



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE: 23

FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

### 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

As a reminder, Parent Teacher Consultations are happening in school next week from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive).

Lunches will be served before children go home. To help working parents, we are extending the provision of our After School Club to start at 12.30pm, as per established practice, these spaces must be booked online in advance via SchoolMoney. **Uncollected children will be brought to the After School Club** for supervision, this is for safeguarding reasons as we cannot leave children unattended in the school grounds, there is a fee for this service.

Staggered Home times are these days are as follows:

P1&2	P3&4	P5-7
11.40am	11.50am	12.00pm

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## HOLIDAY LIST, 2024-2025



### AUTUMN TERM, 2024

**School commences:**

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	(Half Day)*
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	(Half Day)*
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	(Half Day)*

School Development Day 1:	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	(School closed to pupils)
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School Development Day 2:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	(School closed to pupils)
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HALLOWEEN:	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> November	(inclusive)
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**School recommences:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

CHRISTMAS:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	(Half Day)*
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2025	(inclusive)

School Development Day 3:	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	(School closed to pupils)
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### SPRING TERM, 2025

**School recommences:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

School Development Day 4:	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	(School closed to pupils)
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HALF TERM:	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	(inclusive)
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St Patrick's Day:	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	(Half Day)*
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EASTER:	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	(Half Day)*
	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	(inclusive)

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### SUMMER TERM, 2025

**School recommences:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

MAY DAY HOLIDAY:	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	(School Closed)
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School Development Day 5:	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	(School closed to pupils)
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MAY BANK HOLIDAY:	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	(School Closed)
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End of School year:	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	(Half Day)*
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\*Half Day- School closes at 12.00 pm, lunches will not be served. The above holiday dates are all inclusive.





## WORLD BOOK DAY!

On **FRIDAY 8TH MARCH** we will be celebrating World Book Day in Ashgrove. Your child has been given a token which can either be exchanged for a free World Book Day book or can be used to get £1.00 off any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more. Most book sellers are participating in this promotion which runs until the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Our **READING WEEK** will be taking place from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. We are excited to announce the return of our very popular Book Fair. World Book Day tokens can be used here to get £1 off! During the week there will be competitions to win books as well as storytelling events to look forward to.

Valerie Luney (Literacy Leader)

## HELP WITH A VAN...

Can any of our parents help please... Carnmoney Presbyterian Church is kindly lending us some additional staging for our upcoming musical – Matilda. Do any of our parents own a van and could help us move the staging? If so, please do get in touch – it would be much appreciated!

## ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS...

Many parents are now aware of the latest online threat for young people. We have shared guidance on our social media accounts about how to make digital devices safe for children to use. Please see below a summary of key points shared:

- **Youtube** → select settings → select safe search filtering → tick strict
- **Safari** → select settings → general → restrictions → select the restrictions you wish for your children
- **App purchases** → select settings → general → restrictions → turn off in app purchases
- **Disallow uploading Apps** → select settings → general → restrictions → installing apps or deleting apps

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY, ½ DAY CLOSURE

As per our 2023/24 Holiday List, school will be closed early on **MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** for St. Patrick's Day... NO LUNCHES WILL BE SERVED.

School will resume at the usual times on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.





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# Break the Rules Day!

## When?

Friday 15th March

**PTFA**

- ✓ Wear what you want!
- ✓ Eat an unhealthy break
- ✓ NO Friday Test!
- ✓ Sit where you like in class...
- ✓ Wear Crazy Hair!

## Here's how it works...

£1 for each rule you break!

CAUTION





## SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE

### MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers, Baked Beans/Mushy Peas, Chips or Baked Potato

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Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit

### TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Italian Beef Ragu with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn. Diced Carrots & Coleslaw. Oven Roast Wedges/Rice/Salad

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Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard

### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Roast Pork, Stuffing & Gravy. Cauliflower & Broccoli with Mash and Roast Potato

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Homemade Brownie & Orange Wedges

### THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread with Garden Peas, Carrots & Rice

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Arctic Roll & Peaches

### FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH

Chicken Goujons, Spaghetti Hoops/Corn on the Cob wit Chips or New Baby Potatoes

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Fruit Muffin with Apple or Orange Juice

**Remember to book both Free and Paid school meals online via Schoolmoney.**

**Early Staggered home time Monday-Thursday**

## THANK YOU FOR DRIVING SAFELY!

This afternoon our School Councillors took some time to thank parents, carers and visitors to our school for parking and driving safely in our school grounds. They gave out Thank You cards and a small treat! This is a lovely reminder that our school is here primarily for our pupils and as adults, we all have a role to play on keeping everyone safe... that of course includes drivers and guests who use our carpark. As adults, it is your responsibility to drive and park safely. As a school, to help with congestion with have a phased opening times in the morning and staggered home times.

As a reminder, please only park in designated parking spaces and observe the speed limit in the school grounds.



**THANK YOU DRIVERS FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL!**

