



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.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Half Term Holiday...

**SCHOOL FINISHES FOR HALF
TERM ON FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER
AT THE USUAL TIMES.**

**SCHOOL REOPENS AT THE USUAL
STAGGERED TIMES ON MONDAY
1ST NOVEMBER.**

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PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Today, you will receive home a time and date for your Parent Teacher Consultation. **These are happening on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October (All children will go home at a ½ day finish on these dates).** As far as possible, we have tried to accommodate your requested times for interviews. Consultations this year are taking place on Zoom. Please find below a Parent's Guide for accessing the interviews.

Before the Interview Day

- Make sure the device you are using has at least audio and microphone. An appropriate device for Zoom can be a laptop/computer, smartphone or tablet such as an iPad. If you are using a smartphone or tablet, download the Zoom app.
- If you have technical difficulties and/or can't make your meeting, please call the office on 028 90 848734 to let us know.

On the Interview Day

- Each teacher has a Zoom meeting room.
- Go to zoom.us or open the Zoom app on your device.
- Click 'Join a Meeting'.
- Enter the Meeting ID provided. This will be different for each teacher.
- **Enter your child's name so the teacher can check their interview schedule.**
- You will be asked to enter the room's password. The password for all consultations is **aps321**.
- You will enter the teacher's waiting room. The teacher will let you in when they are ready.
- Leave the teacher's Zoom meeting room when the interview is over by clicking 'LEAVE' in the bottom right corner of your screen. Please keep within the allocated time of 15 minutes.
- If your meeting has gone over 15 minutes, it may be cut off.

Some Things to Consider

- Try to find a quiet, private space for the Zoom meeting.
- Dress as you would if this meeting was in school.
- If you are unable to make your meeting, please contact the office as soon as possible.
- Sign in to Zoom and enter the waiting room 5-10 minutes before it is due to start.
- Come prepared with any questions you may have.

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.



COVID UPDATES

I thank our parents for remaining vigilant against any potential sign of coronavirus. We continue to have had a number of positive cases amongst pupils this week. It is important if your child is displaying symptoms you keep them at home and arrange a test. If a child is symptomatic in school, we will ask you collect them.

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:

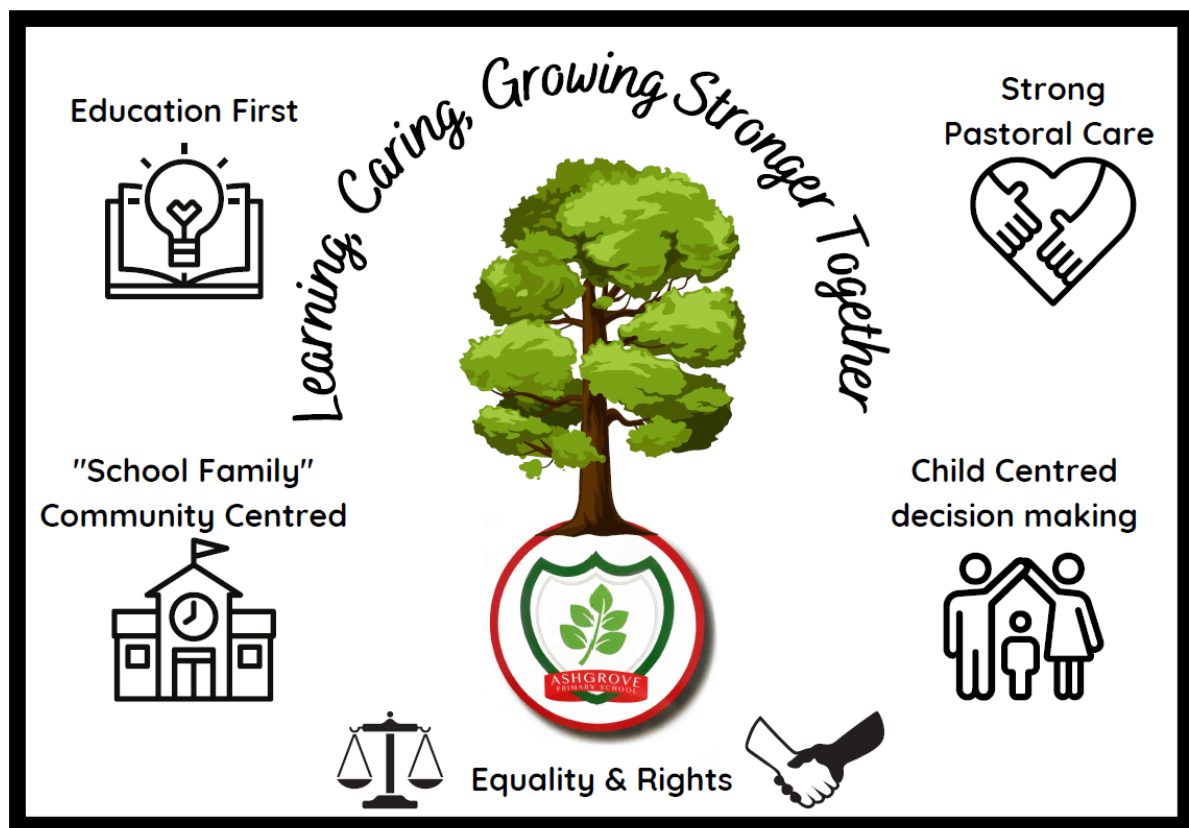
- Lives in the same household;
- Has travelled in the same car; or
- Has been within 2 meters of a case for more than 15 minutes; or
- Has been within 1 metre of a case and has had face-to-face contact including, being coughed on, having a face-to-face conversation or having skin-to-skin physical contact

FLU VACCINATIONS...

