



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE: 02

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

### Parent Information Meetings

We have arranged for each year group to hold an Information Meeting for Parents and Carers of the pupils in Ashgrove Primary. It is important that home and school work together in partnership to give our children the best education we can. The purpose of the Information Meetings is to deliver vital messages and give you an overview of what your child will be learning in school this academic year.

This will include:

- Curriculum coverage;
- Literacy in your child's year;
- Numeracy in your child's year;
- Homework information;
- Routines & expectations;
- How to help your child at home; and
- Transfer Test Preparation in Years 6&7



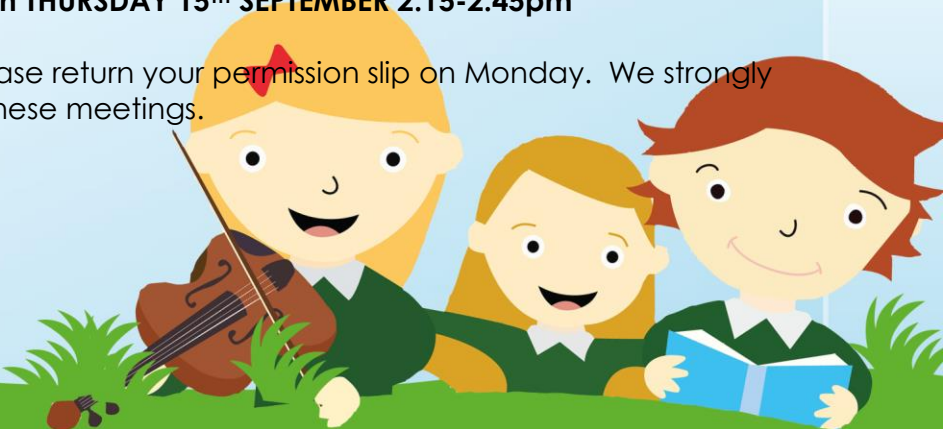
The Information Meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and will be delivered by the class or year group teachers.

**P1, P2, P3 and P4 will be on MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2.15-2.45pm**

**P5, P6 and P7 will be on THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2.15-2.45pm**

If you have not already done so, please return your permission slip on Monday. We strongly encourage every parent to attend these meetings.

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## How to raise a concern with us...

At Ashgrove Primary School we value parents and carers as partners in the education of our pupils. The views of parents are significant and we encourage the positive contributions which parents and carers make to the life of our school.

We recognise that from time to time, a parent or carer may have a concern about some aspect of their child's life at school. By working in partnership with home, it is the school's aim that any concern is dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Please find below the procedure we have in place.

As a school we will deal with any concern in courteous and professional manner as the needs of our pupils are paramount.

### **HOW DO I RAISE A CONCERN?**

1. Make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss the matter. We strongly advocate making an appointment as otherwise this impinges on teaching and preparation time. (Making an appointment will enable the teacher to give you the necessary time to listen to your concern).

*Most often concerns can be resolved at this stage.*

2. If after speaking to the teacher the matter is not resolved the issue can be taken up with the Head of Key Stage or the Vice Principal.
3. Following the second step, if concerns still remain the issue can be referred to the Principal.
4. Ultimately if the issue is still not resolved the parents/carers can write to the Chairperson of the Complaints Committee of Board of Governors (Mr B. Edwards)- please refer to our Complaints Procedure.

*It is very rare for concerns not to be resolved before stage 4.*

*If you have a concern about any aspect of Child Protection or Safeguarding do not hesitate to contact either:*

*MRS LUNEY, P5 (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or*

*MISS MCLAUGHLIN, P1 (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)*

## Free School Meals...

Is your child entitled to free school meals and a uniform allowance? Please keep in mind that parents/carers must REAPPLY to the Education Authority each year for Free School Meals- this is NOT automatically renewed. Unfortunately we can not give a child a free meal unless we have written permission from the Education Authority.



## Transfer Test Preparation

Parents in Primary 6&7 have no doubt been paying close attention to the news that the Minister for Education- Peter Weir has announced that Primary Schools in Northern Ireland are now free to prepare pupils for the AQE & GL Assessment Transfer Tests.

Teachers here in Ashgrove will continue to support pupils who choose to sit the Transfer Tests, every effort will be made to ensure that all children reach their full potential.

