



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

#### Article 5

*"Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up so that they can fully enjoy their rights."*

### WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone enjoyed their extended Half Term break- it is good to see all our pupils back safe and sound. As always, this promises to be a busy Half Term to Christmas...

### FLU VACCINATIONS

**Flu Vaccinations are due to take place in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.** The Nurse will only administer the vaccination to children for whom they have written consent and the correct forms have been completed and returned by the legal guardian.

Parents/Carers do not need to be present for the administration of the flu vaccination.

The closing date for the receipt of forms has now passed – if you have not returned your forms and would like your child to receive the flu vaccination you must now contact your GP to make these arrangements.

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## AFTER SCHOOL & BREAKFAST CLUBS

Our After School Club and Breakfast Clubs can be booked online via SchoolMoney. If you are having difficulties booking or logging on via SchoolMoney please contact Kerrie or Tracey in the Office who will be happy to help. Please email Kerrie or Tracey with your details to [klamont306@c2kni.net](mailto:klamont306@c2kni.net) and they will get back to you.

## ONLINE FORMS

Thank you for using our online forms to inform us of an absence from school, request administration of medication or to change your contact details. These forms are available under the “**PARENT AREA**” of our website. Simply click on the required form and it will open automatically for you.

We encourage parents to use this online facility as the phones in the Office can be very busy, especially in the morning or collection times.

## PARENT & CARER CONTACT DETAILS

In school we communicate with our parents in various ways including social media, email, text and our school app. It is the responsibility of parents & carers to pass new contact details to us if these have changed, we can therefore update our records and you will receive communications from us.

**MANY COMMUNICATIONS ARE IMPORTANT, SUCH AS EARLY CLOSURES, EVENTS AND YOUR CHILD MAY EVEN BE ILL.**

Please also make sure you have downloaded our app – this is free of charge and you can download this to multiple devices meaning everyone at home can receive communications. If there is more than one adult at home, please make sure everyone has our app.

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

I'm sure many of you will be delighted to learn that we have planned an online version of our Christmas Nativity this year. It will understandably be somewhat different to previous years but still promises to be a real treat! We feel that our children have missed out on so much and want them to enjoy taking part in this event.



*Report an Absence  
from School*



<https://forms.gle/hHi3dcYmFpXtf5Gf9>





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# Primary 1 September 2022

Pre Enrolment Forms now  
available online



[www.ashgroveprimary.com](http://www.ashgroveprimary.com)



**Click the link below  
Register for P1 2022**



<https://forms.gle/ozZ1XBkgz27A9VdF9>

Our Primary 1 Pre-enrolment form for September 2022 is now available online. To make an expression of interest in enrolling your child for P1, simply click on the link above and complete the form.

## SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes  
& Wholemeal Bread

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Chocolate Sponge, Pears & Custard

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Roast Beef, Carrots & Parsnip, Roast &  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

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Summer Fruits & Yoghurt

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Gourmet Homemade Pizza with Chicken and  
Tomato topping, Side Salad, Coleslaw & Chips

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Fresh Fruit Salad & Chips

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Batons & crusty  
Bread

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Yoghurt & Trio of Fruit

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Steak Burger in a Bun, Salad, Coleslaw &  
Spiced Cubed Potatoes

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Strawberry Shortcake Stack

School meals for the week ahead should be  
booked online via SchoolMoney.



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## NSPCC SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE ASSEMBLY

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC'S SPEAK OUT. STAY SAFE. ONLINE PROGRAMME**. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)

### ADAPTED ASSEMBLY FOR HOME USE

The NSPCC has also developed an adapted version of their assembly for parents/carers to use at home with their children. This can be found here: [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety). With the help of celebrities, the film focuses on how a child can get support if they have any worries or concerns.

To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/activities](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities).

### CHILDLINE UNDER 12'S WEBSITE

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at [www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids).

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents).



# ASHGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



For new Primary 1 pupils for 2022, and other prospective pupils.



**LIVE ONLINE FROM  
THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER**

Scan the QR code or go to  
[www.ashgroveprimary.com](http://www.ashgroveprimary.com)



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