Our Flu Vaccinations are due to take place in school on **MONDAY 8TH 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. **Please return your signed consent form to us by Monday 1st November.**

SCHOOL ETHOS THINKING FRAME

Our Five Core Values





Ashgrove PS School Council



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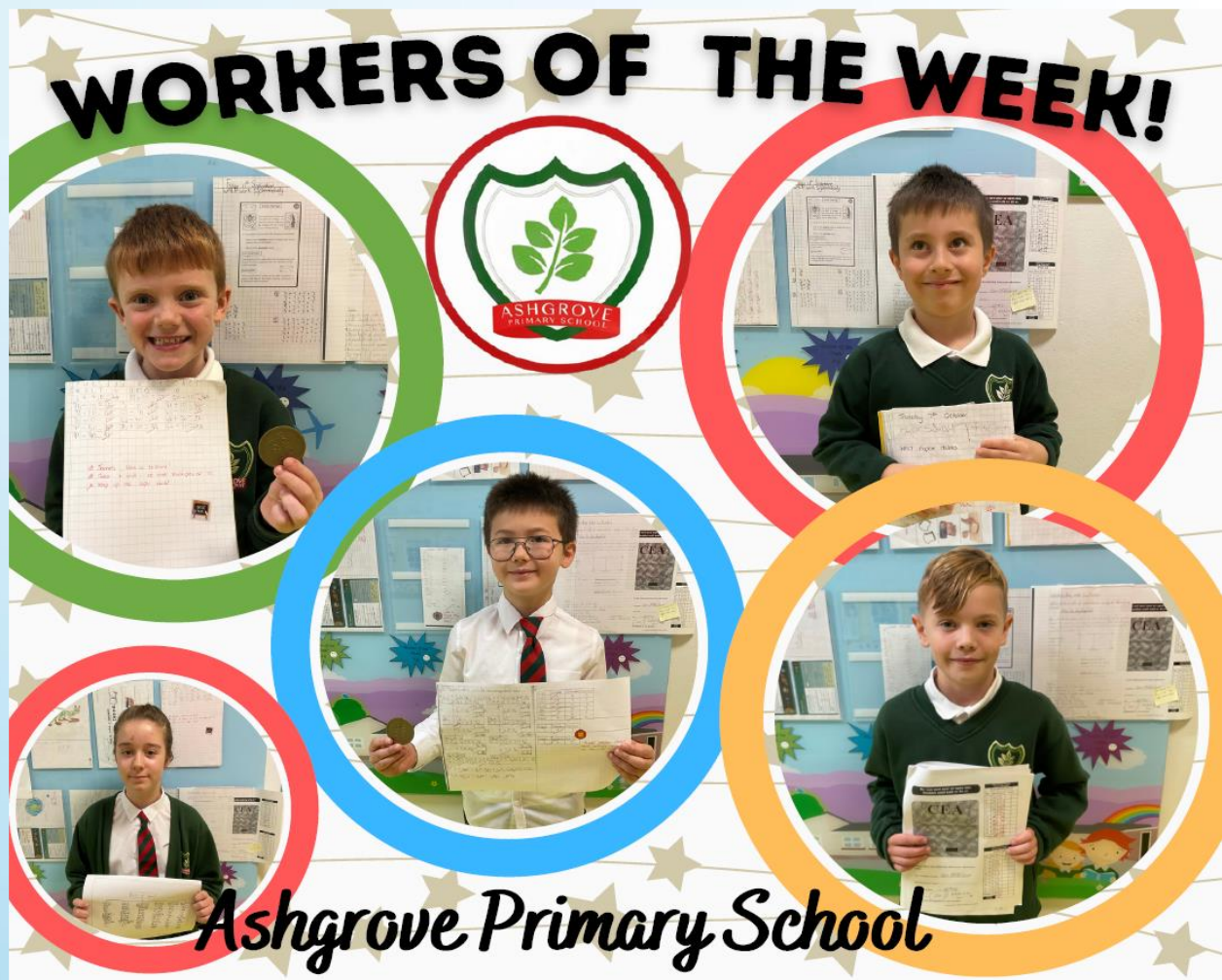
Part of our Anti-Bullying work in school!



SCHOOL DINNER MENU

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 11th October</p> <p>Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, Mashed potatoes & Wheaten Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Chocolate Sponge, Pears & Custard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 12th October</p> <p>Pasts Bolognese, Carrot Batons & Crusty Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Yoghurt & Trio of Fruit</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 13th October</p> <p>Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Carrots, Parsnips, Mashed & Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Summer Fruits & Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 14th October</p> <p>Steak Burger in a Bap, Salad, Coleslaw & Spiced Cubed potatoes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Strawberry Shortcake</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 15th October</p> <p>Gourmet Homemade Pizza with Chicken & Tomato, Side salad, Coleslaw & Chips</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt</p>	<p>School meals for the week ahead should be booked online via SchoolMoney.</p>

WORKERS OF THE WEEK!



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