## Teaching Staff in Ashgrove Primary

Please see below for a list of Teaching Staff in school as of September 2016. As you can see some members of staff hold positions of responsibility for areas of the curriculum or leadership posts.

Year Group	Teachers
Primary 1	Miss Morrison (Head of Foundation Stage & Clubs) Miss McLaughlin (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)
Primary 2	Miss McDowell (Eco Schools) Mrs Copeland & Mrs Cartmill
Primary 3	Mrs Douglas (Drama) Miss Crozier & Ms Manion
Primary 4	Mrs Torrie (Head of Key Stage 1) Mr Hutcheson (ICT & C2k Manager)
Primary 5	Mrs Luney (Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Literacy Leader) Mrs Carberry (PDMU/Pastoral Care Leader & Attendance)
Primary 6	Mrs Ewing Mr Morrow
Primary 7	Mr Agnew (Music) Miss Taylor (Vice Principal, Numeracy & Assessment)
SEN Support	Mrs Doherty (SENCO) Mrs Hawkins

## School Photographs

Cool 4 School will be taking family/group and individual photographs on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – make sure you are all looking your best! As per usual the family portraits will be taken first in the morning. This is on a first come first served basis.



# Congratulations to our Taekwondo champions!



## Taekwondo Success!

Curtis Rollins & Ethan Harris O'Neill from Primary 6 travelled to Edinburgh last weekend with Abbey Taekwondo Club to compete in the Scottish International Championships.

Both boys competed in different categories including, team, individual & pairs. Curtis and Ethan worked very hard and did exceptionally well throughout the competition achieving Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Taekwondo skills are tested through a grading system which tests individual skills and abilities. Students progress by working hard to achieve different coloured belts beginning with white, yellow, green, blue, red and eventually achieving a black belt!

Written by Curtis Rollins

## School Dinner Menu

<p><u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September</u> Beef Burger, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes &amp; Tomato Sauce ~ Egg Sponge Flan, Fruit &amp; Custard</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</u> ~BUFFET~ 2 Sandwiches, 1 Chicken Goujon, 1 Pizza, Carrot Sticks &amp; Salad ~ Jam Sponge, Custard &amp; Fruit</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</u> Roast Loin of Pork, Cabbage, Oven Roast, Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy ~ Chocolate Steamed Sponge, Custard &amp; Fruit</p>	<p><u>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread &amp; Mixed Vegetables ~ Strawberry Mousse &amp; Fruit</p>
<p><u>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September</u> Breaded Salmon Cake, Peas, Sweetcorn &amp; Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagne, Peas, Sweetcorn &amp; Crusty Bread ~ Biscuit, Fruit &amp; Strawberry Milkshake</p>	<p><b>HEALTHY BREAK</b> <b>PL-4, 30p per day</b></p> <p>Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple &amp; Celery Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange &amp; Cucumber</p>



# Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Excellent Numeracy!

<b>Primary 1</b> Miss Morrison	<b>Primary 1</b> Miss McLaughlin	<b>Primary 2</b> Miss McDowell  Levente Csehi
<b>Primary 2</b> Mrs Copeland/Cartmill  Riley Lawlor	<b>Primary 3</b> Mrs Douglas  Poppy Hastings	<b>Primary 3</b> Miss Crozier/Manion  Allannah Currie
<b>Primary 4</b> Mrs Torrie  Roxy Beagan	<b>Primary 4</b> Mr Hutcheson  Bobbie McKinley	<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Luney  Lauren Rainey
<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Carberry  Niamh Keenan	<b>Primary 6</b> Mrs Ewing  Luan McVicker	<b>Primary 6</b> Mr Morrow  Eoin Keenan
<b>Primary 7</b> Mr Agnew  Lexie Maguire	<b>Primary 7</b> Miss Taylor  Chelsey Bowers	Next week our focus is <b>ENDEAVOUR...</b>

## Happy Birthday to...

Jacob Myszke, Evie Douglas, Lee Dickey  
& Owen McCrory

## PTA PUDDING PARTY!

On **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 6.45-8.00pm** the PTA are hosting a Pudding Party in school! This is a great chance to bring along your favourite sweet treat (faked or baked welcome!) and take some time to get to know other parents, staff and some members of the Board of Governors. All parents and families are very welcome, if you are new to our school we would love to see you there!

There will be some activities you can try with your children.

