



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2018

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS ARTICLE 21 (ADOPTION)

"Governments must oversee the process of adoption and make sure it is safe, lawful and that it priorities the children's best interests. Children should only be adopted outside of their country if they cannot be placed with a family in their own country."

In school, we work with a range of agencies to ensure that all children in our care can access and enjoy their rights.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

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:

P1&2, 12.00pm. P3&4, 12.10pm. P5-7, 12.20pm.

EASTER HOLIDAY!

School finishes for Easter **Friday 22nd March (Half Day staggered home times)** - there will be **NO lunches served**. School will recommence for the Summer term on **Monday 8th April** at the usual times. Please remember that a full list of our Holiday Dates are easily available on our website under the "Parents" section.

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PUNCTUALITY HOUSE POINTS & ATTENDENCE

Thank you everyone who has made a conscious effort to be in school on time this week! It is much appreciated – teachers have reported that punctuality this week has been super!

Punctuality is a great habit to form for life. When all children in a class arrive to school on time it means that teachers can start straight in to their lessons without disruption keeping our school clam, orderly and safe for everyone.

Next week, we will have a random day where we will give out house points for children arriving on time!

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD IS ILL?

Recently in school, there have been bouts of illness including Chicken Pox and flu. If your child is diagnosed with an illness, which means they cannot come to school, please inform us by ringing the Office on the first morning they will be absent and selecting the option to explain an absence. We ask all parents follow this up with a brief explanatory note when the child returns to school.

The following guidance is issued in our Attendance Policy, which is available to view on our website:

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
Diarrhea/ Vomiting	Until symptoms have settled for 24 hours
Headlice	None (treatment required)

(This Information is provided by the Health Protection Agency)

HABITS OF MIND... LISTENING WITH UNDERSTANDING & EMPATHY

Our latest Habit of Mind in school is Listening with Understanding and Empathy. We have held an Assembly and talked about how we demonstrate good listening by:

- Good eye contact
- Asking questions
- Having still hands and feet

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Occasionally, children in school may need to take medication at some point throughout the day as a temporary measure or as part of long term condition. As a school we will not administer medication unless the correct forms are completed by a parent or legal guardian and approved the Principal – this forms part of our legally required Safeguarding measures.

Our Administration of Medication Forms are available to complete online under the Parent Area of our website. Our Administration of Medication Policy is also on our website.



READING WEEK

We have had a very busy Reading Week in Ashgrove with so many activities to promote a love of reading from Japanese and African Storytellers, Books in a Jar, Spoon Book Characters, Masked Readers, Matching Teachers to Books Competition and our annual Book Fair!

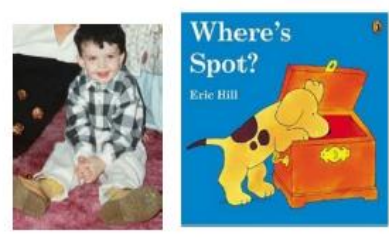




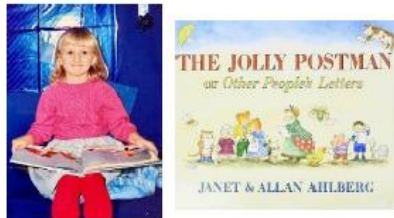
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Miss Morrison (P1)



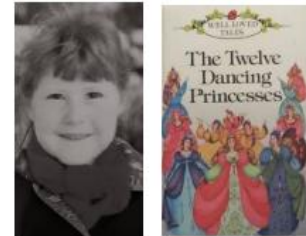
Mr Cassidy (P2)



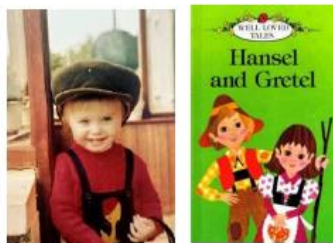
Miss McConvey (P2)



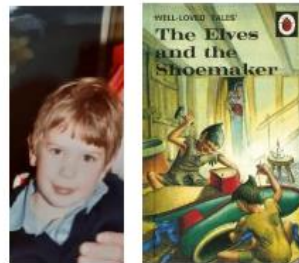
Miss Morrison (P3)



Mrs Duncan (P3)



Mrs Torrie (P4)



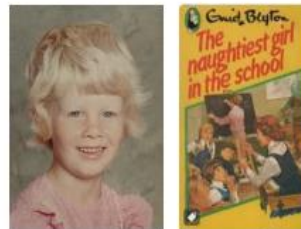
Mr Hutchinson (P4)



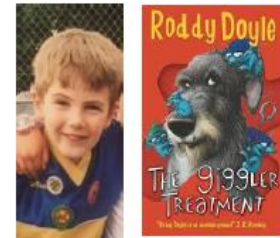
Mrs Luney (P5)



Mrs Carberry (P5)



Mrs Ewing (P6)



Mr Kelly (P6)



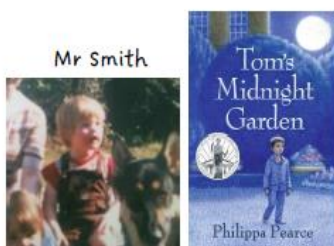
Mrs Warke (P7)



Mr McComb (P7)



Mrs Doherty



Mr Smith

How many did you get right?!

School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

<p><u>Monday 21st March</u> NO SCHOOL MEALS SERVED</p> <p><u>(HALF DAY)</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 22nd March</u> Spaghetti Bolognasie ~ Fruit & Yoghurt</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 23rd March</u> Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Carrot & Parsnip, Roast & Mashed Potatoes ~ Summer Fruits & Yoghurt</p>	<p><u>Thursday 24th March</u> Chicken Curry & Naan Bread, Garden Peas and Steamed Rice/Noodles ~ Pineapple Delight</p>
<p><u>Friday 25th March</u> Hot Dog/Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup, Spaghetti Hoops/Corn with Chips/Mashed Potato ~ Ice Cream & Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK BOTH FREE AND PAID SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD...</p>



WEEKLY WELLBEING



Weekly Challenge

Close your eyes, put on headphones and listen to relaxing music!

Motivational Quote

"Do the right thing, even when no one is looking!"

P2-7 DOODLE MATHS & DOODLE TABLES REMINDERS...

We hope all our pupils are enjoying using Doodle Maths & Doodle Tables – it really is an excellent online platform to help with Maths Fluency, reinforce key concepts and quick recall. We strongly encourage all pupils to use this every day – make this part of your routine. 10 Minutes every day!

For the Doodle Maths programme to run effectively, it is important that children complete their tasks independently.

