



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 20 (children unable to live with their family)

"If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the Government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child has alternative care that is continuous."

In school we have a very clear Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy. We actively promote safeguarding messages throughout the school in a language which child can understand. Safeguarding our pupils is of paramount concern to us in school.

MARCH...READING MONTH!

READING WEEK in school is scheduled for the week commencing **Monday 11th - Friday 15th March**. We have lots of great things planned to inspire a love of books and reading. Local storytellers, are coming to school to share stories and fables with P1-7. Some year groups are even dressing their classroom doors as their favourite book covers!

Some classes will be asked to make a Spoon Book Character or a Book in a Jar... there is more information about our Reading Week events later in the Newsletter.

During Reading Week, you might want to do a Spring Clean at home and if you have any good quality books (no Disney please) you would like to donate to class libraries we would be most grateful!

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PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all our parents/carers who came to our Parent Teacher Consultations this week. We hope you found them beneficial and a useful insight in to how you child is progressing in school. Teachers may have shared potential areas of development with you, we do so appreciate when parents support us with their input at home. Mrs Doherty (SENCo) also held annual reviews for children with a statement of SEN.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL...

We discourage children bringing mobile phones to school. If you need to contact your child during the school day this should be done via the Office. If they must bring a mobile phone to school these must stay **SWITCHED OFF** during the school day (including break and lunchtimes) and while pupils attend After School Clubs.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS...

It is important that we have the most up-to-date contact details for parents and carers especially if we need to contact you during the school day.

If you have changed your mobile number, email address or home address we ask that you inform us. You can simply complete an "Update Contact Information Form" available in the Parents Section of our website or by clicking the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1uT3Sgsmo6yQLRkwVOmm3sVI91Gv9hw4x6GkPSICS1yDykw/viewform>

ASHGROVE SCHOOL APP

Have you downloaded our Ashgrove School App? This is available from itunes or googleplay (free of charge). We use this communicate with parents and send notifications about what's happening in our busy school.

EASTER HOLIDAY

As a reminder, school closes for the Easter break on **Friday 22nd March (Half Day)**– no lunches will be served and After School Clubs will not be available. School recommences at the usual time on **Monday 8th April.**

A copy of the HOLIDAY LIST for the next academic year is available to download on our website. The Holiday list for the next academic year was also emailed to all parents this week.

SCHOOL MEALS

As a reminder, both FREE and PAID School Meals should be booked by parents online via SchoolMoney each Sunday for the week ahead. This booking system has been in use in our school now for quite some time. Booking school meals allows the Kitchen to prepare the correct amount of food. It is also time consuming for the Office staff to add on additional school meals each day – we thank you for your help with this.



PRIMARY 6 AQE/GL PREPARATIONS

It is hard to believe we are at that time of year where Primary 6 will begin AQE/GL assessment practice tests and preparations. Some families will be familiar with the practice tests and preparations and for others this will be new.

As expected, there is a significant amount of curriculum coverage required for the tests which Mrs Ewing and Mr Kelly are well placed to support our children. The curriculum is of course covered in class with well structured classwork. To ensure that P6 make the most of their teaching time, Mrs Ewing and Mr Kelly are starting a Transfer Club on **Wednesday 6th March running to June**. P6 children taking part in the club should be collected from school at 4.15pm. A note with more information and how to 'sign-up' will be sent home from Mrs Ewing and Mr Kelly, please return your permission slip to your P6 teacher.

HALF DAY CLOSURE...

As a reminder, school will close early for St Patricks Day on 18.03.24. **No school meals will be served on Monday 18th March. No after school clubs will be available on Monday 18th March.**

Staggered home times will apply as follows:

Year Groups	Home Time
P1&2	12.00pm
P3&4	12.10pm
P5-7	12.20pm

BALLYCLARE MUSIC FESTIVAL, FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

On **Friday 8th March** a members of the Senior Choir will attend the Ballyclare Music Festival. Mrs Warke has sent home notes and information about attending the festival – thank you to parents who are helping by bringing your child to and from the event. Please collect children from school at 10.20-10.25am as we need to be at Ballyclare Presbyterian Church Hall for 10.45am on 08.04.24.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

During the week commencing **Monday 11th March** we are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school. The book fair will accept World Book Day vouchers...



Classes will visit the Book Fair during the week.

If you would like to visit the Book Fair with your child, please come along on **Wednesday 13th March 2.00-3.30pm**. (Thank you to members of our PTFA for helping on 13.04.23)



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READING WEEK

MONDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

World Book
Day
Friday 8th
March

The Masked
Reader
(all week!)



DEAR

Drop Everything And Read!
Monday 11th March...

Japanese Storyteller!
Tuesday 12th
March P1-3

Book Fair
Mon 11th -
Friday 15th
March

AFRICAN
STORYTELLER

Thursday 14th
March P4-7

Book Spoon
Characters & Book
in Jar Competition

WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH



SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.60 PER DAY)

Monday 4th March

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers, Sweetcorn &
Roast Peppers, Chips/Baked Potato &
Coleslaw

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Ice Cream with Pears & Chocolate Sauce

Tuesday 5th March

Homemade Cottage Pie, Spring
Greens/Roasted Butternut Squash with
Wedges/Baked Potato

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Summer Fruit Cheesecake

Wednesday 6th March

Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy, Carrots &
Peas with Mash and Oven Roast Potato

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Golden Krispie Square

Thursday 7th March

Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce.
Green Beans/Carrots with Steamed Rice/
Pasta Spirals

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Sticky Date Pudding & Custard

Friday 8th March

School Chippy Day! Chicken Goujons or
Pork Sausages with Beans/Mushy Peas and
Chips/New Potatoes

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Frozen Fruit Yoghurt


PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK BOTH
FREE AND PAID SCHOOL MEALS
FOR THE WEEK AHEAD


READING WEEK – THE MASKED READER!

Just for fun as part of Reading Week, we will be holding a Masked Reader competition! We will post some videos of adults reading a part of their favourite book – can you guess who the Masked Readers are?


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The Masked Reader...





Can you guess who is reading behind the mask?



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

