



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 7

"Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality and as far as possible to know and be cared for by their parents"

In School, we take care to recognise and celebrate the diversity in our school. We have pupils and families from many backgrounds and cultures which adds to the richness of the fabric of our school life.

Open Night- Thank you!

We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone who came along to support our Open Night yesterday. We are always very encouraged and grateful for the many kind and positive comments about the work of our school and our pupils. As always, the Choirs sang beautifully and the Orchestra showcased their talents.

Application Forms for Primary 1 were available last night, but if you need a form we will be happy to send one home to you- please contact Mrs Lamont in the Office.

As a reminder, the closing date for applications is **12.00 noon on Wednesday 11th January 2017.**



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Diary Dates for December...

Date	Event
Thursday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Fair 6.00-8.00pm (All children go home at 2.00pm on Thursday 1 st December)
Saturday 3 rd December	Final AQE Assessment
Tuesday 6 th December	Primary 7 pupils invited to visit Glengormley High
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Dinner for pupils
Saturday 10 th December	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me!
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me!
Wednesday 14 th December	Primary 3&4 to see Aladdin, Braid Arts Centre
Thursday 15 th December	Magic George visiting Primary 1 & 2
Friday 16 th December	P5-7 Carol Service in School, 1.30pm
Monday 19 th December	School Council Christmas Jumper Day School finishes for Christmas Holidays @ 12.00pm

NASUWT Strike Action

As I'm sure you'll be aware, the NASUWT (teacher union) is planning to take industrial action on **Wednesday 30th November 2016**. This is a dispute between NASUWT members and the employing authority concerning teaching terms & conditions and wages; it is not a dispute with or within the school.

The action, (a one day strike), will result in class or whole school closures across Northern Ireland.

The decision to close the school and send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

We know that class school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the likely impact of the action on Ashgrove Primary School.

As a result, the **WHOLE SCHOOL** will be closed to all pupils on 30th November. Please do not send your child(ren) to school on this date.

School will operate normally on Thursday 1st December 2016.



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Literacy		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison <i>Annie Smyth</i>	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin <i>Leah Gormley</i>	Primary 2 Miss McDowell <i>Holly McConnell</i>
Primary 2 Mrs Copeland/Cartmill <i>Lucy McKenna</i>	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas <i>Cruz Fleck</i>	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion <i>Cian Mulligan</i>
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie <i>Sheila McWilliams</i>	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson <i>Clarissa Reid</i>	Primary 5 Mrs Luney <i>Jack Gibson</i>
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry <i>Carley Livingstone</i>	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing <i>Maisie Hutton</i>	Primary 6 Mr Morrow <i>Jasmine Shields</i>
Primary 7 Mr Agnew <i>Lauren Ferguson</i>	Primary 7 Miss Taylor <i>Jake Flanagan</i>	Next week our focus is Excellent NUMERACY

Happy Birthday to...

Patience Harris O'Neill, Abbie Galbraith & Matilda Magill

AQE Assessment- Good Luck!

Once again we wish our Primary 7 pupils who are sitting the second transfer test tomorrow morning the very best of luck. Teachers and other members of staff work hard to prepare children for these assessments. We will be thinking of you all!



Christmas Poetry House Competition

Mrs Luney has launched a poetry competition in school based on the theme of WINTER. We are looking for creative poems with lots of descriptive language, similes, metaphor etc.

The closing date for the submission of poems is **THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER!** There will be a prize of a £5.00 book voucher for the winning poem from each House... get creative and good luck!

Nativity Tickets (Primary 1-4)

Tickets for our Christmas Nativity- "A Little Bird Told Me!" will go on sale next week. We will send home a note to P1-4 parents asking you to select which showing of the Nativity you would like to come along to. As per last year, we will have four showings of the Nativity. We are able to offer 2 tickets per family.

Please complete and return the note and reply slip next week!

School Dinner Menu

<p><u>Monday 21st November</u> Hot Dog, Onions, Sweetcorn, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Jam & Coconut Egg Sponge, Custard & Fruit</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 22nd November</u> Irish Stew & Crusty Bread OR Ham & Cheese Panini, Salad & Coleslaw ~ Apple Crumble & Custard</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 23rd November</u> SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p><u>Thursday 24th November</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Mixed Vegetables ~ Cupcake, Fruit & Yoghurt</p>
<p><u>Friday 25th November</u> Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagne, Salad & Crusty Bread ~ Jelly, Fruit & Ice-Cream</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK P1-4, 30p per day Tuesday: Toast, Pear & carrot Friday: Crusty Bread, Apple & Celery</p>

