



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 4 "Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights."

In school we actively promote an awareness of the rights of our children, this include the right to an education, health care and to be kept safe and free from harm.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY...

School will be **CLOSED** next week for the Half Term Break. We reopen to pupils on **MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER**. We wish all our pupils and families a safe and enjoyable Half Term Break.



Update Contact Information



Do you need to update your contact information with the school Office with a new address, mobile number or email? If you do, please complete our online form and we will update your information:

<https://forms.gle/ezdV9wCtBuPZQdRZ7>

It is very important we have the correct contact information for all parents & carers in case we need to get in touch with you urgently!

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HEAD LICE- WHAT TO DO...

Occasionally some cases of head lice in school come to our attention. It is therefore essential that all parents and carers check their children's hair regularly for signs of lice and their eggs.

Having head lice, also called nits, does NOT mean that a child is dirty or unkempt. Children are most commonly affected and anyone with hair can catch them. If you find head lice in your child's hair don't panic- this is easily treated.

Here is some advice provided by the NHS which parents and carers may find useful:

If you think your child may have head lice:

- ✓ Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.
- ✓ If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

Treating head lice...

If head lice are present, you must treat your child promptly. You should only treat your child if you find live head lice. Don't treat 'just in case'.

Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies and some supermarkets. Your GP may also be able to help. (There is no need to keep your child off school if you find head lice, simply administer the treatment and come to school as usual).

For more information, visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Headlice/Pages/Treatment.asp>

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Teacher Consultations this week. We hope you found them informative and gained an insight about the progress your child is making. If you have any questions or need to raise any issues following the Parent Teacher Consultations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yesterday evening, I sent a parent questionnaire to gain your views on the format and usefulness of the Consultations, please take a few minutes to complete this online by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/2LKjf4a1ET99CYqcA>



DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Date	Event
Monday 1st November	School Resumes at the usual times
Tuesday 4th November	School Eco Council Meeting
Monday 8th November	Flu Vaccination programme
Thursday 11th November	Virtual Open House (new P1 pupils for September 2022)
Week commencing Monday 15th November	Ant- Bullying week – Theme One Kind Word!
Saturday 20th November	AQE 1
Monday 22nd November	Board of Governors Meeting
Saturday 22nd November	AQE 2
Friday 27th November	Friendship Friday
Saturday 4th December	AQE 3



Report an Absence from School



Thank you for using our online form to report an absence from school. As a reminder, this simple form is available online on the homepage of our website, or just click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/KqDtssK1H1evJHfr9>

You should inform us of an absence on the first morning of non-attendance, please follow this up with a brief explanatory note to the class teacher when the child returns. We are required to record a reason for all absences from school.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAP 2021-2022

On the next page of this Newsletter we have included our School Development Plan Map for 2021-2022. This is a brief summary of our priorities for development this academic year. Every school is required to have a School Development Plan which is informed by internal self-evaluation of our provision.

Each area on the SDP Map has a comprehensive Action Plan which is implemented by staff in school and approved by the Board of Governors. We hope you find this a useful insight into our school. If you have observations or feedback in the SDP map, you can email us on info@ashgrove



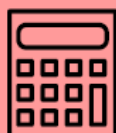


School Development Plan Map 2021-2022



LITERACY

Target 1: Further embed the quality of learning, teaching & assessment of Reading and Comprehension strategies throughout the whole school. Focusing in particular on: Summarising, Inference, Making Connections and Visualising.



NUMERACY

Target 1: Agree a Line of Progression in Mental Maths from P1 – P7 which is used by teachers to further improve children's PTM scores and develop a thorough understanding of the strategies used in Mental Maths for teachers and pupils.



ICT

Target 1: Ensure that all year groups have an opportunity to access the full ICT curriculum.
Target 2: Improve/replace ICT equipment to enhance learning
Target 3: Introduce the use of GoogleDrive as the school's primary system for the storage and sharing of school documents



THINKING MATTERS

Target 1: Become a "Thinking School" by establishing Thinking Schools across our school community. Launch our Thinking School journey.
Target 2: Children to become 22nd Century Learners with an improved capacity to self-regulate and more metacognitive aware.
Target 3: Staff to become confident in Thinking Matters frames and share a common language of thinking and learning.



WORLD AROUND US

Target 1: Develop a WAU Team with representatives from each Key Stage.
Target 2: Re-establish Eco Club and achieve Sustrans Silver Mark.



PASTORAL CARE

Target 1: Update Anti-Bullying Policy and ensure compliance with Anti-Bullying Act.
Target 2: Re-establish School Council and Class Council Meetings



KEY STAGE 1

Target 1: Monitor ABL using See-Saw.
Target 2: Agree an ABL Policy (Activity Based Learning).



FOUNDATION STAGE

Target 1: Introduce more natural materials during indoor play.
Target 2: Develop more spontaneous and open-ended play opportunities for outdoor play.



SAFEGUARDING

Target 1: Ensure provision is fully compliant with ETi Safeguarding Proforma.
Target 2: Retrain all staff in Safeguarding/Child Protection
Target 3: Update Policies.



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day
VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

SCHOOL IS CLOSED NEXT WEEK!

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 1st November</u></p> <p>Fish Fingers, Beans & Chips with Crusty Bread ~ Frozen Yoghurt & Fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 2nd November</u></p> <p>Chicken Curry, Rice, Naan & Carrot Sticks ~ Chocolate Cookie & Yoghurt</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 3rd November</u></p> <p>Roast Beef, Stuffing, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Cheese, Crackers & Grapes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 4th November</u></p> <p>Buffet Ham Muffin, Chicken Goujons, Cocktail Sausages, Pizza & Carrot Sticks ~ Muffin, Banana & Milkshake</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 5th October</u></p> <p>Hawaiian Salad burger, Coleslaw & Chips ~ Yoghurt & Fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK BOTH FREE AND PAID SCHOOL MEALS ONLINE VIA SCHOOLMONEY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD <i>thank you!</i></p>

DID YOU KNOW WE ARE THE ONLY RIGHTS RESPECTING GOLD STANDARD SCHOOL IN NEWTOWN ABBEY?

Virtual Open House

Keep an eye out for our Virtual Open House for new P1 pupils & families for September 2022.

We have a teaser video to share with you very soon!

