



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying week (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November). This year's theme as set by the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum is **"Reach Out!"**

Pupils will take part in a range of lessons throughout the week and discuss various types of bullying and what is the difference between bullying and unacceptable behaviour.

In October, we took part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assemblies and reminded our children what to do if they have worries or concerns in school



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## ASHGROVE OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW P1 PUPILS



<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/open-house-for-new-p1-pupils/>

It is with excitement that we launch our Open House page on our school's website for prospective Primary 1 pupils for September 2023. On this page you will find lots of great information about Ashgrove and what as a school we have to offer.

We realise and appreciate that new parents like to visit us to get a 'feel' for the school and to ask questions. On our website, parents can book a guided tour of the school, the form is available on our homepage and on the Open House section of our website.

## PRIMARY 1 PRE-ENROLMENT FORM



<https://forms.gle/EvECkt3JKcCRN9bh7>

## AQE & GL ASSESSMENTS

The first AQE assessment is due to take place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November and the first GL Assessment is tomorrow (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November)**. We wish all our P7's the very best of luck! The second AQE assessment is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November and the final test on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December.





## DOODLE MATHS...

In Ashgrove we are once again purchasing for each child an individual online maths programme via Doodle Maths. Many of our children should already be familiar with this and using it regularly as part of homework or extra maths support. This is a significant investment on the part of the school therefore we would like to see it being used by everyone.

I encourage you to download the Doodle Maths (and Doodle Tables) app to your digital devices. Teachers may set Doodle Maths as a homework task... **We encourage all our children to login every day and spend 10-15 minutes on their assigned tasks.**

The tasks set are individualised for each child meaning that work is pitched to each child's particular level. The programme will identify what your child already knows and will then set new learning tasks to help move them on with their learning.

**As parents, you have a vital role to play in encouraging your child to engage effectively with this. If you would like to find out more about Doodle Maths please follow this link...**

<https://www.doodlemaths.com/parent-resources/>



## Congratulations Miss Crozier...

We are delighted that Miss Crozier in P3 is to be happily married this weekend! We wish her many years of fulfilment and happiness with her husband. Miss Crozier will return to school on Wednesday as Mrs Duncan.



## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

### VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><b><u>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Breaded Chicken Bites, Baked Beans, with Chips or Baked Potato</p> <p>~</p> <p>Jelly, Ice Cream &amp; Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Pasta Bolognese, Crusty Bread &amp; Cheese</p> <p>~</p> <p>Honeydew Melon &amp; Cookie</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Roast Beef, Stuffing, Gravy, Cauliflower Cheese, Carrots, Mashed &amp; Roast Potatoes</p> <p>~</p> <p>Chocolate Brownie &amp; Banana</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>BUFFET</p> <p>Chicken/Cheese Sandwiches, Fish Bite, Pizza Fingers, Cocktail Sausages &amp; Carrot Sticks</p> <p>~</p> <p>Fruit Muffin &amp; Milkshake</p>
<p><b><u>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread &amp; Garden Peas</p> <p>~</p> <p>Fruit Crumble &amp; Custard</p>	<p>School Meals are now available to all families. These MUST be booked online in advance via SchoolMoney.</p>

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

If your child is absent for any reason please complete our online form giving a reason for non-attendance on the first day of absence, please follow this up with a brief email on their return.

The online form can be found on the Parents Area of our website along with other online forms.

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

This is for the Education Welfare Service. Thank you to those who already do so. We understand this year is particularly challenging for our families in maintaining excellent attendance, however we use a particular code on the register for children absent because of COVID meaning we can take this into consideration when monitoring attendance.

Lateness is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer so please endeavour to get your child in to school by their allocated staggered time.



# Report an Absence from School



