



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

### Rights Respecting Schools

#### Article 2

"The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language abilities or any other status."

In school we promote the mutual respect of all children, regardless of background, heritage or any other status. Our School Code of Conduct outlines our expectations.

### £1 coins... legal tender

As of **SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**, the old round style pound coin will **no longer be legal tender**. Please do not send these to school from his date as we will not be able to accept them. If you have old style pound coins at home you must make sure they are lodged with your bank or local Post Office before Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### Class Assembly- P6, Mrs Ewing & P2, Mrs Cartmill

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.15 am**, Mrs Ewing's Primary 6 class will be presenting their own Assembly. Please return your reply slip so we can plan for numbers wishing to attend.

Mrs Cartmill's Primary 2 class will have their class Assembly on **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 9.15 am**. A note asking P2C parents to attend will be sent home to you next week.

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## Open Night for new Primary 1 pupils & parents

Open Night for new Primary 1 pupils & parents is on **THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 6.30 PM**. If you have a child due to start P1 please complete our P1 Pre Enrolment Form & return to Mrs Lamont or Mrs O'Donnell in the Office.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our MacMillan Coffee Morning last week (and of course for your generous donations of sweets, cakes and biscuits). We have raised over £300 for this worthy cause – thank you all!

## Blythswood Care, Shoe Box Appeal

Each year we support the Blythswood Care Showbox Appeal. We had a special Assembly on Wednesday to raise awareness and to ask pupils for their help & support. If you can donate a shoebox please bring them to your class teacher by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Please check the list below for items which may be included in the shoebox...

### CHECKLIST 2017

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.

#### SUGGESTED ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW):

Please do try to include the following items highlighted in the top box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Toothbrush and Toothpaste</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Small Toy</b> for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls. Please only include new shop-bought toys.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hat, scarf, gloves</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sweets</b> (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best Before' date no earlier than March 2018 <b>No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Soap</b>                      |  |

**Do not include** used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate Eclairs and Chocolate Limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should also not be included.

#### Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)

- Shampoo
- Face cloth/ Moist wipes
- Deodorant
- Moisturising Cream
- Comb/Brush
- Sanitary Products
- Shaving foam/Razors
  
- Underwear Socks/Tights

- Household Candles
- Screwdrivers/Pliers
- Kitchen Utensils

#### Stationery

- Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
- Notepads/Colouring books
- Rulers/Rubbers

#### Clothes and other Items

(T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/Shirts) etc





## Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews are due to be held in school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Interview letters and times will be sent to you next week.** Where possible we endeavor to accommodate the needs of working parents, but this is not always possible and we truly appreciate parents taking the time to come to school.

These meetings are a chance to discuss how your child has settled in to their new class and of the progress made to date. At times we may share areas for development- this is not a criticism but a focus for improvement.

As per last year, we will share with parents a copy of our Safeguarding procedures.

During these days all children will go home at 12.30 pm after lunches have been served. To help working parents an After School Club will be available in the Canteen – spaces **MUST BE BOOKED.**

## Recognise & Remove Concussion

The Department of Education has shared with parents information on recognising the signs of concussion. These may include:

- A headache
- Feeling dazed or drowsy or sleepy
- Feeling sick
- Feeling irritable
- Having difficulty remembering things
- Any other change in normal behaviour

[More information is available on the DENI website.](#)

## School Uniform, lost property

A number of items of school uniform have made their way to lost property. We also have a collection of items unclaimed from last year.

If your child has lost any items of clothing please check here next week. Items which remain unclaimed after Halloween will be donated to charity.

To help us, please label all items of clothing so we can return them to their owner!



## School Carpark

Parents and visitors to school are welcome to use the Carpark facilities in our grounds. However, it is up to all adults to ensure the safety and care of our pupils and indeed other adults. For this reason, we ask everyone to adhere to the following:

- Speed limit of **5 MPH** (should be strictly adhered to)
- Vehicles should not be parked on pavements or access points at any time
- All drivers must observe the one-way system
- Drivers must exercise extreme caution at all times when in school grounds
- Pedestrians should use the designated crossing areas & pathways
- Parents should get out of their car to collect their child and escort them to their vehicle or in to school (pupil safety comes first!)
- The disabled bays at the front of school should only be used by blue badge holders
- Please show consideration for other drivers and remember the safety of our pupils is paramount

**Please share this information with everyone at home who may be collecting or leaving pupils to school.**

### School Crossing Patrol...

Our school Crossing Patrol person - Alva, is unable to attend work tomorrow or next week. We ask that parents take extra care and help their child to cross the road coming to school and leaving again in the afternoon.

If any parents can volunteer to act as Crossing Patrol we would be very grateful, if you can help please contact the school on 9084 8734.

## School Council to London!

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (tomorrow)** our School Councillors are visiting the Houses of Parliament, London. We hope this will be an amazing experience for our pupils who can see first-hand how democracy works and how their important role as a School Councillor is valued in Ashgrove Primary.

We will post regular updates of our day on our social media accounts!



## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><b><u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes &amp; Tomatoes Sauce ~ Yoghurt &amp; Fruit</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> <u>Buffet</u> 2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1 Pizza, Carrot sticks &amp; salad ~ Jam Sponge, Custard &amp; Fruit</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast &amp; Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy ~ Chocolate Steamed Sponge &amp; Custard</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables ~ Strawberry Mousse &amp; Fruit</p>
<p><b><u>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &amp; Mashed Potatoes or Lasagne, Sweetcorn &amp; Crusty Bread ~ Biscuit, Fruit &amp; Strawberry Milkshake</p>	<p><b>HEALTHY BREAK</b> <i>30p per day</i></p> <p>Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple &amp; Celery Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon &amp; Carrot</p>

### And Finally...

Every single one of our pupils are special to us. We value their unique personalities, talents and what they bring to our school. We want to nurture their love of learning, their belief in themselves and to have faith in the adults around them. We strive to make sure every child succeeds. We are here to support and do the utmost for our pupils, we are a Rights Respecting School – that is what makes Ashgrove PS a unique, special place.

