



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 17 (access to information from the media)

"Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from material that could harm them."

Parent Teacher Consultations P1-6

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on **Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 1st March. 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.

We kindly ask that children do not sit in on the interviews.

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Welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Half Term break last week and it is good to see all our pupils safely back to school. For your information I have included important Diary Dates and Events for this Half Term and beyond- please read these and take note of them.

Dates & Events for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 27 th February	Parent Teacher consultations- all children will go home at 12.30pm
Tuesday 28 th February	Parent Teacher consultations- all children will go home at 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 st March	Parent Teacher consultations- all children will go home at 12.30pm
Thursday 2 nd March	NI Assembly Elections- SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 th March	P5C (Mrs Carberry's class) taking Assembly, 9.15am Ashgrove Football Team in Newtownabbey Tournament
Wednesday 8 th March	PTA Meeting Ashgrove Football Team in Newtownabbey Tournament
Friday 10 th March	SENTINUS (Science) Day in school
Friday 17 th March	PTA Break the Rules Day Spelling Bee, First Round!
Tuesday 4 th April	Cool For School- Group Photographs
Friday 7 th April	School finishes @ 12.00pm
Monday 24 th April	School recommences for the Summer Term
Tuesday 2 nd May	Primary 4 to Cultra (residential)
Wednesday 3 rd May	Primary 4 return from Cultra
Wednesday 17 th May	Primary 6 to Gannaway (residential)
Thursday 18 th May	Primary 6 to Gannaway (residential)
Friday 19 th May	Primary 6 returns from Gannaway St Mary's on the Hill- Sports Day
Thursday 25 th May	Primary 1 parents Induction
Monday 29 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED- Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th June	Primary 5 to Greenhill (residential)
Wednesday 7 th June	Primary 5 returns from Greenhill
Friday 9 th June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 14 th June	Primary 1 pupil induction
Monday 26 th June	Leavers Assembly
Friday 30 th June	Last day of Term- school closes @ 12.00pm



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.

Grease Auditions!

Yesterday in school Mrs Douglas and I held auditions for our school musical- Grease! We were delighted with the amount of pupils who are so keen to take part and enjoy a leading or supportive role in the production (there is such a lot of talent to choose from). Once the key roles have been allocated rehearsals will begin to take place. The production itself will not be ready for parents until after Easter.

Congratulations Miss Taylor!

It is with mixed feelings that we in school offer Miss Taylor our congratulations as she has just been offered a non-teaching, Vice-Principal position in Ballyholme Primary School, Bangor. We are pleased for Miss Taylor as this is much closer to home. I am sure many parents would like to join me in thanking her for her work in school over the past couple of years. Miss Taylor will still be here in school for quite a while yet- we will keep you fully informed.

The Board of Governors are meeting next week to begin the recruitment process for a new Vice Principal here in school.

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 lots of bottles (over 2000) so please start to gather these up and send them to Miss McDowell (Primary 2).

World Book Day

On Friday 3rd March we will celebrate World Book Day in school. All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Book Character. Please remember there is no need to go to the expense of buying a costume especially for this occasion- something you have at home can be used instead.



Holiday List for 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)



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Monday 27th February

Hot Dog, Onions, Sweetcorn, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce

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Jam & Coconut Egg Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Tuesday 28th February

Irish Stew & Crusty Bread

OR

Ham & Cheese Panini, Salad & Coleslaw

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Apple Crumble & Custard

Wednesday 1st March

Roast Beef, Diced Turnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Date Krispie, Custard & Fruit

Thursday 2nd March

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables & Naan Bread

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Cupcake, Fruit & Yoghurt

Friday 3rd March

Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes

OR

Lasagne, Salad & Crusty Bread

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Jelly, Fruit & Ice-Cream

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot

Friday: Crusty Bread, Apple & Celery

Rotary Young Writers Competition

The closing date for submission for the Rotary Young Writers Competition is FRIDAY 3RD MARCH. If there are any more entrants these should be sent to Mrs Luney on or before this date- thank you!

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting is THIS AFTERNOON, 2.15-2.45pm in the Assembly Hall.

Our School Choir will sing at the beginning of the event- please show your support and come along.

Thank you!

