



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 18 (parental responsibilities & assistance)

"Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for their child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children."

In school we help children access this right by liaising with many external agencies such as health & social care, education authority, social services and the local council.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you for your support and attending our Parent Teacher Consultations this week...

We were once again pleased with the number of parents who took time to speak with their class teacher(s) and hope you found this informative.

If there are issues arising from the consultations which you would like to discuss further, please do so with the class teacher, SENCo (Mrs Doherty), Heads of Key Stage, Mr McComb (Vice Principal) or Mr Smith (Principal).

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ELECTIONS...

I have been notified that school will be **CLOSED on Thursday 5th May** as the building will be used as a Polling Station for the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections. Please make alternative childcare arrangements for this day.

DEVELOPING OUR OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

You may have noticed this week, a second polytunnel has now been finished in the grounds at the rear of the school. We can't wait to get to use it for our outdoor learning.



OUTDOOR TEEPEE

One of the things we have worked hard to develop over the past few years is the use of our outdoor facilities.

Do any of our parents or Ashgrove families know a carpenter, local company or indeed a parent who could make two or three of these outdoor teepees?

We are of course happy to pay for these to be made – wouldn't they be a great addition to our outdoor space!

If you can help or make a recommendation, please give us a ring or email on info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

READING WEEK & SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR...

During the week commencing **Monday 28th March** we are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school. The book fair will accept World Book Day vouchers...



The Book fair will be hosted in the main hall and each class will be timetabled to visit as follows:

- P1-3 Tuesday 29th March
- P4&5 Wednesday 30th March
- P6&7 Thursday 31st March

We will send more information and reminders in the coming weeks!



Diary Dates to Easter 2022

Diary dates are all on our website – please check regularly for any changes or updates

Date	Event...
Thursday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day – school closes early (Half Day)
Monday 21 st March	Sustrans. The Big Walk & Wheel Week
Tuesday 22 nd March	Sustrans. The Big Walk & Wheel Week
Wednesday 23 rd March	Sustrans. The Big Walk & Wheel Week
Thursday 24 th March	Sustrans. The Big Walk & Wheel Week
Friday 25 th March	Sustrans. The Big Walk & Wheel Week Friendship Friday.
Monday 28 th March	Reading Week & Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 29 th March	Reading Week & Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 30 th March	Reading Week & Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 31 st March	Reading Week & Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 1 st April	Reading Week
Wednesday 6 th April	P3 Shared Education Activities P5C Shared Education to Castle Espie
Friday 8 th April	P6 Shared Education Activities
Monday 11 th April	Primary 1 children Health Checks
Wednesday 13 th April	School finishes for Easter (Half Day finish)
Wednesday 27 th April	School recommences for the Summer Term

HEALTHY SNACKS & EATING IN SCHOOL

Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child to eat at breaktime. This may be a piece of fruit, vegetable or a bread based snack. Please do not send sweets, chocolate, crisps etc. Children are welcome to bring a bottle of water to school – but please no dilute or fizzy drinks. We are very aware that we are helping our children to set healthy eating patterns throughout their lives.



WORLD BOOK DAY...

Today we marked World Book Day in school and we had so many fantastic costumes and book characters in school. Many thanks to everyone at home for your help and efforts! Here are just a few snaps of some classes throughout school – teachers will add more pictures onto the website or seesaw.



PIC-COLLAGE



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

Vegetarian Options are available, please refer to website

<u>Monday 7th March</u> Fish Fingers, Baked Beans, mashed Potatoes & Crusty Bread ~ Watermelon & Frozen Yoghurt	<u>Tuesday 8th March</u> Chicken Curry, Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Biscuit & Fruit
<u>Wednesday 9th March</u> Roast Pork & Stuffing, Diced Turnip & Broccoli, Roast & Mashed potatoes & Gravy ~ Cheese, Crackers & Apple	<u>Thursday 10th March</u> BUFFET Chicken Goujon, Cocktail Sausages, Crusty Bread Pizza & carrot Sticks ~ Muffin, Milkshake & Banana
<u>Friday 11th March</u> Hawaiian Burger, Salad, Coleslaw & Chips ~ Fruit & Yoghurt	<i>Please remember to book both free and paid school meals for the week ahead online via SchoolMoney.</i>

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Thank you to all our parents and carers for ensuring that your child maintains good attendance at school. This of course is essential for our pupils to make good progress and to foster good relationships with their peers.

Please remember to report all absences to school – we are required to record a reason for non attendance. To report an absence, please complete the online form available on the “Parents Section – Online Forms” of our website or click on the link below:

<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/parent-area/online-forms/>

Here you will also find other forms e.g. Administration of Medication or for pupils to carry their own medication in school e.g. inhaler.

