



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 25 (review of treatment in care)

"If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example with a foster family or in hospital) they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances."

In school, we work closely with many outside agencies to support and care for children who have been placed away from home.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR MAY 2021

I have already given you previous notice in other Newsletters of our planned school closures at the end of May 2021 as follows: School is CLOSED on Tuesday 25th – Monday 31st May (inclusive). Friday 28th May is a Staff Development Day and Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday. Our Holiday Lists for this year and the new 2021-2022 academic year are available on our website under the "parents section".

THINKING MATTERS INITIATIVE

We are excited in school to work with the University of Exeter to introduce the accredited **Thinking Matters Initiative** in Ashgrove. I will share much more information about this developmental work with you as it unfolds. **Thinking Matters** will be whole school priority in our School Development Plan over the next 3 years.

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ANNUAL PUPIL REPORTS

Towards the end of June, you will receive a copy of your child's Annual Pupil Report. This will give you an insight into the strengths and potential areas of development for your child/children in school. We understand this year has been somewhat disjointed in terms of pupils attending school for face-to-face learning and teaching, we will however still send home a written Report outlining progress made.

RESTART UPDATES

I'm sure we are all delighted that restrictions across Northern Ireland are gradually easing. Along with the Senor Leadership Team in school I will continue to review our risk mitigation measures. As I have done throughout the pandemic, I will keep you updated and informed if procedures or expectations in school change. Thank you all again for your help and support in keeping our school and community safe and well.

RECENT FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Thank you all for your help with our recent Fund Raising efforts in school. Last week, our pupils took part in "Break the Rules Day". Through this we raised just over £1,000 for ICT equipment. Our Easter Hamper Raffle raised £630 – again thank you for your support!

HOUSE POINTS AMNESTY...

A lot of our House Point tokens are missing from school! We think some excited boys or girls are taking them home to show mums and dads! If you have any of our blue, red, yellow or green stars (or gold coins) at home, please send them back in to us so they can be re-used.

PARKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

1. If you have parked your car in school grounds, please walk to the usual collection point where the teacher will hand your child over to you.
2. Once a child is handed over to you we expect you to supervise your child in the school grounds. Please DO NOT let them run!
3. Please only park in carpark spaces – do not double park or park across zebra crossings.
4. All children and adults must walk on the footpaths NOT on the road.
5. Please show consideration to other drivers and pedestrians.

As a School we can NOT accept liability for driving/road accidents which happen in school grounds. As adults, it is your responsibility to ensure you drive and park carefully with due consideration for others and most importantly for the safety of our pupils.



DIARY DATES THIS TERM

DATE	EVENT
Friday 7 th May	Primary 1 Health Appraisals (Community Nurse)
W/C 10 th May	P5 Standardised Testing in school this week
W/C 17 th May	P6 Standardised Testing in school this week
Wednesday 26 th May	School Closed
Thursday 27 th May	School Closed
Friday 28 th May	School Closed for Staff Development
Monday 31 st May	School Closed for 2 nd Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 1 st June	School reopens at the usual times P3 Standardised Testing this week
Wednesday 9 th June	Launch of Thinking Matters initiative
Monday 14 th June	Board of Governor's Meeting P7 Transition Programme – Moving On Up! (this week)
Tuesday 15 th June	Foundation Stage (P1&2) Sports Day
Wednesday 16 th June	Key Stage 1 (P3&4) Sports Day
Thursday 17 th June	Key Stage 2 (P5-7) Sports Day
Friday 18 th June	Primary 1 Health Appraisals (Community Nurse)
Friday 25 th June	P7 Last Day of Term
Wednesday 30 th June	School finishes for the Summer. Staggered ½ Day home times.

P7 UNIFORM

As a reminder, P7 pupils are very welcome to wear their Ashgrove Hoodies to school and make good use of them this term. PE kit items should only be worn to school on PE days. While we understand some P7's have grown out of their uniform, track suits and trainers are not acceptable as a standard every day uniform to school.

Girls may if they wish wear a green gingham dress this term – which are readily available. Boys should wear black or grey trousers/shorts which are inexpensive to buy in supermarkets. If you are having difficulty with this, please contact us as we have limited spare uniform items in school which may be donated.



SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.55 PER DAY)

Please remember to book both FREE and PAID meals online via SchoolMoney

Monday 10th May

Salmon Fish Cakes, Garedn Peas, Homemade
Potato Wedges with Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce &
Crusty Bread

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Kiwi & Strawberry Egg Sponge

Tuesday 11th May

Cottage Pie, Sweetcorn & Finely Diced
Pepper, Mashed Potatoes & Wheaten Bread

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Watermelon Slice & Yoghurt

Wednesday 12th May

Roast Beef with Stuffing, Baton Carrots,
Broccoli, Mashed & Baby Boiled Potatoes &
Gravy

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Fresh Fruit & Ice Cream

Thursday 13th May

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread &
Carrot Sticks

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Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Flavoured
Sauce & Orange Wedges

Friday 14th May

Chicken Bites, Baked Beans, Salad Coleslaw,
Chips or Chilli Potato Skins & Wholemeal
Bread

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Cheese, Crackers & Grapes

Please remember to login to your
SchoolMoney account to book meals for your
child for the week ahead.

Both PAID and FREE school meals should
be booked online before midnight of the day
ahead!

