



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

"Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights"

In school we pride ourselves on our ethos of tolerance and respect, we also value our Christian ethos and invite local Churches and organisations to speak at Assembly.

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.

Parent Teacher Consultations

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.

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PTA News & Events

All parents are invited to attend the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the PTA on **Friday 24th February, 2.15-2.45pm**. The School Choir will sing at the event, tea & coffee will be provided- come along show your support & hear what's happening!

PTA School Events this Term...

- ☺ FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY- School Disco, £3.00 per pupil (Times TBC)
- ☺ FRIDAY 17TH MARCH- Break the Rules Day! (£1.00 to break 1 rule)

World Book Day Celebrations- Friday 3rd March

On **FRIDAY 3RD MARCH** we will celebrate **WORLD BOOK DAY**. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help mark the occasion we are asking all pupils and staff to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**- this could be Horrid Henry, Gangsta Granny, Little Red Riding Hood, Alice in Wonderland...

To help get our pupils started on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books.

AQE Results- Good Luck!

We will be thinking of our Primary 7 pupils on Saturday morning as they receive their AQE or GL results. Transfer Interviews for P7 pupils will take place next week. I wrote to P7 parents last week with an allocated date and time for us to complete the Transfer Application Form together- please read the guidelines sent home.

The result posted to you is a standardised score, a whole number between 55 and 145, with an average of 100. Last year the highest score issued by AQE was 129.

If your post does not arrive at your registered home address, the **AQE Office (028 9022 4002) will be open from 2.00pm on Saturday 28th January** to allow for verbal results to be given over the phone (security questions must be passed). AQE will unfortunately not be able to answer any further questions other than that of your child's result. All other issues can be taken up from **Monday 30th January**.



Safer Internet Day...

As part of Safer Internet Day, the NSPCC is holding a parent/carers Workshop in St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School. Parents of all local primary schools are invited to attend. The workshop will explore what children do online, the risks that they may face and some tools which families can use to stay safe online.

The Workshop is taking place on **TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY, 9.00am**. If you are interested in attending please let us know so we can book you a space.

Pastoral Care & Safeguarding Arrangements

We kindly ask parents to make sure that your child knows who is collecting them at the end of each school day. Remember to check if your child is also attending a club each day.

School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

<p><u>Monday 30th January</u> Sausages, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit & Milkshake</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 31st January</u> Savoury Mince, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes OR Pizza, Sweetcorn & Salad ~ Yoghurt & Fruit</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 1st February</u> Roast Chicken, Diced Carrots, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Rice Pudding & Fruit</p>	<p><u>Thursday 2nd February</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Apple Crumble & Custard</p>
<p><u>Friday 3rd February</u> Pasta Bolognese, Cheese & Crusty Bread OR Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes ~ Pear & Chocolate Flavoured Sponge & Custard</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK <i>P1-4, 30p per day</i> Tuesday: Toast, Red Apple & Cucumber Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Pepper</p>

