



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 6

"Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential"

In School, one of our main goals is to help all our pupils develop and reach their full potential. We believe that all our pupils have unique gifts and talents, these may be academic, sports, arts or socially. We aim to enrich the lives of our children by providing opportunities to develop all talents.

Open Night- Thursday 24th November, 7.00pm

Our Open Night for new and prospective parents and children is on **Thursday 24th November, 7.00pm**. We already have a very healthy number of pre-enrolment forms for Primary 1 for September 2017.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September, or know someone with a child of compulsory school age let them know about our OPEN NIGHT- find our more information on our website and later in our Newsletter!



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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Open Night



A warm welcome is extended to all new parents who have a child starting school in September 2017

Thursday 24th November, 7.00pm

Alternatively you can arrange a visit & tour of the school by ringing the Office on 028 90848734.

Have a look at our great website www.ashgroveprimary.com

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER!

"The Standards the children attain are HIGH" ETI Inspection 2016



Pre-Enrolment Form



Pre Application form for Primary 1 for September 2017

Please complete our Pre-Enrolment form for a Primary 1 space for September 2017. Our spaces for next year are filling up.

The official application forms are issued by the Education Authority- North Eastern Region. We will send you an Official Application Form as soon as they are available.

Parents: _____

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Nursery/ Day Care attending: _____

Brother/ Sister already attending school:

YES

NO

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Thank you!



Christmas Dinner in school...

Christmas Dinner for our pupils is on **Wednesday 7th December**. Mrs Lamont will send home a booking reply slip next week which should be returned to school along with payment.

School Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me!

Primaries 1-4 have started to learn songs for our upcoming Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me! As per last year we plan to hold four showings of our Nativity. This promises to be another fantastic event in the life of our school. Dates and times are as follows...

Monday 12th December, 9.30am and 11.15am

Tuesday 13th December, 9.30am and 11.15am

Tickets will go on sale from the beginning of December.

Christmas Carol Service- Friday 16th December

This year we are introducing a traditional Carol Service in Ashgrove Primary- this will be an opportunity for parents in our senior classes to enjoy our wonderful Junior and Senior Choirs. Our Carol Service will be held on **Friday 16th December, 1.30pm**. As space in the Hall is limited, restricted numbers of tickets will be available.

See-Saw App & Phonics Awareness

We hope that our primary 1 and 2 parents have enjoyed using our See-Saw App. We have received many kind and very encouraging comments from parents and carers who are delighted to get a real insight in to their child's day and learning in school.

The See Saw App contains a portfolio on each child in Primary 1 & 2- teachers update these portfolios with photographs and short video clips of your child working and playing in class. This forms an invaluable tool in tracking progress and allowing parents to gain an insight in to what we do in school. If you have a child in primary 1 or primary 2 and have not yet viewed your child profile just follow the instruction sheet which Miss Morrison sent home last week- enjoy!

Carpark & One Way System

Our new Carpark & One Way System in school has been a great success to date. I would like to thank all drivers for being considerate and patient especially at drop-off and pick up times.

To help with the smooth running of the One Way System I am appealing to all parents and carers to insist their child or children **WALK** on the footpaths- please do not be tempted to take shortcuts by running across the roads.

Thank you for your continued care and support!



Morning Routines

There have been a number of pupils this week who have arrived to school very early and been unsupervised before 8.40am. We kindly remind parents and carers that pupils are welcome to come to school from 8.40am at which time they may enter the school building and members of staff are on duty in the playgrounds to supervise.

If you wish your child to come to school before 8.40am they should come to our **Breakfast Club from 8.00am** where there is plenty of adult supervision. Thank you.

Open Night- Thursday 24th November...



Our Annual Open Night is on Thursday 24th November, 7.00pm.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2017 this is a chance for you to come along and get a true feel of our wonderful school.

All members of staff will be here and will be happy to take the time to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

Our spaces for Primary 1 for September are filling up quickly... please remember preference will be given to applicants who put Ashgrove Primary as their **FIRST CHOICE**.

Home Time Reminders

Please remember that all children will go home at the earlier time of **2.00pm** on Thursday 24th November and Thursday 1st December.

Attendance in School

At this time of year in school there may be lots of bugs and sickness among our pupils. If you find that your child is ill we advise that you keep them at home until any sickness or vomiting has passed- this helps to prevent the spread of illness amongst other pupils or staff. Once your child has returned to school we ask that you send a note to school- we are required to keep a record of all absences.

PTA Helpers & Volunteers

The Christmas Fair is always a very busy and popular PTA event. If you can spare some time to help the PTA set up stalls, sort toys & games or even approach local businesses for sponsorship we would appreciate your help! You do not need to be a formal member of the PTA to help but if you can spare some time and would like to help please contact Miss Taylor in school- thank you.



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Literacy		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison <i>Macy Swain</i>	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin <i>Zach Ellis</i>	Primary 2 Miss McDowell <i>Rowan Gilmore</i>
Primary 2 Mrs Copeland/Cartmill <i>Ella Claydon</i>	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas <i>Carter Smith</i>	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion <i>Patience Harris O'Neill</i>
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie <i>Madison Swindell</i>	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson <i>Ellie Mairs</i>	Primary 5 Mrs Luney <i>Rachel Boland</i>
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry <i>Dallan Smyth</i>	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing <i>Katie McAllister</i>	Primary 6 Mr Morrow <i>Curtis Rollins</i>
Primary 7 Mr Agnew <i>Jessica Woods</i>	Primary 7 Miss Taylor <i>Ryan O'Reilly</i>	Next week our focus is Excellent BEHAVIOUR
<h2>Happy Birthday to...</h2>		
<i>Jessica Cluney & Holly Braiden</i>		

Safeguarding in Ashgrove Primary ...

In Ashgrove Primary we have a Safeguarding Team. If you have any worries or concerns please speak with one of the following people:

- Mrs Luney – Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Miss McLaughlin – Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Mr Smith – Principal
- Mr Edwards – Designated Governor for Safeguarding



School Dinner Menu

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 21st November</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jelly, Fruit & Ice Cream</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 22nd November</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Buffet!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potatoes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Salmon Cake, Beans & Mashed Potatoes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Egg Sponge Flan, Fruit & Custard</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 23rd November</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast chicken, Carrots, Parsnip, Oven Roast + Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 24th November</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Broccoli</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carrot Cake, Custard & Fruit</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 25th November</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pasta Bolognese, Cheese Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rice Pudding & Fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HEALTHY BREAK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P1-4, 30p per day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Pepper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber</p>

PTA- Breakfast with Santa!

Ashgrove PTA have planned a real treat coming up to Christmas- Breakfast with Santa!



Ashgrove Primary School PTA with the support of McMillan Estate Agents brings you

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday 10th December

KNAGS Function Suite

£7.50 per person / Family Ticket (4 people) for £25



Tickets available until 2nd December
www.pta-events.co.uk/ashgrove



Tickets can be bought online at www.pta-events.co.uk/ashgrove

Supported by McMillan Estate Agents

Child ticket includes pancake breakfast with nutella, marshmallows or syrup and juice... All children will also get a gift from Santa!

