



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 16 (right to privacy)

"Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect every child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation."

In school we take data protection very seriously. Information about our pupils is stored safely and we teach children how to stay safe online.

Half Term...

Please remember school is **CLOSED** for the Half Term Break all of next week.

School will reopen to pupils on **Monday 20th February** at the usual times...
enjoy the holiday!



Please remember school starts at 8.55am and pupils may enter the school grounds from 8.40am

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Parent Teacher Consultations P1-6

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on **Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th February.** **ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.30PM (LUNCHES WILL STILL BE SERVED).** You will receive an allocated date and time to speak with the teacher. We appreciate and encourage the attendance of all our parents and carers at these important interviews. These interviews are for pupils from P1-6.

Exceptional Closure

Due to the upcoming NI Assembly election on **Thursday 2nd March 2017** school will be **CLOSED** as the building will be used as a Polling Station.

Please put this date in your Diary and make alternative childcare arrangements for this day.

Attendance & Punctuality

Throughout the year we like to remind parents of the importance of excellent attendance at school and arriving on time in the morning. Being punctual means all pupils can take part in important morning routines and their learning can start-lateness even from one pupil can disrupt class routines.

As a reminder, all pupils must be in school and lined up in the Playground for 8.55am (the second morning bell will ring). We have reminded pupils in Assembly about arriving to school on time.

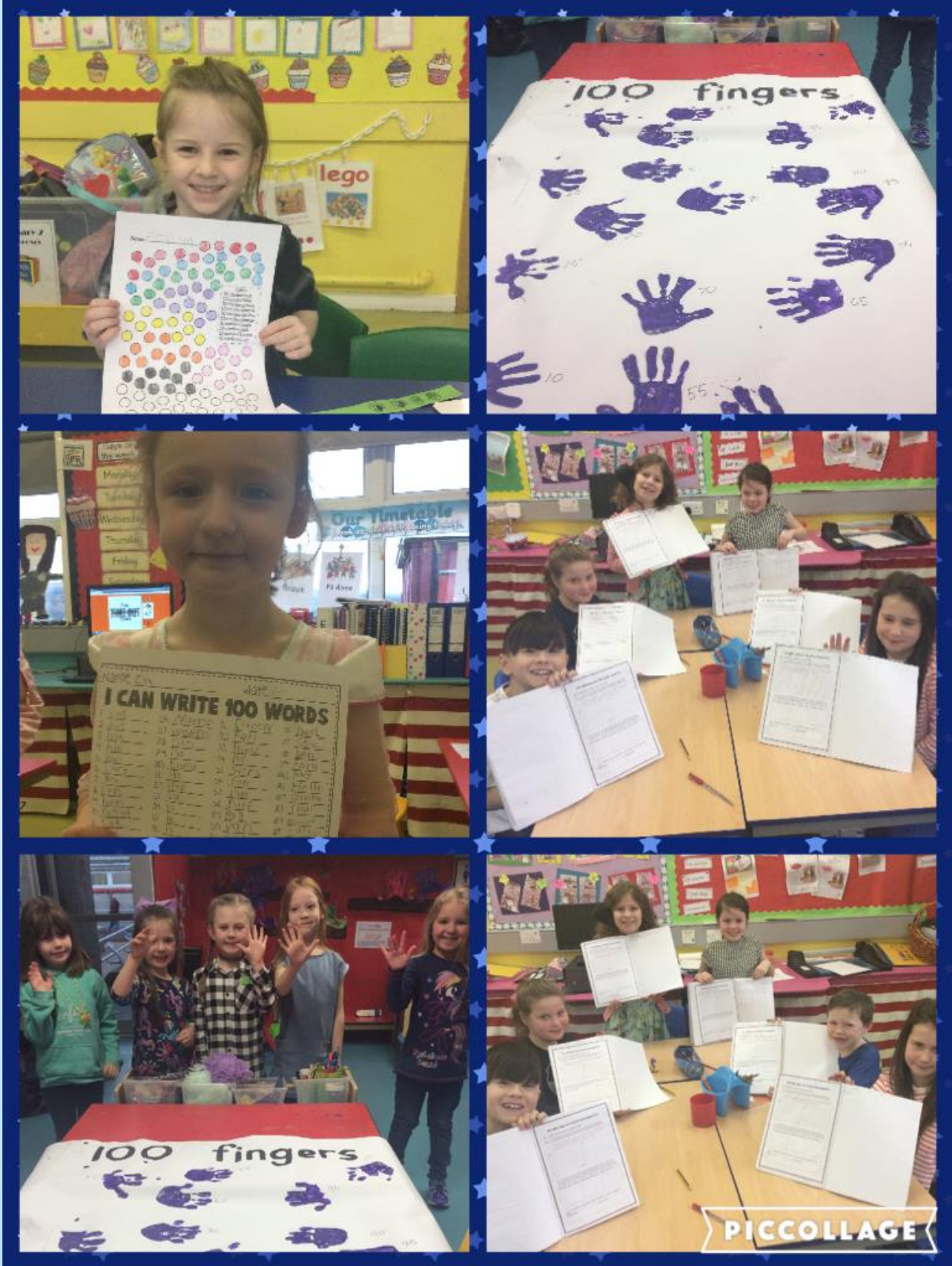
If your child is absent from school, for any reason, we require a note to explain the absence- please send this to school on your child's return. Since the September 2016, the average pupil attendance at Ashgrove Primary School is 95.8%. Mrs Carberry (Pastoral Care Leader in school) will write to parents whose child/children's attendance is below 85%.

100% Attendance	0 days missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed
90% Attendance	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed
85% Attendance	28 days of Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed



100th Day of School!

Today was a very busy, but productive day in school.. We were celebrating the 100th Day of School. Our boys and girls from P1-7 all had a chance to solve puzzles and investigate the number 100!



Eco Schools & Business in the Community!

Miss McDowell (with the support of one of our parents) is working with Business in the Community on an exciting project of building an Eco Friendly Greenhouse from plastic bottles! We would like your help in sending in washed 2 litre plastic bottles e.g. Coca-Cola Bottles. As you can imagine, to make the whole greenhouse we will need hundreds of bottles so please start to gather these up over Half Term and send them to Miss McDowell (Primary 2) on your return to school.

PTA Disco!

Many thanks to the PTA (and Mrs Doubleday) for organizing and assisting with the Disco today in school. As you can see from some of the snaps taken the children had a great time!



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Monday 20th February

Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, & Tomato Sauce
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Ice Cream & Fruit

Tuesday 21st February

Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potatoes
OR
Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes
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Bulk Yoghurt & Fruit

Wednesday 22nd February

Roast Pork, Carrot & Parsnip, Oven Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
~
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

Thursday 23rd February

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli & Naan
Bread
~
Carrot Cake & Custard

Friday 24th February

Pasta Bolognese, Cheese, Sweetcorn & Crusty
Bread
OR
Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread
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Rice Pudding & Fruit

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

