



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 24 (Health & Health Services)

"Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment and education on health & well-being."

In school, we actively promote healthy lifestyle choices e.g. Health & Fitness Day, Sports Day, Healthy Break Tuck Shop & Healthy Eating Policy. We work with a number of outside agencies such as the Community Nurse to make sure our pupils are healthy and ready to learn.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school for the Summer Term! We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. The Summer Term promises to be a very busy time of year – please refer to our Diary Dates in the Newsletter and take a note of these.

As a reminder school will be CLOSED on MONDAY 1ST MAY for the Bank Holiday.

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Diary Dates and Upcoming Events

Please take note of the following dates...

Date	Event
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 2nd May	Primary 4 to Cultra (overnight residential)
Wednesday 3rd May	Primary 4 return from Cultra Grease after school rehearsals PTA Meeting
Thursday 4th May	Spelling Bee Finals
Monday 8th May	Primary 2 to Belfast Zoo Grease after school rehearsals
Tuesday 9th May	Mrs Luney's Class Assembly, 9.15 am
Wednesday 10th May	Grease after school rehearsals
Thursday 11th May	P6 AQE Information Session, 3.00 pm
Monday 15th May	Belfast Royal Academy to speak to P6 pupils Grease after school rehearsals
Wednesday 17th May	Primary 1 to Streamvale Farm 9.15 – 2.15 pm Primary 6 to Gannaway (overnight residential)
Thursday 18th May	Primary 6 to Gannaway (overnight residential)
Friday 19th May	Primary 6 return from Gannaway St Mary's Primary School Sports Day in School
Monday 22nd May	Grease Dress Rehearsals
Wednesday 24th May	GREASE! (ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT 1.30 pm) Matinee Performance: 2.30 pm Evening Performance: 7.00 pm
Thursday 25th May	GREASE! (ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT 2.00 pm) Evening Performance: 7.00 pm Primary 1 Induction (parents only)
Monday 29th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 30th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF DEVELOPMENT
Wednesday 31st May	Cool For School – Team photographs taken, Orchestra, Football, Hockey & Choirs
Thursday 1st June	Choir singing at Waterfront Hall
Monday 5th June	Primary 7, Edinburgh Information Session for parents, 3.00 pm



Diary Dates and Upcoming Events Contd.

Date	Event
Tuesday 6th June	Primary 5 to Greenhill (overnight residential) Amazing Journey (Primary 7, Transition Programme) Miss McLaughlin's Class Assembly, 9.15 am
Thursday 8th June	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Friday 9th June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Tuesday 13th June	Board of Governors meeting
Wednesday 14th June	Primary 1 Induction Day – new P1 pupils visiting school Rights Respecting Schools Assessment Day!
Thursday 15th June	Primary 1 Induction Day – new P1 pupils visiting school
Friday 16th June	PTA Summer Fair Moving on Up! (P7 transition programme)
Monday 26th June	Leavers Assembly End of Year Reports will be issued this week
Friday 30th June	Last day of Term, school finished at 12.00 pm

The **Upcoming Events & Diary Dates** section of our website is regularly updated. You can check this on your mobile phone or digital device to make sure you are kept up to date with all that is happening in school.



Preparations for our school product of GREASE are well underway. (Refer to Diary Dates section of our Newsletter). **Tickets (£5.00) will go on sale from next week – a note with more information will go home on Tuesday.**

Tickets may be bought from Mrs Ewing, please send the correct money in a labeled envelope to Mrs Ewing.

We would like to share our thanks & appreciation to parents for their kindness buying costumes for the show!



HOLIDAY LIST 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Autumn Term, 2017

<u>School commences:</u>	Tuesday 29 th August (Half Day)* Wednesday 30 th August (Half Day)* Thursday 31 st August (Half Day)*
HALLOWEEN:	Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November (inclusive)
Exceptional Closure 1:	Monday 6 th November (school closed)
CHRISTMAS:	Thursday 21 st December (Half Day)* Friday 22 nd December – Wednesday 3 rd January (inclusive)
Exceptional Closure 2:	Thursday 4 th January (school closed)

Spring Term, 2018

<u>School recommences:</u>	Friday 5 th January 2018
HALF TERM:	Monday 12 th February – Thursday 15 th February (inclusive)
Exceptional Closure 3:	Friday 16 th February (school closed)
EASTER:	Wednesday 28 th March (Half Day)* Thursday 29 th March- Monday 9 th April (inclusive)
Exceptional Closure 4:	Tuesday 10 th April (school closed)

Summer Term, 2018

<u>School recommences:</u>	Wednesday 11 th April
MAY DAY HOLIDAY:	Monday 7 th May
Exceptional Closure 5:	Friday 25 th May (school closed)
MAY BANK HOLIDAY:	Monday 28 th May
School Closure:	Tuesday 29 th May (school closed)
End of School year:	Friday 29 th June (Half Day)*

*Half Day- School closes at 12.00 pm. The above holiday dates are all inclusive

WE DISCOURAGE PARENTS BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME



Stars of the Week

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

Our focus this week was: EXCELLENT NUMERACY		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison <i>Rohan Clarke</i>	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin <i>Willow Jamison</i>	Primary 2 Miss McDowell <i>Olivia Pearce</i>
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill <i>Jessica Cluney</i>	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas <i>Tess McCann</i>	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion <i>Finn Doherty</i>
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie <i>Jack Agnew</i>	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson <i>Reuben Gilliland</i>	Primary 5 Mrs Luney <i>KYLE ENTWISTLE</i>
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry <i>Marcus Halilton</i>	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing <i>Rhys Gordon</i>	Primary 6 Mr Morrow <i>Joshua Braiden</i>
Primary 7 Mr Agnew <i>Courtney Adelman</i>	Primary 7 Mrs Duff <i>Taylor Gilliland</i>	Next week our focus is

Happy Birthday to...

Amy-Lee Cree Lucy McKenna Finn Doherty Sophie Jameson
 Christina McWatters Aliyah Millen Owen Ferris
 David Clements Mia Sittlington

Primary 7 Leavers Hoodies

Today was the closing date for orders for the Primary 7 Leavers Hoodies, a note about prices and placing orders was sent home before Easter. If you have yet to place an order, and wish to do so, send in your order form on Tuesday.

SAMPLE HOODIES AND COLOURS AVAILABLE ARE ON DISPLAY AT RECEPTION.



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

SPECIAL TREAT WEEK!

Biscuits, Cakes, Cupcakes etc 25p each

Monday 1st May

**NO DINNERS
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 2nd May

Pizza, Beans & Chips

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Bulk Yoghurt & Fruit

Wednesday 26th April

Roast Chicken, Oven Roast, Sweetcorn,
Creamed Potatoes & Gravy

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

Thursday 27th April

Chicken Curry **OR** Chicken & Gravy
Boiled Rice, Carrot Sticks & Naan Bread

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Canadian Tart & Custard

Friday 28th April

Pasta Bolognese, Crusty Bread

OR

Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes

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Chocolate Sponge & Custard

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot

Friday: Crusty Bread, Apple & Celery

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

Summer Term Uniform

Now that we are in the Summer Term, pupils may, if they wish, wear their Summer Uniform to school. At times, the classrooms can get very warm and the Summer Uniform may be more comfortable for some pupils.

Girls may wear a green gingham dress. Boys may wear grey or black school shorts (football shorts are NOT permitted as school uniform)

