



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 7

"Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality and as far as possible to know and be cared for by their parents"

In Ashgrove, we take care to recognise and celebrate the diversity in our school. We have pupils and families from many backgrounds and cultures which adds to the richness of the fabric of our school life.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week in school we have been marking NI Anti Bullying Week. Classes throughout school have been discussing and learning about the various types of bullying.

We have also been learning about how we can be a good friend to others and show appreciation and kindness for the friends we have. Have a look on our website for some of the activities our children have enjoyed this week.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2021

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GOOD LUCK P7!

We wish our P7 pupils the very best of luck for their first AQE assessment tomorrow morning!

DONUT WORRY just do your best!

We are so proud of all the hard work you have put in over the last number of months in preparation for this test.

All we ask of you, is that you give it your best.
No matter what, we think you are a star!

From everyone at Ashgrove.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Usually in December, we have a community Christmas Fair where everyone is invited to come along. This year, we are doing things little differently. We have revamped the Christmas Fair for just our children to attend in their class bubbles at allocated times on either Thursday 16th or Friday 17th December.

We have arranged the following stalls and activities for children to enjoy....

• Tuck Shop	• Reindeer Food	• Christmas Stationary
• Hot Chocolate Packs	• Lucky Dip	• Washing Line
• Christmas Tattoos	• Colouring Competition	

Nearer the time we will send home a prepared price list for stalls so younger children can decide what they would like with mum or dad at home.



NSPCC VIRTUAL ONLINE ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

I am pleased to tell you that next week, 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

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. 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.

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.

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.

THIS ASSEMBLY IS PART OF OUR SAFEGUARDING
PREVENTATIVE CURRICULUM.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL...

Thank you for continuing to keep us updated and informed if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. We have made an online google form to report all baseness from school – please visit our website and all forms are under the Parents Section.

If your child can not attend school, please inform us on the first day on non-attendance. If the reason for absence is a positive case of COVID, you should email the positive result to info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk. Following this, we can then send Warn & Inform letters to the class.

I have outlined below PHA recommendations for common ailments and the amount of time children should be absent from school.

Diarrohea and or vomiting	48 hours after the last episode
Flu	Until recovered
Measles	Four Days from the onset of the rash
Chicken Pox	Until all vesicles have crusted over
Conjunctivitis	None
Head Lice	None (treatment required)
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling
Tonsillitis	None

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS...

In Ashgrove Primary we have dedicated Safeguarding Team in school who work to ensure that Safeguarding messages are shared with all pupils, staff, visitors and parents in school.

If you have a worry or concern about any child in Ashgrove Primary you must contact a member of the Safeguarding Team...

DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION Mrs Luney (Primary 5)	DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION Mrs Carberry (Primary 5)
PRINCIPAL Mr R. Smith	SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR Mr W. Edwards

Our Safeguarding Policy and procedures are available on our website.



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><u>Monday 23rd November</u> Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, Potatoes & Crusty Bread ~ Forest Fruits & Yoghurt</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 24th November</u> Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Batons & Crusty Bread ~ Strawberry Sponge & Custard</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 25th November</u> Roast Beef, Stuffing, Diced Carrots & Cabbage and Mashed Potatoes ~ Rice Pudding & Custard</p>	<p><u>Thursday 26th November</u> Chicken Curry, Rice Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Chocolate Cookie, Milkshake & Banana</p>
<p><u>Friday 27th November</u> Hot Dog, Sweetcorn & Chips ~ Fresh Pineapple Ring & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Please book school meals online in advance for the week ahead. Thank you.</p>

P5-7 Using ACCELERATED READER at home...



Mrs Luney and I in the next few weeks will be reviewing each child's use and progress of our Accelerated Reader programme.

AR is available to all children from P5-7 and can be used freely at home for all ability levels. Children P5-7 have their own AR login details, if you need this again, please send a note to the class teacher.

Mrs Luney and I will review which children have met their AR Targets. You can help with this at home by encouraging your child to read a little every day and once a book is completely read to then take the AR Quiz.

AR is a significant investment on the part of the school. I wish to make sure we are getting good value for money and all children are using it as much as they can.

