



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2021

SUMMER HOLIDAYS & CLASS TRANSITION

This is the final Newsletter of the 2020-2021 Academic year. This has no doubt been a challenging year for all our children and families. I would like to pass my thanks to you all for your continued interest, support and engagement with school.

The Board of Governors, Staff and I wish everyone in school a great Summer and thank you all for your continued support and interest in the life of our school.

School CLOSES for Summer (Half Day) on Wednesday 30th June. All children should be collected from school at their allocated staggered departure times – see below.

Wednesday 28th June will be a NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Arrival Time	Departure Time
8.40am	11.40am
8.55am	11.50am
9.10am	12.00pm

The new school term begins on THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST. Children will go home at 12.00 pm on THURSDAY 26TH, FRIDAY 27TH and August. It is important all children are in school on these days as vital class routines are discussed and established.

A Class Transition Day will be held next week on **Monday 28th June** – all children will visit their new classroom and see their new teacher. To help your child transition to their next class talk with them positively about moving on.

Please note SCHOOL MEALS will NOT be served on Wednesday 30th June.

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LOST ITEMS- UNIFORM & PE KITS...

We have once again gathered quite a collection of lost items in our Lost Property Containers including lunchboxes, shoes and PE clothes. If your child has lost any items during the year please ask them to check our Lost and Found containers outside Mrs Doherty's room.

Any items not claimed by the end of term (and without a name) will be donated to charity. Where possible we endeavor to return items to their owner, however many items have no name labels!

ASHGROVE SUMMER SCHEME

Mr Kelly and I wrote to all families who have gained a place in our Summer Scheme commencing **Monday 5th July**. We have a waiting list for children to attend, if your circumstances change and you no longer need this provision, please let us know so we may reallocate the place.

RETURNING READING BOOKS AND OTHER ITEMS...

Please make sure that all Reading Books, Text Books and all other items belonging to school are returned to us. We have invested a lot of money in Reading Books and these are expensive to replace which is an unnecessary loss to our budget.

Throughout the year we have lent uniform items to pupils for various reasons. If you have any of these items at home, please return them to us. In addition, if you have uniform items, which you no longer need (in good condition) please send them in to school and we can reuse them – thank you!

END OF YEAR PUPIL REPORTS...

Pupil Reports will be posted home on **Monday 28th June**. Thank you to those parents who have contacted school to update your address or living arrangements. Over the psay If a parent, or legal guardian, requires a second copy of the Report, please contact the school Office who will arrange for an additional copy to be sent to you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to thank parents for their help in maintaining our high standards with regards to school uniform this year. We believe this is an important part of our identity and gives a good impression of our school.

As a reminder, our website contains information about what uniform items children are required to wear. Some important points to remember are:

- * Please LABEL all items of uniform (including PE Kits); this helps us return lost items to their owners
- * Pupils moving in to Primary 4 in September will need to wear a white shirt and school tie – these may be bought from The Jeanery or Cartmills in Glengormley.



ASHGROVE ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to everyone who has viewed our online Art Exhibition for each class in school. This is available at <https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/home/ashgrove-art-gallery/>

If you wish to buy your child's piece of framed artwork, please complete the reply slip sent home at the beginning of this week (this was also emailed and sent to all families via our school app). Please have your reply slips with us by Tuesday 29th June at the latest.

A FOND FAREWELL TO PRIMARY 7...

Yesterday evening, we had a P7 Leaver's Gala... what a joy and treat for our P7 children after such a challenging year. This really was a magnificent send-off for our kids. We have included some pictures of the evening on the next page and these will also be posted to our facebook page for you to view and share.

A video montage of pupils and their time in Ashgrove from P1-7, (as well as their best memories) was made and shared with the pupils – again this will be put on our social media accounts for you all to see. Our Ashgrove Academy Awards

Our P7 kids are a wonderful bunch... each with unique gifts and talents. We all pass our very best wishes to you as you embark on your next chapter.

I'm sure all parents join me in passing sincere thanks and gratitude to the adults who made this such a special evening for our P7 Leavers. I must mention a special word of thanks to Gillian Clotworthy, Lauraine Murphy and Christina Murphy for their many hours of work behind the scenes!

PRIMARY 7 PROJECT WINNERS

Mrs McDade-Hastings from our Board of Governors looked at all P7 projects this year. She asked that I share with you how impressed she was with the standard of the projects and the obvious amount of work and detail put in by the children...

Mrs McDade-Hastings selected the following pupils as prize winners this year – well done everyone!

OVERALL

Lauren Beards

RUNNER-UP

Sophie Jameson

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Faye Lindsay, Sophie Millen
Sophie Douglas & Mollie Doubleday**



P7 LEAVERS OSCARS...



PIC•COLLAGE



SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.60 PER DAY)

Monday 24th June

Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes
& Crusty Bread

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Melon Wedge & Yoghurt

Tuesday 25th June

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread &
Carrot Sticks

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Selection of Desserts

Wednesday 30th June

No school meals served

(Half Day Finish)

Thursday 1st July

School closed for Summer

Friday 2nd July

School Closed for Summer

THANK YOU!

I would like to mention a special word of
thanks to the School Kitchen Staff for their
hard work all year in preparing meals for our
children...

