



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 10

"Governments must respond quickly & sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them"

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

The staff, Board of Governors and I wish all our boys and girls and family members a very safe and healthy Christmas together with a blessed 2017.

We would like to thank you all for your support this term not only in the interest you show in helping your children at home with their education but also with your kind and encouraging comments and gestures to members of staff.

Finally, we would like to thank our very kind families who generously sent presents and cards to school. We truly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness at this busy time of year.

As a reminder, school finishes for the Christmas Holidays on **MONDAY 19th DECEMBER, 12.00pm.** School reopens to pupils on **WEDNESDAY 4th January 2017** at the usual times.

Our website contains lots of useful information & dates for the new year!



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School Council Christmas Jumper Day!



Ashgrove Primary, School Council
Christmas Jumper Day!

Monday 19th December

Please donate £1.00 to the School Council-
funds raised will be spent on Playground
equipment!

Diary Dates, January-February 1/2 Term 2017

| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 3 rd January 2017 | Staff Development Day- Teacher Training in School |
| Wednesday 4 th January | School recommences for the Spring term |
| Friday 6 th January | P5-7 to see Aladdin in Waterfront Hall |
| Wednesday 11 th January @ 12.00pm | Closing Date for Primary 1 applications |
| Thursday 12 th January | Belfast Giants coming to school (Primary 5) |
| Friday 13 th January | Health & Fitness Day! |
| Monday 16 th January | Primary 1 Health Appraisals (School Nurse) |
| Friday 20 th January | Primary 1 Health Appraisals (School Nurse) |
| Saturday 28 th January | AQE Results received by P7 pupils |
| Monday 30 th January- Friday 3 rd February | Completion of Primary 7 Transfer Forms with parents |
| Friday 13 th February- Friday 17 th February | School CLOSED for 1/2 Term (Inclusive) |
| Monday 27 th February | Parent Teacher Consultations (12.00pm finish) |
| Tuesday 28 th February | Parent Teacher Consultations (12.00pm finish) |
| Wednesday 1 st March | Parent Teacher Consultations (12.00pm finish) |



Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me! All the boys and girls were superb in their performances and the talent on show was truly impressive, it was easy to forget that these were our youngest pupils performing!

We have shared some photographs and video clips of the Nativity on our website- enjoy looking at these!



Primary 1 Applications for September 2017

We are now accepting Primary 1 applications forms for September 2017. If you have not yet received one please feel free to call in to the Office and collect one from Mrs Lamont. Application forms must be submitted to school before **Wednesday 11th January, 12.00 noon.**

If you know someone with a child who is due to start school in September encourage them to make an appointment to see about school.

School Meals price increase...

Please note that from January 2017 the Education Authority has INCREASED the price of School Meals by 5 pence per day. A School Meal will now cost **£2.55** per day. This increase is applied to ALL schools. The cost of School Dinners for 1 week will now be £12.75, please continue to send all monies to school each Monday.





Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to those parents and family members who took the time to come to our Christmas Carol Service this morning. As always, the Choirs sang beautifully. I would like to mention a special word of thanks to Mr Agnew and Mrs Torrie who work hard with our Choirs.

Our soloists, musicians and Orchestra members are all so talented- it is wonderful to have such a level of musical flair in school.

After School Clubs- January 2017

All teacher led After School Clubs will recommence the week beginning **MONDAY 9TH JANUARY**. This means there will be NO teacher led Clubs during the first week back.

Galaxy Multi Sports will recommence for P1&2 1.50-2.50pm on WEDNESDAY 11th January. Primary 5 pupils will be invited to attend Galaxy Multi Sports 3.00-4.00pm starting on Wednesday 11th January- Miss Morrison will send home a permission slip after Christmas.

The 2.00-4.00pm After School Club in the Dining Hall will recommence on Wednesday 4th January as usual.

School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

| <u>Monday 2nd January</u> | <u>Tuesday 3rd January</u> |
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| SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS | SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS |
| <u>Wednesday 4th January</u> | <u>Thursday 5th January</u> |
| Fish Whiting, Beans, Chips & Tomato Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit | Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Apple Crumble & Custard |
| <u>Friday 6th January</u> | HEALTHY BREAK <i>P1-4, 30p per day</i> |
| Pasta Bolognese, Cheese & Crusty Bread OR Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes ~ Pear & Chocolate Flavoured Sponge | Tuesday: Toast, Red Apple & Cucumber Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Pepper |

