



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

### *Rights Respecting Schools*

This year in school we are working towards gaining the **Rights Respecting Schools Award, Level 2**. This involves embedding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in our ethos. We will also focus on looking at the Rights of other children and adults in developing countries. Mrs Carberry in charge of leading this programme in school. In the next couple of weeks we will add the Action Plan to our website under Rights Respecting Schools.

### *Staff Development Day- SCHOOL CLOSED*

Please remember that school will be **CLOSED TO PUPILS ON FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**. Although school will be closed to pupils staff will be here for training and development- there will still be cars in the carpark.

Please remember to check our website, Facebook page and Twitter for reminders of school closures and upcoming events.

### *Morning Arrivals to School*

The number of pupils arriving late to school was much reduced this week – thank you for your efforts with this. I know the teachers appreciate a punctual start to the day... this is also an important life skill to instill in our pupils.

We will look at our policy of lateness to school over the coming weeks & inform you of any changes to our practice.

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## Flu Vaccinations- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

All pupils will have received a letter and a form home to let them know that the flu nasal spray vaccinations are taking place in school on **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**

Parents are not required to attend. Each child will be accompanied by their teacher and it is a 'sniff' vaccination – no needles! **The closing date for the return of consent forms was today.** Please note, the Community Nurse cannot administer the vaccination unless the forms have been returned.

## Primary 1- Full School Day

Our Primary 1 pupils will stay for a full school day from **MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**, they will therefore go home at 2.00 pm.

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Primary 1 pupils will stay in school for lunch. Next week only, Primary 1 pupils will go home at **1.15 pm.**

Our Primary 1 Induction Booklet contains lots of important information about school routines – please refer to this throughout the year. As a reminder, to book a School Dinner for your child you should send the correct money to the class teacher each Monday in a labelled envelope indicating the days your child requires a school meal. We thank you for diligence with this as teachers can spend an unnecessary amount of time collecting money and sorting dinners. We include the Weekly Meals Menu in our Newsletter.

## See Saw App

Last year, we introduced the See Saw app in Primary 1 & 2 to communicate with parents and share what your child is learning in school. The feedback from this has been marvellous and thank you to those who have engaged with this app so positively. **We are delighted to now extend this provision to include Primary 3 & 4.** In October, these parents will receive information on how to access their child's See Saw profile. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to gain an insight into what your child is learning in school!

## House Captain & Vice Captain Applications

Application forms have been shared and are available to all Primary 7 pupils who wish to apply for the special position of House Captain or Vice Captains. These are valued roles of responsibility in our school. The closing date for applications is **THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.** We have included a copy of the application form in the Newsletter. Interviews will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, GOOD LUCK!



Primary 7 Application Form  
House Captain & Vice Captain



Name:

Class:

House Allocated to:

Outline the personal strengths and qualities you have which will help you in your role as a school House Captain or Vice Captain.

Briefly outline what you see as being the main roles and responsibilities for this position.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## Primary 1 Pre-Enrolment Forms

Our **Primary 1 Pre Enrolment Form for September 2018** has been added to the Homepage of our website. We have also sent a copy of this home today to all our families – if you have a child who is due to start school next year, please complete this and return to school. We always appreciate when a new child comes to our school with thanks to word of mouth, if you know a family with a child of Primary 1 age please share this with them.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Our first set of Parent Teacher Consultations are on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. ALL Children will go home at the earlier time of 12.30 pm after lunches have been served. In early October the class teacher will write to you offering a time for you to attend the consultation.

## European Day of Languages

We are celebrating the EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES on TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> September. Children may come to school dressed in the colours of their nominated country.

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

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in school on **WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 9.15 am**. Everyone is welcome! If you can donate cakes, buns or sweets please send them to Mrs Cartmill on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**If you are free, please stop by and have a cup of coffee with us to help raise funds for this worthwhile cause.**

## Thank you Mrs Beattie...

I would like to mention a very special word of thanks to Mrs Beattie who has helped in the Office during Mrs Lamont's maternity leave. (Mrs Lamont will return to school on Monday). Mrs Beattie has given a warm welcome to visitors & children alike and I know she has grown very fond of Ashgrove. We wish Mrs Beattie every success and much happiness in her new job!



## Pre-Enrolment Form



### Pre Application form for Primary 1 for September 2019

Please complete our Pre-Enrolment form for a Primary 1 space for September 2019.

The official application forms are issued by the Education Authority- North Eastern Region.  
We will send you an Official Application Form as soon as they are available.

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery/ Day Care attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Brother/ Sister already attending Ashgrove

YES

NO

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



## Smoke Free School & Grounds

Please remember that our school building and school grounds are smoke free zones. This means that all adults must not smoke cigarettes or e-cigarettes anywhere in school. There are obvious health benefits to our pupils if we all abide by this policy but it also means there is less litter and it allows parents and teachers to share the importance of healthy lifestyle choices.

## Eco Schools & Global Learning Programme

One of our priorities for school development this academic year is to engage with the Eco Schools and Global Learning Programme. These initiatives will work seamlessly with our Right Respecting Schools, Level 2 award. The Global Learning Programme supports and encourages schools to bring a global dimension to all ten Eco Schools topics which are as follows:

- ☺ Biodiversity
- ☺ Climate Change
- ☺ Energy
- ☺ Global Perspective
- ☺ Healthy Living
- ☺ Litter
- ☺ School Grounds
- ☺ Waste
- ☺ Water
- ☺ Transport

**Thank you Miss McDowell for leading and developing this area in school!**

### School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

**VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY**

<b><u>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Hot Dog, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<b><u>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Irish Stew & Crusty Bread or Ham & Cheese Panini Salad & coleslaw ~ Apple Crumble & Custard
<b><u>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Roast Beef, Turnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Cracknel, Custard & Fruit	<b><u>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables & Naan Bread ~ Cupcake & Fruit
<b><u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>HEALTHY BREAK</b> <b>30p per day</b>  Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot  Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery



# Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Literacy

<b>Primary 1</b> Miss Morrison	<b>Primary 1</b> Miss McLaughlin	<b>Primary 2</b> Miss McDowell  Bella Craig
<b>Primary 2</b> Mrs Cartmill  Rosie Claydon	<b>Primary 3</b> Mrs Douglas  Amy-Lee Cree	<b>Primary 3</b> Miss Crozier/Manion  Tom McAllister
<b>Primary 4</b> Mrs Torrie  Peter Murphy	<b>Primary 4</b> Mr Hutcheson  Finn Doherty	<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Luney  Clarissa Reid
<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Carberry  Sophie Kennedy	<b>Primary 6</b> Mrs Ewing  Luke McKeown	<b>Primary 6</b> Mr Morrow  Rachel Boland
<b>Primary 7</b> Mr Agnew  Isabella Worthington	<b>Primary 7</b> Mrs Flaherty  Rhys Gordon	Next week our focus is <b>ENDEAVOUR</b>

## 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.

