



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 is embedded in the ethos statement of our school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

I am pleased that our Dining Hall refurbishment is almost complete. As a result, Breakfast Club will restart next week commencing **Monday 12th October**. Due to COVID the number of spaces at the Club will be restricted and strictly adhered to.

Parents must book a space at the Club for the week ahead by Sunday evening. **All bookings must be made online via SchoolMoney. Breakfast Club will cost £2.75 per day. We can not accept cash at the door.** Children entering the Club will be required to have their temperature checked as per standard procedures for entering school. Children must also wash or sanitise their hands on arrival. Pupils will be given an allocated seat and table to eat their breakfast.

Pupils must not bring their own personal digital devices to the Breakfast Club and we ask that personal items are kept to a minimum.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45 – 8.40am. Once the first bell rings at 8.40am pupils may then make their way to class.

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

FLU VACCINATIONS...

Our Flu Vaccinations are due to take place in school on **MONDAY 9TH 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.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM & HOMEWORK

In school we are using Google Classroom to set homework for Key Stage 2 children. It is vitally important you ensure your child is logged in to their Google Classroom using their **C2K email** which has been provided to you. Parents are not permitted to be members of the online classroom and will be removed by staff as will all users not logging in with their C2k email.

Homework and announcements will be sent through Google Classroom so please ensure children check this each day and complete the tasks set. These tasks will vary in each year group. Teachers will respond to requests as appropriate within the confines of a school day.

As Online Safety is a key concern please continue to encourage good practice. Children are encouraged to ask relevant questions but should not post to the main stream themselves- this is NOT a messaging app. Children should remember to keep comments positive and respectful. When asking for help this should be done within the task set. All communications are monitored by staff and breaches will be taken very seriously.

If you have any technical issues please either inform the class teacher or email school at info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

SEE-SAW & HOMEWORK

Homework for children in P1-3 is set online using See-Saw. Teachers have sent home QR codes for parents to scan to access your child's See-Saw account at home.

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.



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 **Thursday 29th October – Wednesday 4th November** (inclusive). **School will recommence at the usual times on Thursday 5th November.**

COVID UPDATES

I thank our parents for remaining vigilant against any potential sign of coronavirus. Many of you will be aware that last weekend two Day Care Nurseries were closed because of the virus and as a result some pupils who belong to school are now self-isolating.

If you or your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 you must follow PHA guidance. A close contact is: A person who has been close to a confirmed case from 2 days before the person was symptomatic to 10 days after the onset of symptoms and:

- Lives in the same household;
- Has travelled in the same car; or
- Has been within 2 meters of a case for more than 15 minutes; or
- Has been within 1 metre of a case and has had face-to-face contact including, being coughed on, having a face-to-face conversation or having skin-to-skin physical contact

REMOTE & BLENDED LEARNING POLICY

Today, I emailed to all parents a copy of our Remote and Blended Learning Policy. This document outlines what you can expect in terms of online learning if your child must self-isolate due to covid-19.

Please be fully aware that we as a school continue to discourage the taking of holidays during term time. Children who are withdrawn from school for a Holiday will not be provided with online classwork or homework. This will include the period of self-isolation on return if this is required.

The policy also outlines the roles and responsibilities of staff, pupils and parents to support online learning.

SHARED EDUCATION

Over the past few years we have developed a Shared Education partnership with St. Michael's Primary school in Belfast. This initiative has brought many benefits to our school and children. This year, in light of COVID it is understandable there will be no planned face-to-face meetings or activities. We will however plan for and deliver opportunities for online collaboration between classes in the two schools.





Cool for School Photography

"To have your child's photo taken you **must** register!"

Get ready for
PHOTODAY!

Register now so you can view your photos for free on your phone, as soon as they are ready. Just follow these three simple steps.

We will be taking photos in your child's school on:

15th & 16th October

Please register by **7pm** on the day before your Photoshoot



STEP 1

Grab your phone and go to
orders.coolforschoolphotography.com

STEP 2

Enter your unique school code.

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STEP 3

Choose **your child's** class from drop down menu. Fill in **Pupil's** name and complete the other email and mobile information.

That's it! You will receive an email and/or SMS with instructions when photos are ready to view.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our webpage for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our friendly customer service team on ... 02892683966



SCHOOL DINNER MENU

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 12th October</u></p> <p>Tuna & Salad Baguette & Bottled Water ~ Date Krispie Finger & Melon Wedge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 13th October</u></p> <p>Ham & Cheese Muffin, Veg Pastes Pot & Milk ~ Yoghurt & Pineapple Slice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 14th October</u></p> <p>Chicken Salad Baguette & Bottled Water ~ Chocolate Brownie & Watermelon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 15th October</u></p> <p>Chicken Wrap, Sweet Chilli Noodle Pot & Milkshake ~ Vanilla Rice Pot & Mandarin Orange</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 16th October</u></p> <p>Cheese & Tomato Baguette, Carrot Sticks & Apple Juice ~ Yoghurt & Apple Wedges</p>	<p>School meals are only available to those entitled to Free School Meals at present.</p> <p>School meals for the week ahead should be booked online via SchoolMoney.</p>

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

P5-7 children are working to prepare an online Harvest Assembly which will be shared with the rest of the school on **Friday 23rd October**. Unfortunately this year, we can not invite our parents into the building to attend the Assembly. The Service will however be put online later in the day.

The theme of the Assembly will be "Thankfulness". Some classes will be reading poetry, others singing and some sharing messages of thankfulness.

This year we are asking our families to make food donations which we can pass on to the Newtownabbey Foodbank. We kindly ask your help in sending the following items to school:

Cereal	Soup	Pasta	Rice
Tinned Custard	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Meat	Lentils, Pulses etc
Tea & Coffee	Fruit Juice	UHT Milk	Biscuits

(Please do not send fresh, perishable foods to school). Other items you may donate include toiletries and baby supplies etc

PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO SCHOOL THE WEEK COMMENCING 19.10.20

