



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

“Every child is entitled to an adequate standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development.”

In school we work with a range of agencies including the Community Nurse, sports academies, educational psychologists, literacy and numeracy support etc to access support for our children to ensure their physical and social needs are met.

SCHOOL CLOSURES NEXT WEEK

School is CLOSED on **Wednesday 26th – Monday 31st May (inclusive)**. We reopen on Tuesday 1st June at the usual times. We hope all our boys and girls enjoy the break.

PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION...

It is with great EXCITEMENT that we plan to welcome our new P1 parents to Ashgrove via a Zoom Induction on **Tuesday 25th May @ 4.00pm**. Our new P1 parents should have received a Zoom link along with your letter of acceptance. If you need help with this, please get in touch with Kerrie or Tracey in the Office who will be happy to help.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL OR ILL...

Recently, we have had some children who are coming to school unwell with upset tummies or flu like symptoms. For the welfare of your child, please do not send them to school if they are ill. This also helps to prevent bugs and infections being spread round other children and staff in their class bubbles. Thank you for your help with this.

ILLNESS GUIDELINES Taken from Attendance Policy 2020

(The Information has been provided by the Health Protection Agency)

Chicken Pox	5 days absence from onset of rash
Whooping Cough	5 days absence from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever	5 days absence from onset of rash
Diarrohea/ Vomiting	Until symptoms have settled for 24 hours
Headlice	None

It is great that almost all of our restrictions in school have been lifted. We do however still ask parents to be mindful of symptoms of COVID and please do not send your child to school if they are ill.

AQE INFORMATION 2022

Registration for AQE assessments is now open. Registration closes on **Friday 23rd September**, 5.00pm. It is the responsibility of P6 parents/carers to register their child for these assessments. Applications can be completed online via the AQE website, or alternatively, a hard copy application form will be available to download and print.

Parents/Guardian will need the following three elements to complete their application, **as well as** having a completed application form:

- A recent photograph of your child (can be taken straight from a mobile device and uploaded)
- A scanned copy of your child's birth certificate (long or short version) **or** a scanned copy of the id page of their passport.
- Payment of the registration fee (£60.00). Parents/guardians of a child who is entitled to Free School Meals, and who provide evidence of such entitlement, **will not have to pay the fee.**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you will need to send a letter of confirmation from the Education Authority or a letter of confirmation from school. To request this, please email info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

The Entrance Assessments will be held on the following dates:

- **Saturday 19th November 2022**
- **Saturday 26th November 2022**
- **Saturday 3rd December 2022**

As per the last test of AQE tests in 2021, some curriculum content has been removed from the assessments – more guidance and further information is available on the AQE website...



SPORTS DAY 2022

There are a few minor changes to our Sports Day arrangements as shared with you last week...

Sports Day for all pupils will be on Friday 17th June – times as outlined below...

Children may come to school in their PE kit.

Parents may, if they wish, bring their children home when their allocated Sports Day has finished – we will send home a permission slip for legal guardians or parents to sign and inform us of this (more information will be sent home in due course).

During Sports Day a Coffee Truck supplying coffee and traybakes will be available in the school grounds. As part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, we have been given a small community grant to allow us to provide this free of charge.

We of course hope for good weather and fair conditions, but if the event is postponed we will host it on the next available fair day.



ASHGROVE PRIMARY
SPORTS DAY 2022
FRIDAY 17TH JUNE...

P1-3 9.30-10.30am
P4-6 11.00-12.00 noon
P7 1.30-2.30pm

FINISH

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**PUPILS CAN COME
TO SCHOOL IN
THEIR PE KIT**

The poster features a green shield logo with a leaf and the text 'ASHGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL' on the left. At the bottom left, there are three running figures in blue, pink, and green. A red banner with the word 'FINISH' is held by the blue figure. On the right, there is a large yellow number '1' on a pedestal. A black box with a red border contains the text 'PUPILS CAN COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KIT' and a small yellow number '1' on a red background.



In Ashgrove we have begun a review of our Homework Policy and practice... here are a few key elements to share with you...

HOMEWORK

AT ASHGROVE



TEACHERS SHOULD

- set work you are able to complete
- explain the tasks
- mark your written work
- remind you of what is expected
- tell you what your homework for the week ahead will be
- talk to Mr Smith or their Head of Key Stage if they have concerns

PUPILS SHOULD

- try your best
- take home everything you need
- follow instructions and present work neatly
- hand your work in on time

PARENTS SHOULD

- provide a suitable work environment
- supervise homework, where required
- check notes and instructions
- listen to you reading
- encourage you to do your best
- check, sign and date your homework and Friday Test books
- contact the teacher if there are any issues with understanding or completing homework

**PRACTICE
MAKES
PROGRESS!**

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SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.55 PER DAY)

Please remember to book both FREE and PAID meals online via SchoolMoney

Monday 24th May

Tuesday 25th May

Wednesday 26th May

Thursday 27th May

School Closed

Friday 28th May

Please remember to login to your SchoolMoney account to book meals for your child for the week ahead.

Both PAID and FREE school meals should be booked online before midnight of the day ahead!

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

To mark the Jubilee celebrations, we are holding a Jubilee Fair in school on Tuesday 31st May P1-4 and Wednesday 1st June P5-7.

We will have various stalls and activities with crafts to buy, games, refreshments, bouncy castles etc

On Wednesday 1st June, are hosting a School Meals Jubilee Feast for pupils which should be booked online via SchoolMoney from Friday 27th May.

