



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

Article 28 (right to education)

"Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

Discipline in schools must protect the children's dignity"

We of course feel very passionate about this particular right. Our Rights Respecting School Focus Group held a fund raiser earlier this year to support the charity "Send my Friend to School". We have introduced a number of positive behaviour incentives such as House Points, Stars of the Week, Corridor Cup, Alfie Ashgrove...

### What's happening in school next week?

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May-

Bank Holiday, SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May-

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May-

Team photographs taken by Cool for School-  
Football, Hockey, Choir & Orchestra

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June-

School Choir singing at the Waterfront Hall  
Primary 1 (Miss McLaughlin) Class Assembly,  
9.15 am

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## Grease!

We hope all our parents and guests enjoyed our amazing production of Grease this week. All the children involved made us so proud, sang and performed to such a high standard. The enthusiasm of the children very much so came to the fore. We would like to thank all our parents for your help with costumes, the **KIND & CONSIDERATE** comments which were shared with us after the performances are always much appreciated.



A few snaps from behind the scenes!



Thanks everyone for your help & making it a great success!



## Grease photographs & DVD

Photographs of the cast are available to order through school- these were available to preview after the performances. The photographs cost £7.50 each or £5.00 per photograph if two or more are ordered.

The production was also professionally recorded and is available to buy on DVD for £10.00 each. If you would like any of the above, please send the correct payment in a labeled envelope to the class teacher.

DVD's and photographs will be available for delivery in approximately 2 weeks!

## Call Parents Texting Service

Our Call Parents Texting service is still in use and we occasionally use this to pass important messages to all parents and carers quickly. Please ensure, if you have changed your mobile number, that you pass this to the Office. Unless your details are up to date you will not receive these important messages.

## Rights Respecting School's Assessment!

As you know, one of the priorities in our **School Development Plan** for this year was to start the journey of becoming a Rights Respecting School. Mrs Carberry (Pastoral Care Leader) has led the developments of the programme. An external assessor is coming to school **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** to evaluate the progress we have made.

## PTA Summer Fair- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

The PTA are holding their Summer Fair on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. Lots of great activities are planned- we hope you can come along for a fun evening.

## School Starting Time

Please remember that school starts at **8.55 am**. By this time we expect all pupils to be in school and ready to start their learning. For the safety & supervision of our pupils, children may enter the school premises & grounds from **8.40 am**, pupils **MUST NOT** be left unsupervised in the school grounds before this time. Our Breakfast Club starts at **8.00 am**.



## Sports Day- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day is due to take place on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting)** we are hopeful for some pleasant weather! The teachers organising Sports Day have sent home today key information for parents. However, you may find the following points a useful summary...

- **Foundation Stage Sports Day (P1&2) will begin at 9.15am.** After Foundation Stage Sports Day parents may take their child home if they wish, otherwise P1&2 children should be collected at 1.15pm. **PLESAE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM THE CLASSROOM WHERE THEIR TEACHER WILL HAND THEM OVER SAFELY!**
- **Key Stage 1 Sports Day (P3&4) will begin at 11.15am.** After Key Stage 1 Sports Day parents may take their child home if they wish, otherwise P3&4 children should be collected at 1.15pm. **PLESAE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM THE CLASSROOM WHERE THEIR TEACHER WILL HAND THEM OVER SAFELY!**
- **Key Stage 2 Sports Day (P5-7) will begin at 1.30pm.** We expect KS2 Sports Day to finish at 2.45pm. Please collect your child from their classroom where the teacher will hand them over safely.

Parents are advised that **NO** adults other than members of staff should instruct or supervise children during Sports Day- this is due to our Child Protection guidelines. We hope you can come along and enjoy the day in a safe and structured environment.

If for any reason we need to postpone Sports Day we will endeavor to give you as much notice as possible. If this happens we will send a notification via text message to your nominated first preference on our school records. Please also refer to our website, Facebook page & twitter before ringing the school.

## GENERAL ELECTION

School will be CLOSED on **THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** for the General Election. Ashgrove PS will be used a Polling Station!



## School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

SCHOOL CLOSED

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**

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**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Sausages, Beans & Chips

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

Milk Wraps & Fruit

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Nann Bread &  
Carrot Sticks

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Canadian Tart & Custard

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Pasta Bolognaise, Crusty Bread

**OR**

Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes

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Chocolate flavoured sponge & custard.

**HEALTHY BREAK**

*P1-4, 30p per day*

Tuesday: Toast, Red Apple & Cucumber

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Pepper

**(HEALTHY BREAK NOW AVAILABLE TO  
ALL CLASSES FROM P1-5)**

## Sal's Shoes!

Sal's Shoes is a non-profit organisation which gives used, unwanted shoes to children for whom walking with shoes is a rarity. There are over 300 million children in the world without shoes which makes them vulnerable to parasites and ulcers.

We hope to support Sal's Shoes by asking our pupils to donate their unwanted, used shoes to school during the last week of term. We can accept all sorts of shoes including flip flops, sandals, school shoes, trainers, winter boots, football boots etc. Please make sure they are child sized & can still be worn.

**If you can support this worthy cause, please send your shoes to school the week beginning Monday.**

**This appeal supports our work towards RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS**

