



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 16 (right to privacy) "Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect every child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation."

HALF TERM HOLIDAY...

Please remember school is **CLOSED** for Half Term the week commencing Monday 14th February – the usual home times apply on Friday 11th February. School will reopen at the usual staggered times on Monday 21st February.

Enjoy your Half Term break!

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Over the past few weeks we have sent various correspondence informing you of our Parent Teacher Consultations on Monday 28th February – Wednesday 2nd March. All children will go home an earlier staggered time as follows after lunches have been served:

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NUMBER DRESS UP DAY

This week in school we have celebrated the NSPCC Number Week & today the Number Dress Up Day. All week our pupils have enjoyed various creative Numeracy activities such as Number Break-Out Rooms, Scavenger Hunts and emoji maths. Many thanks to Mrs Ewing and her Numeracy Team for organising the various learning opportunities this week... see below some photographs of our Dress-Up Day.



PIC COLLAGE



PLEASE SEE BELOW A HOLIDAY LIST FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR – THIS HOLIDAY LIST COMMENCES IN AUGUST 2022

HOLIDAY LIST, 2022–2023



AUTUMN TERM, 2022

<u>School commences:</u>	Friday 26 th August	(Half Day)*
Bank Holiday:	Monday 29 th August	(School closed)
	Tuesday 30 th August	(Half Day)*
	Wednesday 31 st August	(Half Day)*
School Development Day 1:	Friday 30 th September	(School closed to pupils)
HALLOWEEN:	Mon 31 st Oct - Thurs 3 rd Nov	(inclusive)
School Development Day 2:	Friday 4 th November	(School closed to pupils)
<u>School recommences:</u>	Monday 7 th November	
CHRISTMAS:	Wednesday 21 st December	(Half Day)*
	Thurs 22 nd Dec - Wed 4 th Jan 2023	(inclusive)
School Development Day 3:	Thursday 5 th January 2023	(School closed to pupils)

SPRING TERM, 2023

<u>School recommences:</u>	Friday 6 th January 2023	
School Development Day 4:	Monday 13 th February	(School closed to pupils)
HALF TERM:	Tuesday 14 th Feb - Fri 17 th Feb	(inclusive)
St Patrick's Day:	Friday 17 th March	(Half Day)*
EASTER:	Friday 31 st March	(Half Day)*
	Mon 3 rd - Fri 14 th April	(inclusive)

SUMMER TERM, 2023

<u>School recommences:</u>	Wednesday 17 th April 2023	
MAY DAY HOLIDAY:	Monday 1 st May	(School Closed)
School Development Day 5:	Friday 26 th May	(School closed to pupils)
MAY BANK HOLIDAY:	Monday 29 th May	(School Closed)
End of School year:	Friday 30 th June	(Half Day)*



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 8th February**. Never before has this issue been more important or relevant for our young people. The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is **'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'**.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2022** | **Tuesday
8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

Safer Internet UK have a range of tips and strategies for parents/carers to support their children online at home. These include the following:

REASSURING YOUR CHILD THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS ONLINE, YOU ARE THERE TO SUPPORT THEM.

Let your child know that the best way to address any problem they have online, is to tell a trusted adult immediately. For example, this might include someone sending them a friend request; an online message; telling them to visit a specific website, or app; or asking them for their personal information. Reassure them that if anything happens online that they are unsure about, or makes them feel worried or upset, they can come to you for help.

KNOWING WHERE YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE APPS AND GAMES.

Websites like Common Sense Media or The Family Gaming Database can be invaluable sources of information. When your child starts talking about a new game or app, why not do some research into the reporting and blocking options available? Then you can help your child if they come to you with an issue

For more information about supporting your child online click on the link below:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>



GOOD LUCK P7!

Tomorrow morning P7 pupils will receive their AQE/GL results. The long wait for you is almost over. It has been a difficult time for our P7 pupils to prepare and sit the various entrance tests, but they have worked solidly and once again made us proud. The results will be posted to the home address you nominated when registering for the various tests. We have offered the opportunity for P7 parents to speak with us in school about the completion of online applications for post primary schools.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

We discourage children from bringing mobile phones to school but we recognise that some parents wish them to do so for child care arrangements.

If a pupil must bring a mobile phone to school, it must remain switched off throughout the day and out of sight e.g. kept in a school bag or handed over to the teacher for safe keeping. Mobile phones which are used during the school day will be taken by an adult and returned at the end of the school day.

Should you as parents/carers need to contact your child throughout the day, this should only be done via the school office. Thank you for your help and consideration with this.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 2022

School will close early (Half Day) on St. Patrick's Day, school meals will not be available.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

(VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE – REFER TO WEBSITE)

Monday 7th February

Salmon Cakes, Garden Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce & Crusty

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Kiwi & Strawberry Flan

Tuesday 9th February

Savoury Mince, Sweetcorn, Mashed potatoes & Wheaten Bread

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Popcorn Cookie & Banana

Wednesday 10th February

Roast Beef & Stuffing, Carrots, Broccoli, Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Stuffing

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Ice Cream & Fruit

Thursday 11th February

Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks

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Chocolate Sponge & Custard

Friday 12th February

Chicken Bits, Baked Beans, Chips & Wholemeal Bread

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Watermelon & Yoghurt

Please book both Free and Paid School Meals online for the week ahead...

