



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 1

"Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention."
We are working hard in school to raise awareness of the rights of the child, we are holding regular Assemblies and highlighting rights on displays...

Staff Development Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that school is **CLOSED** for Staff Training on **FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER!** Teachers will be looking at school and class data from standardised testing – this will provide us with vital information to plan for and tailor our teaching to best meet the needs of all children.

Voluntary Contribution

Many thanks to those of you who have sent their voluntary contribution to us in September – we appreciate your kindness. If you have yet to do so, please send this to us next week. We ask for a donation of £5.00 per pupil (Maximum of £10.00 per family). In these times of financial hardship in the education sector every penny counts.

PTA Annual General Meeting!

The PTA AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th October, 7.00 pm – please attend! The work of our PTA will become even more important to us as **ALL** schools face financial hardship...

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Eco Schools...

One of our goals for this academic year is to achieve the Green Flag Award. Our Eco Schools Committee are working hard to raise the profile of sustainable living and linking our habits to protecting the environment.

School Video...

This week you should have received a letter home explaining about a camera crew visiting school over two days in October. We are very excited about this and promise to have something very special to share with you by Half Term. The note explicitly asked parents that if they DO NOT wish their child to be filmed they must inform the class teacher in writing by **Monday 2nd October** – thank you!

Harvest Celebration & Charity Work

Our traditional Harvest Celebration will take place on **Friday 27th October**, 9.30 am and 11.00 am. The time of your child's performance will be confirmed with you nearer the date.

This year we are supporting Christian Aid and displaced children around the world. This will support our work in raising awareness of global issues in relation to our Rights Respecting Schools Award, Level 2. Christian Aid are coming to school on **Monday 9th October** to hold an Assembly.

Pupil School Photographs

Cool for School are coming to Ashgrove on **WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER** to take individual pupil photographs. Once available, a proof sample will be sent home to you and you may then place an order if you wish.

Flu Immunisation Programme

Thankyou to everyone who returned their Medical Consent forms for the Community Nurse to administer the flu vaccination. The nasal spray will be given to children on **Friday 20th October**. There is no need for parents to be present during this. If you did not hand in your medical consent form this vaccination cannot be given to your child.

School Councillors to London!

Our P5-7 School Councillors are very excited to be going to the Houses of Parliament, London on Friday 6th October! This promises to be a school trip to remember. We will post lots of updates on our social media accounts during the day.



Diary Dates for OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Date	Event
Monday 2 nd October	Primary 1 stay for a full school day- 1.50 pm Aunt Sandra's Chocolate Workshop to P5!
Wednesday 4 th October	Camera Crew visiting School
Friday 6 th October	School Council to London, Houses of Parliament
Monday 9 th October	Christian Aid Assembly, 9.30 am House Captains & Vice Captains Interviews
Tuesday 10 th October	Primary 6, Mrs Ewing's Class Assembly – 9.15 am
Wednesday 11 th October	Camera Crew visiting School
Monday 16 th October	Maths Week
Wednesday 18 th October	Cool For School Pupil Photographs (individual) PTA Annual General Meeting, 7.00 pm
Friday 20 th October	Flu Immunisation Programme
Monday 23 rd October	Parent Teacher Consultations, 12.30 pm finish Board of Governors Meeting, 7.00 pm
Tuesday 24 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations, 12.30 pm finish Primary 2, Miss McDowell's Class Assembly, 9.15 am Ski Trip Information Meeting, 7.00 pm
Wednesday 25 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations, 12.30 pm finish Ditch the Dark Day!
Friday 27 th October	Harvest Assembly 9.30 am & 11.00 am PTA Halloween Disco
Mon 30 th - Fri 3 rd Nov (incl)	Half Term Holiday (Inclusive)
Monday 6 th November	Staff Development Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 8 th November	Phonics Information Evening
Friday 10 th November	Wear Green, Go Green Day!
Saturday 11 th November	AQE, Test 1
Tuesday 14 th November	Sustrans Treasure Hunt & Orienteering
Thursday 16 th November	Open Night
Saturday 25 th November	AQE, Test 2
Friday 30 th November	PTA Christmas Fair



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY (PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE)

Monday 2nd October

Sausages, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce

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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 3rd October

Savoury Mince, Sweetcorn, & Mashed Potato

OR Pizza, Sweetcorn, & Salad

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Flakemeal Biscuit & Milkshake

Wednesday 4th October

Roast Chicken, Diced Cabbage, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Rice pudding & fruit

Thursday 5th October

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks

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Canadian Tart & Custard

Friday 6th October

Pasta Bolognese, Crusty Bread
OR

Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes

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Chocolate flavoured sponge & custard.

HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot

Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery

Staff Training & Development

In Ashgrove PS we place a high value on Staff Development and implementing training with our children... since August 2017 we have taken part in the following Staff Development...

- Literacy- development of Reading approaches
- ICT- ipads & Coding
- First Aid Training
- Sustrans (Sustainable Transport)
- Data analysis and target setting
- Numeracy – Measures
- Rights Respecting Schools, Level 2
- World Around Us and Global Learning
- Safeguarding & Child Protection
- SIMS – recording attendance and behavior management

