



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

"Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities"

In school we promote good quality effective play which enhances the children's social skills- this is especially important in the Foundation Stage where our pupils can learn through play.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & UNIFORM GRANTS

Applications are now open for parents/carers to apply for Free School Meals & Uniform Grants for the new academic year. Please note, you MUST reapply for FSM & Uniform Grants each year.

Free School Meals / School Uniform / Physical Education Clothing applications for 2021/22 school year can be made online by clicking the link below.

<https://freeschoolmealsanduniforms.eani.org.uk/#no-back>

Alternatively, you may request a paper application by contacting 028 9041 8044 or email mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk

Parents/Guardians who have a child/children already entitled to free school meals during the 2020/21 school year also need to apply for these children (as well as any additional children) for the 2021/22 school year. Please include in your application all children for whom you have parental responsibility and who will be attending full time at school.

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

ASHGROVE PS SUMMER SCHEME

Ashgrove Primary will host a Summer Scheme for two weeks **commencing Monday 5th July**. The Summer Scheme will **end on Friday 16th July**. The Summer Scheme will start at 9.30am – 1.00pm.

I must stress the purpose of the Summer Scheme is not for academic catch-up, but importantly for nurturing and social activities.

Activities during the Summer Scheme will include the following:

- Multi Sports Coaching (NM Sports)
- Drama Workshops (Belfast School of Performing Arts)
- Yoga and mindfulness
- STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
- Games

There is no fee to attend the Summer Scheme and all the activities are free of charge to our families.

Numbers attending the Summer Scheme will be limited to 100 children. Staffing ratios do not permit a larger number of children to attend. The Summer Scheme is open to all children P1-7 and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you have more than one child in your household, you will need to book a space for each child.

How to book a space at the Summer Scheme

You will receive a text from school on **Monday 14th June** asking you to book a place for your child online via SchoolMoney. (There is a fee of 50p to book a place). Once 100 places have been taken, SchoolMoney will no longer accept bookings.

Please make sure you are able to login to your SchoolMoney account – we are unable to reserve places.

P7 POST PRIMARY PLACEMENTS

We will be thinking of all our P7 pupils as they receive notification of their post primary school placements tomorrow. Parents who applied online may login to their EA online portal. If you made a paper application, you will receive this outcome by post. Good luck to everyone!

COVID UPDATES

Thank you to all our parents and visitors to school who so diligently observe social distancing and the wearing of face coverings while in school grounds. It is important we all continue to play our part with this as with your consideration we have been able to keep our school open making it safe for pupils and staff alike.

In recent weeks we have noticed slight a lapse with these measures in particular at collection times, please be considerate of others by observing social distancing and wearing a face covering – thank you!



SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.55 PER DAY)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 14th June</u></p> <p>Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Wholemeal Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Chocolate Sponge, Pears & Custard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 15th June</u></p> <p>Pasta Bolognaise, Carrot Batons & Crusty Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Yoghurt & Trio of Fruits</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 16th June</u></p> <p>Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Sliced Green Beans, Carrots & Parsnip, Mashed & Baby Boiled Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Summer Fruits & Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 17th June</u></p> <p>Steak Burgher in a Bap, Salad, Coleslaw & Spiced Cubed Potatoes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Strawberry Shortcake Stack</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 18th June</u></p> <p>Gourmet Homemade Pizza with Chicken & Tomato Topping, Side Salad, Coleslaw & Chips</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Please remember to login to your SchoolMoney account to book meals for your child for the week ahead.</p> <p>Both PAID and FREE school meals should be booked online before midnight of the day ahead!</p>

SPORTS DAYS!

As a reminder, our Sports Days are scheduled for next week (weather permitting). This year, we are not inviting guests to attend, but we will post lots of pictures and clips of the days online.

This year, to help maintain class bubbles, we are having three separate Sports Days as follows:

Foundation Stage Sports Day (P1 & 2) – Tuesday 15th June

Key Stage 1 Sports Day (P3 & 4) – Wednesday 16th June

Key Stage 2 Sports Day (P5,6 & 7) – Thursday 16th June

Children may come to school these days in their PE Kit which is as follows:

- ✓ Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- ✓ White T-shirt
- ✓ Trainers or black plimsolls

