



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

### 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."

**In school we take data protection very seriously. Information about our pupils is stored safely and we teach children how to stay safe online, protect their identity and seek consent.**

### PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS P1-7

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place by Zoom on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. **All children will go home at earlier staggered home times after lunches have been served. (see below for home times).**

Group A	Group B	Group C
Arrival 8.40am	Arrival 8.50am	Arrival 9.00am
Home 12.10pm	Home 12.20pm	Home 12.30pm

**To help working parents, we will extend our After School Club provision these days which should be booked online in advance via school money.**

Yesterday or today, you will receive a note home from your child's teacher with a date, time and Zoom details for the consultation – please keep this safe. To help teachers while using Zoom, please display your child's full name on screen while logging in.

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## HALF TERM

As per our Holiday List, school is closed all of next week for Half Term. School will recommence **on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at the usual staggered arrival times. We hope all our pupils and families enjoy the break.

## POST PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

The EA portal for post primary applications closes on **WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 4.00PM**. It is important that applications are made within this timeframe. Applications received after this time will be treated as 'late' and may result in you not gaining a place in one of your preferences.

Please click on the link below for more information...

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has returned their NSPCC Number Day sponsorship forms and monies to school. If you have yet to do so, please send this to us on the first day back after Half Term – thank you all for your support. We will let you know a total amount raised for the NSPCC after Half Term.

## ONLINE SAFETY

This week in school we marked **Safer Internet Day**. We took this opportunity to talk with our children about developing healthy, respectful relationships while online. Please remember to monitor what your child is doing at home while online and how they are engaging with others. Most social media platforms are not suitable for primary aged children as almost all require a minimum age of 13 years old.

You may also want to take this opportunity to check the settings and restrictions on your child's digital devices. This will help avoid your child seeing inappropriate content online.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY – 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH

As per our 2021-2022 Holiday List St Patrick's Day is a Half Day in school – children will go home at staggered times as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C
11.40am	11.50am	12.00pm

**School meals are not available in school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**



## HOLIDAY LIST, 2022-2023



### AUTUMN TERM, 2022

School commences:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August (Half Day)\*

Bank Holiday:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August (School closed)

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August (Half Day)\*

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August (Half Day)\*

School Development Day 1: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September (School closed to pupils)

HALLOWEEN: Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov (inclusive)

School Development Day 2: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November (School closed to pupils)

School recommences: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

CHRISTMAS: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December (Half Day)\*

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 (inclusive)

School Development Day 3: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (School closed to pupils)

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### SPRING TERM, 2023

School recommences: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

School Development Day 4: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February (School closed to pupils)

HALF TERM: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb (inclusive)

St Patrick's Day: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March (Half Day)\*

EASTER: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Half Day)\*

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)

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### SUMMER TERM, 2023

School recommences: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

MAY DAY HOLIDAY: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May (School Closed)

School Development Day 5: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May (School closed to pupils)

MAY BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May (School Closed)

End of School year: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June (Half Day)\*





## UNCOLLECTED CHILDREN

As a reminder, children who are uncollected from school will be brought to our After School Club where adult supervision is provided – this is the policy of the school. (There is a charge of £2.50 per hour or part thereof for the use of this service).

Staff and teachers wait outside with all children and ensure they are handed over to an adult at the end of the school day. Staff hand over their pupils and any remaining are brought back in to school.

For **SAFEGUARDING REASONS** we can not allow children to remain outside or be unsupervised in the school building waiting to be collected. If another adult or family member is collecting your child from school please remind them of collection times.

### SCHOOL IS CLOSED NEXT WEEK...

#### School Dinner Menu (£2.60 per day)

<b><u>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</u></b> Fish Fingers, Beans & Chips ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<b><u>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</u></b> <u>Pasta Bolognaise, Peas &amp; Crusty Bread</u> ~ <u>Crackers, Cheese &amp; Fruit</u>
<b><u>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</u></b> Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Summer Fruits & Yoghurt	<b><u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Beef Burger in a Bap, Salad, Coleslaw with Spiced Cubed Potatoes ~ Strawberries & Shortbread
<b><u>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Homemade Pizza – Chicken & Pepper, Tomato, Salad, Coleslaw & chips ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED NEXT WEEK FOR HALF TERM</b>



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