



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 5

"Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up so that they can fully enjoy their rights."

WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone enjoyed their extended Half Term break- it is good to see all our pupils back safe and sound. As always, this promises to be a busy Half Term to Christmas...

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu Vaccinations are due to take place in school on Monday 9th November. The Nurse will only administer the vaccination to children for whom they have written consent and the correct forms have been completed and returned by the legal guardian.

Parents/Carers do not need to be present for the administration of the flu vaccination.

The closing date for the receipt of forms has now passed – if you have not returned your forms and would like your child to receive the flu vaccination you must now contact your GP to make these arrangements.

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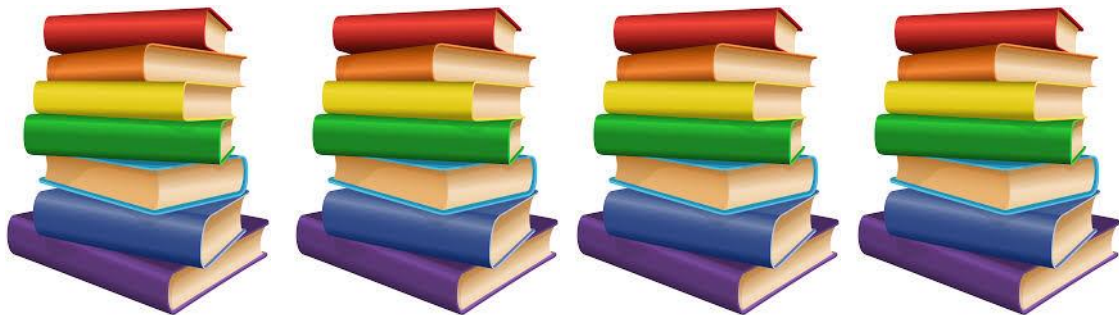
AFTER SCHOOL & BREAKFAST CLUBS

Our After School Club is now available and can be booked online via SchoolMoney. If you are having difficulties booking or logging on via SchoolMoney please contact Kerrie or Tracey in the Office who will be happy to help. Please email Kerrie or Tracey with your details to klamont306@c2kni.net and they will get back to you.

Breakfast Club has been up and running since before Half Term, this can also be booked online in advance.

SPONSORED READ-A-THON

We are organising a sponsored read-a-thon for **Friday 27th November** to purchase an online Reading library for each child. We will send home sponsorship forms today with your child and email a copy of these to your nominated email address. More information about the Read-a-thon is on the next page!



PARENT & CARER CONTACT DETAILS

In school we communicate with our parents in various ways including social media, email, text and our school app. It is the responsibility of parents & carers to pass new contact details to us if these have changed, we can therefore update our records and you will receive communications from us.

MANY COMMUNICATIONS ARE IMPORTANT, SUCH AS EARLY CLOSURES, EVENTS AND YOUR CHILD MAY EVEN BE ILL.

Please also make sure you have downloaded our app – this is free of charge and you can download this to multiple devices meaning everyone at home can receive communications. If there is more than one adult at home, please make sure everyone has our app.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

I'm sure many of you will be delighted to learn that we have planned an online mini version of our Christmas Nativity this year. It will understandably be somewhat different to previous years but still promises to be a real treat! We feel that our children have missed out on so much and want them to enjoy taking part in this event. Mrs Torrie (Head of Key Stage 1) has been busily preparing. We can't wait to share this with you!



SPONSORED READ-A-THON

The development of Reading is one of the key skills we are focusing on this academic year. We aim in school to buy for every child an online Reading Library through MyOn, which will give each child access to thousands of books. This is a significant investment on the part of the school and we are looking for the help of our friends and families to raise much needed funds to put towards the purchase of this software. With uncertainty around lockdowns and COVID we want to give every opportunity to our pupils to keep reading at home.

MyOn is linked to our school's Accelerated Reader programme and children can take quizzes to assess their understanding of what they have read. MyOn will also recommend books based on individual children's preferences encouraging them to read more.

READ-A-THON

On **FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER** the children from P1-P7 will take part in a sponsored **Read-A-Thon**, which will raise money to buy the online reading library for all children. Please ask family members and friends to sponsor your child – this incentive really works! Perhaps you may know a business who may be prepared to sponsor us too! It would be brilliant if each child could raise a minimum of £10... and wonderful if more is gathered! ☺... every penny raised will go towards reading in school.

What to do...

- Children can ask family or friends to sponsor their reading goals for the day.
- Children can complete the attached sponsorship form and any money raised should be brought to school by Friday 4th December.
- Alternatively, sponsors can pay directly through school money – also to be paid by Friday 4th December.

What will happen...

On the **27th November** the children from P1-P7 will read their favourite books in class, tell their friends in class about what they are reading (within their bubble) and enjoy reading activities set by their teacher. Those children taking part will also get a treat...

Children should come to school with:

- A favourite book
- A snack and drink (with a lid)
- They can even wear their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns to school!

All of the children who take part will be entered in to a raffle to win fun prizes and the class that raises the most money will win a prize too!

We're looking forward to this exciting fund-raising event and thank you for your sponsorship and support!



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/ CORONAVIRUS](https://nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk

EDUCATION RESTART



SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<u>Monday 9th November</u> Chicken Nuggets, Sweetcorn & Chips ~ Yoghurt & Melon	<u>Tuesday 10th November</u> Chicken Curry, Rice & Peas with Naan Bread ~ Chocolate Cookie & Fruit
<u>Wednesday 11th November</u> Roast Beef, carrots, Broccoli, Roast & Mashed Potatoes ~ Ice-Cream & Fruit	<u>Thursday 12th November</u> Chilli Beef, Carrot Sticks, Potato Wedges or Rice ~ Plain Sponge & Custard
<u>Friday 13th November</u> Salmon Cake, Beans & Mashed Potato ~ Yoghurt & Watermelon	School meals are only available to those entitled to Free School Meals at present. School meals for the week ahead should be booked online via SchoolMoney.

SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

Next week, we are offering our children a hot school meal for lunch which will be eaten in the Dining Hall. For next week only this will be available to those children entitled to Free School Meals. From the week commencing **MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**, school meals will be available to all children in school. Please remember, all school meals must be booked online via SchoolMoney, this is the responsibility of parents/carers.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL SAFE

Thank you all for supporting the safety measures we have in place at this continued difficult time. In particular, **I would like to thank you for keeping children at home when a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms.**

It is still PHA advice to get a test if you have symptoms. Therefore, children must not come to school if a member of your household is awaiting the outcome of a COVID test. By working together, we can help to keep everyone in our community safe.

At the beginning of this week, I asked parents and visitors to school to wear a face mask or covering while in the school grounds. I have noticed a considerable increase of parents and adults doing this – thank you all for your support and consideration.

