



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Our School Code of Conduct...

At the beginning of a new school year it is important we share and remind all pupils, parents and staff of our Code of Conduct. These are simple guidelines and expectations from school to ensure all our pupils are safe, happy and can make good progress with their learning. Please take some time to read our Code of Conduct and talk about this with your child/children at home.

It is very important that all children arrive to school on time in the morning. **Pupils may enter the school grounds from 8.40 am and must be in school for 8.55 am when the bell rings.** Pupils who are LATE should go to the main entrance Reception. For safeguarding reasons parents should not escort late pupils to the classrooms.

**Being punctual to school is very important and I ask for parents full co-operation on this matter.**

*We will allow everyone to enjoy their rights by...*

Article 1: Everyone under the age of 18 has all the Rights of the Convention.

All children have the right to be treated with dignity & fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate.

- ☺ **Arriving** to school on time;
- ☺ Wearing our school **uniform**;
- ☺ Showing **respect** to everyone in school;
- ☺ Being **truthful**, well-mannered and kind;
- ☺ Taking **pride** in our school building;
- ☺ **Looking after** our books;
- ☺ **Walking** sensibly and quietly in the corridors;
- ☺ Keeping our school **litter free**;
- ☺ Setting a **good example** to others;
- ☺ Exercising **self-control**; &
- ☺ **Lining up** quickly and quietly.



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## After School Clubs commence next week!

Our After School Activities commence next week – Miss Morrison has informed you which Club your child has got in to. We make every effort to ensure children are allocated to their first choice but at times this not possible. Please see below for a reminder of Clubs, days and the teacher who is responsible.

In addition to the Clubs below our 2.00-3.00 pm & 3.00-4.00 pm Club with Gillian and Corinna is available for all year groups. Please note, there is a charge of £2.50 per hour (or part thereof) for this particular Club.



Clubs List 2017-2018

Club	Staff	Day	Term	Year Group	No. of Pupils
Badminton	Ms. Manion	Monday	January to Easter	4,5,6&7	20
Orchestra	Mr Agnew	Monday	Term 1 & 2 may go into summer term	Selected pupils	Selected pupils.
Football	Mr Hutchenson & Miss McLaughlin	Tuesday	September to Christmas	6&7 Girls and boys	30
Tag Rugby	Mr Hutchenson & Miss McLaughlin	Tuesday	January to Easter	6&7 Girls and boys	30
Girls Hockey	Miss Morrison & Mrs Carberry	Tuesday	September to Easter	5,6&7	30
Journalism (school newspaper)	Mrs Luney	Tuesday	September to Easter	6	10
Drama	Mrs Torrie & Mrs Douglas	Tuesday	September to Christmas	3&4 Selected pupils	Selected Pupils
Young Enterprise	Mrs Torrie & Mrs Douglas	Tuesday	January to Easter	5,6,7	12
Boys Hockey	Mr Morrow	Thursday	September to Easter	6 & 7	20
Eco Club	Miss McDowell	Thursday	September to Easter	4,5,6,&7	12
Coding Club	Mrs Flaherty and Mrs Ewing	Thursday	September to Easter	4&5	15
Library	Mrs Cartmill & Miss Crozier	Thursday	September to Easter	4,5,6&7	15



## Morning Supervision

Over the past couple of weeks there have been a number of children who persistently arrive to school before **8.40 am** and are left unsupervised in school grounds; this is compromising the safety of these pupils. Please be aware it is the responsibility of parents to ensure the supervision of their child/children until 8.40 am.

Children arriving to school early may go to our **Breakfast Club** which starts at 8.00 am. Breakfast is available for only £1.50 per day, alternatively if only supervision is required this costs just £1.00. Children arriving to school before 8.40 am should make their way to the Breakfast Club via the P3/5 gate.

## School Attendance HIGH IMPROTANCE

It is very important that our pupils attend school every day. Each day absent from school represents a day of lost learning. We understand that occasionally a child may be ill and not able to attend school – this should be rare. Each month we closely monitor the attendance of all children. **If attendance falls below 85%** we will draw your attention to this matter. If your child is off school, please ring and leave a message to explain the absence and follow this up with a written explanation on the child's return to school.

## School Carpark

Parents and visitors to school are welcome to use the Carpark facilities in our grounds. However, it is up to all adults to ensure the safety and care of our pupils and indeed other adults. For this reason, we ask everyone to adhere to the following:

- Speed limit of **5 MPH** (should be strictly adhered to)
- Vehicles should not be parked on pavements or access points at any time
- All drivers must observe the one-way system
- Drivers must exercise extreme caution at all times when in school grounds
- Pedestrians should use the designated crossing areas & pathways
- Parents should get out of their car to collect their child and escort them to their vehicle or in to school (pupil safety comes first!)
- The disabled bays at the front of school should only be used by blue badge holders
- Please show consideration for other drivers and remember the safety of our pupils is paramount

**Please share this information with everyone at home who may be collecting or leaving pupils to school.**



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a MacMillan Coffee morning in school on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15 am.** When you are leaving your child to school please call in and spend some time with us. Many families in school have been touched by cancer or indeed may be going through this ordeal at the moment. Of course all monies raised will go to MacMillan Cancer Support.

We are looking for donations of cakes, sweets and biscuits (bake or fake welcome!). If you can donate something sweet for our Coffee Morning please send these to XXX from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you!

## PTA News...

The PTA held their first meeting of the year on Monday evening. They kindly agreed to purchase another new Interactive Whiteboard and a number of ipad covers – these have been ordered and will arrive in school soon!

As you may be aware, funding which all primary schools and nurseries receive from the Department of Education will be cut by £56.00 per pupil this year. Therefore the work of our PTA will become **even more important** to allow us to buy resources for our school – so please support our fellow parents in the PTA!

## European Day of Languages

As a reminder we are celebrating the **European Day of Languages on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.** Each class is assigned a European country to research and learn about their language and culture.

We are asking children to dress up in the colours of their country- please do **NOT** buy expensive costumes, a plain t-shirt and trousers etc would suffice.

Year Group	Country	Colours
Primary 1	Poland	Red & White
Primary 2	Spain	Red & Yellow
Primary 3	Italy	Green, White & Red
Primary 4	Germany	Black, Red & Yellow
Primary 5	France	Blue, White & Red
Primary 6	Switzerland	Red & White
Primary 7	Holland	Red, Silver & Blue



# Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Numeracy

<b>Primary 1</b> Miss Morrison	<b>Primary 1</b> Miss McLaughlin	<b>Primary 2</b> Miss McDowell  Leo Desano
<b>Primary 2</b> Mrs Cartmill  Annie Smyth	<b>Primary 3</b> Mrs Douglas  Maddison Butler	<b>Primary 3</b> Miss Crozier/Manion  Alfie Stewart
<b>Primary 4</b> Mrs Torrie  Aimee Clotworthy	<b>Primary 4</b> Mr Hutcheson  Jay Scott	<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Luney  Aaron Knott
<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Carberry  Jack Agnew	<b>Primary 6</b> Mrs Ewing  Harry Shields	<b>Primary 6</b> Mr Morrow  Lauren Rainey
<b>Primary 7</b> Mr Agnew  Jade Huddleston	<b>Primary 7</b> Miss Taylor  Luan McVicker	Next week our focus is Literacy!

## And Finally...

Every single one of our pupils are special to us. We value their unique personalities, talents and what they bring to our school. We want to nurture their love of learning, their belief in themselves and to have faith in the adults around them. We strive to make sure every child succeeds. We are here to support and do the utmost for our pupils, we are a Rights Respecting School – that is what makes Ashgrove PS a unique, special place.

