



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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*Welcome back to school everyone!*

Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a happy and healthy Summer break and you are all looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead this academic year.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils and other pupils who have joined Ashgrove Primary over the summer months. The past few days have been very useful in helping embed those all-important routines and expectations in school. We very much encourage and expect our pupils to come to school prepared with the correct equipment and uniform.

**You can expect your child to receive an outstanding education with us this year and we strive to deliver the best.**

Over the Summer months we have continued with the building work and renovations of our new car-parking facilities. Thankfully there has been much progress and the work is now ahead of schedule. We anticipate the work will be finished by the end of October. We thank you for your continued patience and due consideration during pick-up times. (DURING THESE RENNOVATIONS I ASK OUR PARENTS TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND AVOID BLOCKING DRIVEWAYS).

We hope you will find the information in this Weekly Newsletter useful- we recommend you keep these in a safe place as very often key dates and events are shared with everyone at home. The Diary Dates section of our website is very useful to keep you up to date with all that's happening. Our Newsletter will be available to download each Friday from our website, we will also share a link to it on our Facebook Page and Twitter account.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy and successful year with us in Ashgrove Primary School.

R Smith

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## Upcoming Events in School- Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Primary 6 Mr Morrow's class starts swimming to Christmas
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing's class starts swimming to Christmas First School Council Meeting of the year!
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Healthy Break Tuck Shop P1-4, 30p per day P1-3 Parent Curriculum Information Meetings
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	P4-7 Parent Curriculum Information Meetings
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Cool 4 School taking Family portraits & Individual Photographs Teacher led After School Clubs commence this week Mr Smith & Mrs Carberry interviewing pupils for House Captains and Vice Captains
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Aunt Sandra's Chocolate Roadshow visiting P5 Focus Group meeting for Rights Respecting Schools
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	European Day of Languages
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Staff Development Day- ALTA Maths. School Closed to pupils.
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Jim MacCool, Poetry Roadshow coming to Ashgrove Primary
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	P2, Miss McDowell's Class to Tayto Castle
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	P2, Mrs Copeland and Mrs Cartmill's Class to Tayto Castle
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Councillors visiting the Houses of Parliament, London!
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Vaccinations Parent Teacher Consultations, all pupils go home at 1.00pm
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent Teacher Consultations, all pupils go home at 1.00pm
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent Teacher Consultations, all pupils go home at 1.00pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Service

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** School Closed for ½ Term (dates inclusive)



## School Routines...

At the beginning of a new school year it is very important we all establish good routines- this gives a sense of stability and security to our pupils. **As a reminder, all pupils must be in school for 8.55a.m-** the bell rings at this time and marks the beginning of the school day. Pupils arriving after this time are late.

Pupils are welcome to enter the school grounds from 8.40am when adults will be on duty in the Playgrounds. Please take note that pupils **MUST NOT** be left unsupervised in the school grounds before this time. As you are aware we have significant building work in the school site and for the safety of everyone pupils should not be left unattended.

Pupils may enter the building via the Primary 1 entrance, this door will be closed at 8.55am as soon as school starts. **We kindly ask Primary 2 parents to use the Primary 1 entrance rather than the main lobby.** If you are late please use the main entrance at Reception and Mrs Lamont will take your child to class.

We expect all pupils to walk to their own classroom by themselves from P2-7.

### NO Chewing Gum Please!

I'm sure everyone has noticed the beautiful new paving which is being laid at the front of school outside the Primary 1 entrance- it looks super!

Unfortunately over the past few days adults who have been waiting outside the Primary 1 entrance have spat chewing gum on the paving. I can only appeal for all of us to have respect for our school property- we work hard to make sure our school is clean, safe and attractive for our children & guests.

Please help us look after our school- put your chewing gum in a bin!

### Safeguarding/ Child Protection- HIGH IMPORTANCE

If you have any worries or concerns about the welfare of your child or any other child in Ashgrove Primary you should speak with either Mrs Luney (Primary 5 Teacher) or if she is not available Miss McLaughlin (Primary 1 Teacher).

**Mrs Luney is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Miss McLaughlin is the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection. The Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Mr Edwards.**

Our website contains our Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy and important information about the roles and responsibilities of the Safeguarding Team.

### Welcome to new members of Staff...

We offer a warm welcome to two new members of staff who have joined our Ashgrove team. Miss McDowell will teach one of the Primary 2 classes and Miss Crozier will act as a jobshare partner with Ms Manion in Primary 3. Miss Crozier will take the Primary 3 class from Wednesday-Friday. I hope both new teachers will enjoy their time with us and I trust everyone will make them feel most welcome.





## Voluntary Contribution to School Funds

We are once again at the start of another busy year in school. At the start of each year we ask parents to make a small voluntary contribution of £5.00 per child (maximum of £10.00 per family) to our school.

We do appreciate this can be an expensive time of year for parents and carers buying new uniforms, stationery etc. However every penny is precious in school and this money will be used with the sole purpose of buying resources to enhance the education of your children.

**Please send your voluntary donation to school in a sealed envelope to your class teacher by the end of September.**

### School Dinner Menu

<u>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</u> Sausages, Beans, Chips & Tomato Sauce ~ Ice Cream & Fruit	<u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</u> Pizza, Sweetcorn, Salad & Crusty Bread ~ Strawberry Yoghurt & Fruit
<u>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</u> Roast Chicken, Diced Carrots, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Frozen Mousse & Fruit	<u>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Apple Crumble & Custard
<u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September</u> Pasta Bolognese, Cheese, & Crusty Bread OR Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes ~ Pear & Chocolate Sponge with Custard	<b>HEALTHY BREAK</b> <b>P1-4, 30p per day</b>  Tuesday: Toast, Red Apple & Cucumber  Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Pepper

## COMMUNITY NEWS...

Congratulations to Ashleigh Leitch and Harry Shields who won a Newtownabbey Council competition to design a poster and slogan for a Recycling Campaign. This news was published in the Borough Life Magazine – one of our pupils also features on the front cover!

The winning slogans are...

*"Save our environment & recycle!" Ashleigh Leitch, P7A*  
*"Don't waste food! Recycle, save money!" Harry Shields, P5C*



# Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Brilliant Behaviour!

<b>Primary 1</b> Miss Morrison  	<b>Primary 1</b> Miss McLaughlin  	<b>Primary 2</b> Miss McDowell  Evie Douglas
<b>Primary 2</b> Mrs Copeland/Cartmill  Jessica Hagan	<b>Primary 3</b> Mrs Douglas  Amy Clotworthy	<b>Primary 3</b> Miss Crozier/Manion  Lucy Dumigan
<b>Primary 4</b> Mrs Torrie  Bobby Frecknall	<b>Primary 4</b> Mr Hutcheson  Aimee Braiden	<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Luney  Daniel Johnston
<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Carberry  Zara McGrath	<b>Primary 6</b> Mrs Ewing  Megan Bell	<b>Primary 6</b> Mr Morrow  Maya Anderson
<b>Primary 7</b> Mr Agnew  Dylan Menice	<b>Primary 7</b> Miss Taylor  Anna Maginnis	

## Happy Birthday to...

Mikolaj Palejko, Jacob Wade, Peter Murphy, Jack Winchester,  
 Darcey Coates, Reuben Gilliland, Cole Agnew,  
 Katie McAlister, Levente Csehi, Lucie Copeland,  
 Ross Kelly & Ellie Davison

