



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) "Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights"

In school we pride ourselves on our ethos of tolerance and respect, we also value our Christian ethos and invite local Churches and organisations to speak at Assembly.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. **ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.30 PM (LUNCHES WILL STILL BE SERVED).** Next week, you will receive a text from school prompting you to select a date and time which suits you. We appreciate and encourage the attendance of all our parents and carers at these important interviews.

PRIMARY 7, SCHOOL TRANSFER INTERVIEWS

I wrote to all Primary 7 parents offering a date and time to come to school and complete the Post Primary Transfer Forms. It is not compulsory for you to attend, but many parents appreciate some guidance. If you are not able to attend, we can send the Transfer Form home to you, but this MUST be returned to school by **MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY.**

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SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SUPERVISOR

I am sure you have noticed a new School Crossing Patrol Supervisor is now in place outside our school. This is of course most welcome and I'm sure a relief to the many pupils & parents who use the busy road outside school.

I extend a very warm welcome to David and trust we will all appreciate his guidance in ensuring the safety of our children. I ask that all parents speak with their children about crossing the road safely and indeed only crossing with David's supervision i.e. only cross the road

PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

There is only one more week to apply for Primary 1 places for September 2019. The EA application portal will close on **THURSDAY 30th JANUARY**. Please remember to send us copies of your child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE and any other supporting documentation by **FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY**.

If you have submitted an application to Ashgrove PS you should have received a conformation email with a reminder to provide your child's birth certificate and any other supporting documentation.

If you need help with the application process or would just like to visit our school please call in at any time!

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS- THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

On **THURSDAY 5TH MARCH** we will celebrate **WORLD BOOK DAY**. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help mark the occasion we are asking all pupils and staff to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**- this could be Horrid Henry, Gangsta Granny, Little Red Riding Hood, Alice in Wonderland...

Please remember, we do not expect parents to buy expensive costumes for this occasion, a homemade costume or something you have at home is great!

On **FRIDAY 6TH MARCH** Mrs Luney is organising a sponsored Read-a-thon... more information will be sent home to you nearer the time.



HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN IN SCHOOL...

If you are worried or have a concern about any aspect of school life, you should follow the procedure below...

1. Speak with the class teacher – most often concerns can be addressed and resolved at this stage.
2. If the concern is not resolved, speak with the Head of Key Stage (Miss Morrison or Mrs Torrie) or Vice Principal (Mrs Flaherty).
3. Address the concern to Mr. Smith (Principal).
4. Following the steps above, if the concern has not been resolved, you may write to the Board of Governors.

AQE RESULTS- GOOD LUCK!

We will be thinking of our Primary 7 pupils on Saturday morning as they receive their AQE and/or GL results. Transfer Interviews for P7 pupils will take place next week. P7 parents have been invited to come to school to complete the Transfer Form for Post Primary School applications.

The result posted to you is a standardised score, a whole number between 55 and 145, with an average of 100. Grammar Schools have published what AQE/GL results they accepted last year, and these results are available online.

If your post does not arrive at your registered home address, the **AQE Office (028 9022 4002) will be open from 2.00 pm on Saturday 25th January** to allow for verbal results to be given over the phone (security questions must be passed). AQE will unfortunately not be able to answer any further questions other than that of your child's result. All other issues can be taken up from **Monday 27th January**.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL...

Please see below guidance from the Public Health Agency about keeping your child off school due to illness. Extended periods of absence for most illness is not necessary.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

PRIMARY 3 TO ULSTER MUSEUM

On **TUESDAY 28th JANUARY**, P3 are visiting the Ulster Museum to take part in a Dinosaur Bones Workshop... the visit is related to their class topic of Dinosaurs. Please note, that permission and payment for this educational visit is made online via SchoolMoney. We have sent a reminder text to parents who have yet to give permission or payment.



PRIMARY 4 ASSEMBLY

P4T are holding a special class Assembly on **Tuesday 28th January, 9.15am.** Parents and Carers in P4 are welcome to attend.

SAFER INTERNET DAY, TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 4th February.** Mrs Flaherty will take a special Assembly highlighting to children how to use the internet safely and appropriately. Earlier this year, our Anti Bullying Ambassadors and some P6 pupils produced a series of videos about how to stay safe online- you can watch them from our website.

Parents from Primary 7 may attend a special Assembly on **Tuesday 4th February, 9.15 am.** Mrs Flaherty will write to you with an invitation and reply slip.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

Monday 27th January

Sausages, Garden Peas & Chips

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Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

Tuesday 28th January

Oven Baked Breaded Whiting, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes **OR** Spicy Beef Noodles & Stir-Fry Vegetables & Crusty

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Fresh fruit & Yoghurt

Wednesday 29th January

Roast Beef, Cabbage, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

Thursday 30th January

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Carrot Sticks & Naan Bread

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Chocolate Cookie, Fresh Fruit & Milk

Friday 31st January

Irish Stew & Crusty **OR** Lasagne, Salad & Crusty Bread

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Apple Sponge & Custard

HEALTHY BREAK 3OP PER DAY

Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot

Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery

