



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE: 02

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

### Parent Information Meetings

We have arranged for each year group to hold an **Information Meeting** for Parents and Carers of the pupils in Ashgrove Primary. It is important that home and school work together in partnership to give our children the best education we can. The purpose of the Information Meetings is to deliver vital messages and give you an overview of what your child will be learning in school this academic year.

This will include:

- Curriculum coverage;
- Literacy in your child's year;
- Numeracy in your child's year;
- Homework information;
- Routines & expectations;
- How to help your child at home; and
- Transfer Test Preparation in Years 6&7



The Information Meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and will be delivered by the class or year group teachers.

**P1, P2, P3 and P4 will be on TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 3.10-3.45 pm**

**P5, P6 and P7 will be on WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 3.10-3.45 pm**

If you have not already done so, please return your permission slip on Monday. We strongly encourage every parent to attend these meetings.

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**Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together**

## How to raise a concern...

At Ashgrove Primary School we value parents and carers as partners in the education of our pupils. The views of parents are significant and we encourage the positive contributions which parents and carers make to the life of our school.

We recognise that from time to time, a parent or carer may have a concern about some aspect of their child's life at school. By working in partnership with home, it is our aim that any concern is dealt with quickly and efficiently.

**Please find below the procedure we have in place.**

AS A SCHOOL WE WILL DEAL WITH ANY CONCERN IN COURTEOUS AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER  
AS THE NEEDS OF OUR PUPILS ARE PARAMOUNT.

### **HOW DO I RAISE A CONCERN?**

1. Make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss the matter. We strongly advocate making an appointment as otherwise this impinges on teaching and preparation time. **(Making an appointment will enable the teacher to give you the necessary time to listen attentively to your concern).**

*Most often concerns can be resolved at this stage.*

2. If after speaking to the teacher the matter is not resolved the issue can be taken up with the Head of Key Stage (Miss Morrison/Mrs Torrie) or the Vice Principal, Mrs Flaherty.
3. Following the second step, if concerns still remain the issue can be referred to the Principal.
4. Ultimately, if the issue is still not resolved the parents/carers can write to the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee of Board of Governors (Mr B. Edwards)- please refer to our Complaints Procedure.

*It is very rare for concerns not to be resolved before stage 4.*

*If you have a concern about any aspect of Child Protection or Safeguarding do not hesitate to contact either:*

*MRS LUNEY, P5 (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or*

*MISS MCLAUGHLIN, P1 (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)*





## ECO-SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Do you want to...

- ✓ Help look after the environment
- ✓ Learn more about Global issues
- ✓ Reduce litter in school
- ✓ Recycle more in Ashgrove Primary...

**THEN YOU SHOULD BE AN ECO-SCHOOLS REP!**

We are looking for enthusiastic pupil volunteers from each year group from P4-7 to attend our Eco-Schools Club and work towards gaining our Green Flag!

We will:

- Work closely with the School Council
- Have meetings once a month in school
- Raise awareness about the importance of healthy eating and waste management

**If you are interested, please speak with Miss McDowell, Primary 2.**





## Standardised Testing Week

During the next two weeks we will be conducting standardised testing in school for all pupils from Primary 4-7. The tests are computerised assessments and will be conducted in the ICT Suite. This information will give teachers a clear baseline of where all individual pupils are in terms of their academic progress. We will then use this information to inform planning and teaching approaches.

## Teaching Staff in Ashgrove Primary

Please see below for a list of Teaching Staff in school as of September 2017. As you can see some members of staff hold positions of responsibility for areas of the curriculum or leadership posts.

Year Group	Teachers
Primary 1	Miss Morrison (Head of Foundation Stage & Clubs) Miss McLaughlin (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)
Primary 2	Miss McDowell (World Around Us & Eco Schools) Mrs Cartmill
Primary 3	Mrs Douglas (Drama) Miss Crozier & Ms Manion
Primary 4	Mrs Torrie (Head of Key Stage 1) Mr Hutcheson (C2k Manager)
Primary 5	Mrs Luney (Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Literacy Leader) Mrs Carberry (PDMU/Pastoral Care Leader & Attendance)
Primary 6	Mrs Ewing (Numeracy Leader) Mr Morrow
Primary 7	Mr Agnew (Music) Mrs Flaherty (Vice Principal, ICT & Assessment)
SEN Support	Mrs Doherty (SENCO) Mrs Hawkins

## School Closure Reminder...

School will be CLOSED to pupils on **FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017.** Although staff will be in school this day, parents will need to make alternative childcare arrangements.



## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><b><u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes &amp; Tomatoes Sauce ~ Yoghurt &amp; Fruit</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Buffet 2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1 Pizza, Carrot Sticks &amp; Salad ~ Jam Sponge, Custard &amp; Fruit</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast &amp; Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy ~ Chocolate Steamed Sponge &amp; Custard</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables ~ Strawberry Mousse &amp; Fruit</p>
<p><b><u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &amp; Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagne, Sweetcorn &amp; Crusty Bread ~ Biscuit, Fruit &amp; Strawberry Milkshake</p>	<p><b>HEALTHY BREAK</b> 30p per day</p> <p>Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple &amp; Celery Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon &amp; Carrot</p>

## School Fund/ Voluntary Contribution

Thank you to those of you who sent your School Fund/Voluntary Contribution to us – we appreciate your support and generosity. If you have yet to send this to school please do so by the end of September. As a reminder, we ask parents for £5.00 per child (maximum of £10.00 per family).

## PTA Meeting, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

The first PTA meeting of this year will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 pm.** We are fortunate to have a willing and dedicated group of parents who give their time and energy to organize a range of activities and fund raising events. If you can help the PTA please feel free to come along!



# Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Brilliant Behaviour!

<b>Primary 1</b> Miss Morrison	<b>Primary 1</b> Miss McLaughlin	<b>Primary 2</b> Miss McDowell  Olivia Ferris
<b>Primary 2</b> Mrs Cartmill  Abbie Bustard	<b>Primary 3</b> Mrs Douglas  Iyla Malone	<b>Primary 3</b> MissCrozier/Manion  Sophie Maguire
<b>Primary 4</b> Mrs Torrie  Niamh Stewart	<b>Primary 4</b> Mr Hutcheson  Sophie Millen	<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Luney  Clarissa Reid
<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Carberry  Kirsty Young	<b>Primary 6</b> Mrs Ewing  Eirynn Stewart	<b>Primary 6</b> Mr Morrow  Amber-Rea Ferguson
<b>Primary 7</b> Mr Agnew  Baillie McDowell	<b>Primary 7</b> Miss Taylor  Zane Tanney	Next week our focus is NUMERACY...

## 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 will 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.

