



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

### 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.

### JUBILEE WEEKEND

**Don't forget that school is closed for a long weekend from Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> June – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (inclusive)**

### PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION...

It is with great EXCITEMENT that we plan to welcome our new P1 parents to Ashgrove at our P1 Induction sessions on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Our new P1 parents should have received information about which session to attend along with your letter of acceptance. If you need help with this, please get in touch and 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](mailto:info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk)

The Entrance Assessments will be held on the following dates:

- **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022**
- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022**
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

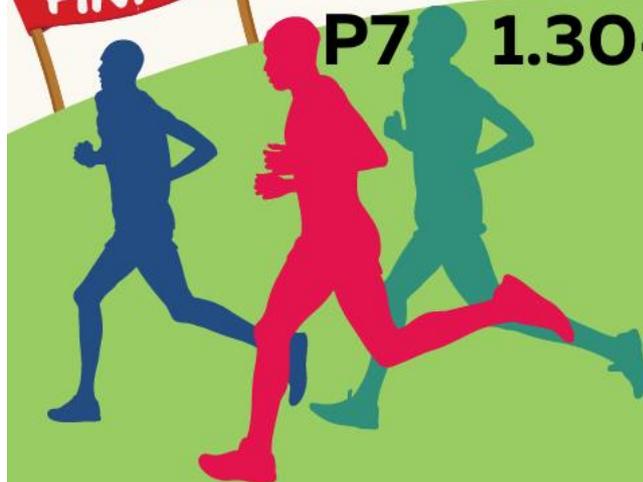
### SPORTS DAY 2022

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE...

**P1-3 9.30-10.30am**

**P4-6 11.00-12.00 noon**

**P7 1.30-2.30pm**



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



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!**

LEARNING, CARING, GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER



## SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.55 PER DAY)

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fish Fingers, Baked Beans &amp; Mashed Potatoes with Crusty Bread ~ Watermelon &amp; Frozen Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Curry &amp; Rice, Naan Bread &amp; Carrot Sticks ~ Biscuit &amp; fruit</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Pork &amp; Stuffing, Turnip Broccoli, Roast &amp; Mashed potatoes and Gravy ~ Cheese, Crackers &amp; Apple</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUFFET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandwiches, Chicken Goujon. Cocktail Sausages, Crusty Bread, Carrot Sticks &amp; Pizza ~ Muffin Milkshake &amp; Banana</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hawaiian Burger, Salad, Coleslaw &amp; Chips ~ Frozen Yoghurt &amp; Fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Please remember to login to your SchoolMoney account to book meals for your child for the week ahead.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Both PAID and FREE school meals should be booked online before midnight of the day ahead!</p>

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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

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

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

Stalls will include...

Decorate a Cupcake	Have Royal Makeover!	Make your own windmill
Royal Tuckshop	Royal Greenscreening	Pin the Crown on the Queen!

and  
Buckingham Palace Stationery Shop!

