unless this could cause them harm"

In school we work hard to respect all parents and careers in school. We ask parents to help us by keeping us informed if family circumstances change.

Open Day for new Primary 1 Parents

On Monday 7th January we have on OPEN DAY in school for new parents to come and see our lovely school. Tours of the school will take place at 9.30am and 11.30am. You be able to see our classrooms in action.

During the Open Day, our ICT Suite and ipads will be available to assist with the new online application process. Members of staff will be on hand to help with the application process... if you need any guidance with the application process at any stage, you are very welcome to call in to school at any time.

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Christmas Holiday Reminder

The last day of term is **Thursday 20th December**, all children will go home at 12.00pm- no school dinners or packed lunches will be served. School will reopen to pupils on **Friday 4th January** at the usual time.

School Council Christmas Jumper Day...

Our School Councilors have organised the above for **Wednesday 20th December** – children should donate £1.00 to the School Council. Thank you for your support!

Ashgrove Senior Choir

Our Senior Choir will sing at Ashwood Nursing Home on Friday 14th December. Pupils will walk to and from the venue. We hope our wonderful choir will share a bit of Christmas magic with the residents.

Miss School=Miss Out!

The Department of Education has shared information on why attendance at school is so important. Here are some of the ways parents can help in ensuring good levels of attendance...

- ➔ Establish a good routine in the morning and evenings so your child is prepared for the day ahead.
- ➔ Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- ➔ Ensure your child arrives to school on time- not late.
- ➔ Arrange dental and medical appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- ➔ Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness- this should be followed up with a written note.
- ➔ Do not take family holidays during term time.
- ➔ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- ➔ Attend parent teacher consultations and school events.
- ➔ Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- ➔ Always support school staff in their efforts to control; difficult or challenging behaviour.



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Numeracy		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison Ruby Turner	Primary 1 Mrs Coulter Ben Blair	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Jude Dunn
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Jacob Watson	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas Luke Kinkaid	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion Carter Dowzell-Box
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Callum Munro	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Evie Douglas	Primary 5 Mrs Luney Jay Scott
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Sophie Bainbridge	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Stephen McGaw	Primary 6 Mr Morrow Darcey Ferris
Primary 7 Mr Agnew Jack Gibson	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty Owen Ferris	Next week our focus is Literacy

School Council Christmas Jumper Day

The School Council are organising a Christmas jumper Day on **Wednesday 19th December**, £1.00 per pupil voluntary contribution. All monies raised will go towards the School Council- they will choose how to spend the monies raised!

PLEASE DO NOT BUY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS ESPECIALLY FOR THIS OCCASION! If you don't have a Christmas jumper some tinsel on a regular jumper is perfect!



Exceptional Weather procedures

To date, we have not experienced much exceptional weather such as snow, ice or very hard frost. When needed, our paths in school are gritted and Mr Douglas works hard to keep us all safe in school grounds.

If there is ice or snow, please stick to the gritted areas for safety, but still take care.

Should our school be forced to close in very heavy snow or treacherous conditions in the winter, please note the following:

- 🌿 An early notice will be posted on our website: www.ashgroveprimary.com
- 🌿 Downtown Radio/Radio Ulster will be informed to make an announcement.
- 🌿 A text message concerning the closure will be sent to each parent on our 'Class Parents' list/ or the First Contact given by parents to our School Office.
- 🌿 Messages will be posted on our Social Media accounts – Facebook, Twitter and our school app (download the app from our website, itunes or Googleplay).

You will appreciate, this will be an exceptional circumstance and the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary. Working parents should ensure emergency child care is put in place and phone numbers are up to date should we need to contact you at any time.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Mrs Flaherty and her helper elves have been busily recording a Christmas Video to share with everyone at home – you will spot lots of people you know and we will share this with you once its ready!

Reminders...

Primary 7 are swimming during Term 2 after Christmas up to Easter, payment via SchoolMoney was due today. The deposit for the P5 residential to Greenhill was also due today.



Christmas Card House Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry to our Christmas Card House Competition. We had hundreds of super cards to choose from – the talents of our children are wonderful!

It wasn't possible just to choose three winners so we decided to choose a winning card from each class...



Congratulations to...

- Reilly Quinn, P7A
- Julia Zdolska, P6M
- Patience Harris-O'Neill, P5L
- Jessica Hagan, P4T
- Jenson Rainey, P5C
- Aiden Millar, P4H
- Sophie White, P6E

More Christmas Card winners on the next page!

Christmas Cards contd...



Well done & congratulations to...

- Olivier Bazylemicz, P2
- Maisy McKenna, P2
- Matthew Doherty, P6M
- Emily, P3D
- Leah, P3C/M
- Jacob Scott, P1C
- Jack Hull, P1M

Well done everyone – we
will use these as our
official Christmas Cards!



ASHGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

for Primary 1 enrolment

Monday 7th January 2019

Tours of the school available at 9.30 & 11.30am



***Help will be available with the new Education Authority online application procedure.
I pads and ICT suite will be available for Ashgrove applications.***

Remember to bring your child's Birth Certificate!

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“The school is Outstanding” UNICEF 2018

“The pupils are articulate and confident”

“Strong leadership from staff, parents and governors”

“The school has a strong ethos and ambassadorial role in the community”

“The standards the children attain are high” ETI

**Winners of “Overall Best
Primary School Award 2018”**

**Winners of UNICEF Rights Respecting
Schools Gold Award**

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Events in school next week...

Monday 10th December

Nativity, Dress Rehearsal in school

Thursday 13th December

Nativity, A Midwife Crisis, 9.30 & 11.15am

Friday 14th December

Nativity, A Midwife Crisis, 9.30am

There are NO TEACHER LED After School Clubs - recommencing after Christmas

School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

(Vegetarian Options are available – refer to website)

Monday 10th December

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

Tuesday 11th December

Buffet
2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1
Pizza, Carrot stick & salad
~
Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Wednesday 12th December

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
~
Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard

Thursday 13th December

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice & Mixed
Vegetables
~
Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 14th December

Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &
Mashed Potatoes OR
Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread
~
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

