



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 6

"Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential"

In School, one of our main goals is to help all our pupils develop and reach their full potential. We believe that all our pupils have unique gifts and talents, these may be academic, sports, arts or socially. We aim to enrich the lives of our children by providing opportunities to develop all talents.

Open Night & Primary 1 Enrolment...

Thank you all for your support with Open Night yesterday evening. If you or any friends were not able to attend please get in touch and I will be happy to arrange a tour of the school. Alternatively, come along to our **OPEN DAY on Tuesday 19th December at 9.30 or 11.30 am.**

For your information, please take note of the following key dates for Primary 1 enrolment...

- **Wednesday 29th November** – Application Forms for P1 placements will be available to download on the Education Authority's website. These will also be available on Ashgrove PS website.
- Application Forms must be returned to the **FIRST PREFERENCE** school by 12.00 noon on **Wednesday 10th January 2018.**

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Open Night 2017

Thank you all for your support in coming along to our OPEN NIGHT yesterday evening. We were delighted with the amount of interest shown in our school, the many kind and encouraging comments were greatly appreciated.

We have received a lot of interest in our Primary 1 places... if you have yet to return your Pre-Enrolment Form, please do so as soon as possible.

Our OPEN DAY for new parents and pupils will take place on TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER, 9.30 and 11.30 am.



Pre-Enrolment Form



Pre Application form for Primary 1 for September 2018

Please complete our Pre-Enrolment form for a Primary 1 space for September 2018.

The official application forms are issued by the Education Authority- North Eastern Region. We will send you an Official Application Form as soon as they are available.

Parents: _____

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Nursery/ Day Care attending: _____

Brother/ Sister already attending Ashgrove

YES

NO

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Thank you!



Christmas Dinner in school...

Christmas Dinner for our pupils is on **Wednesday 13th December**. Mrs Lamont will send home a booking reply slip next week which should be returned to school along with payment.

School Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me!

Primaries 1-4 have started to learn songs for our upcoming Nativity- A Little Bird Told Me! As per last year we plan to hold four showings of our Nativity. This promises to be another fantastic event in the life of our school. Dates and times are as follows...

Monday 12th December, 9.30am and 11.15am

Tuesday 13th December, 9.30am and 11.15am

Tickets will go on sale from the beginning of December.

Christmas Carol Service- Friday 16th December

This year we are introducing a traditional Carol Service in Ashgrove Primary- this will be an opportunity for parents in our senior classes to enjoy our wonderful Junior and Senior Choirs. Our Carol Service will be held on **Friday 16th December**. As space in the Hall is limited, restricted numbers of tickets will be available.

Morning Routines

There have been a number of pupils this week who have arrived to school very early and been unsupervised before 8.40 am. We kindly remind parents and carers that pupils are welcome to come to school from 8.40 am at which time they may enter the school building and members of staff are on duty in the playgrounds to supervise.

If you wish your child to come to school before 8.40am they should make their way to our **Breakfast Club from 8.00 am** where there is plenty of adult supervision.

Thank you.



Reading in Strange Places competition...

Ashgrove PS has gone READING MAD! Thank you all for your entries for the above competition alongside our Book Fair this week... see below for some of our snap shots!



If you have any other photographs you haven't got round to sharing please email them this weekend to info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

Have fun & enjoy reading!



Anti-Bullying Week

This week in Ashgrove Primary we have been raising awareness of Anti-Bullying. Classes have been discussing what makes a good friend, what to do if you are the target of bullying behaviours and what to do if you think someone else is being picked on... Mrs Luney's class held an Anti-Bullying Assembly and shared some very important, key messages...



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Literacy		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison Timothy Lee	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin Charlie Murphy	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Jacob Douglas
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Ryan Kennedy	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas Calum Munro	Primary 3 MissCrozier/Manion Tiarnen Kelly
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Poppy Hastings	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Ellie Sloss	Primary 5 Mrs Luney Marcus Watson
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry A.J. McAllister	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Joshua King	Primary 6 Mr Morrow Justin Smyth
Primary 7 Mr Agnew Holly McVeigh	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty Nathan Douglas	Next week our focus is ENDEAVOUR

Safeguarding in Ashgrove Primary ...

In Ashgrove Primary we have a Safeguarding Team. If you have any worries or concerns please speak with one of the following people:

- Mrs Luney- Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Miss McLaughlin- Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Mr Smith- Principal
- Mr Edwards- Designated Governor for Safeguarding

In Ashgrove PS our School Council has defined Bullying as...

“Bullying is behaviour which is done on purpose and happens over and over. It can make people feel hurt and upset. It can be verbal, social, physical, emotional or aggressive behaviour which is caused repeatedly by a person or a group of people.

It can mean that someone is picked on or made fun of almost every day and they cannot stop it happening. Not all nasty behaviour is bullying behaviour. Some bad behaviour may have been done only once or by an accident, but bullying is planned and keeps happening.”



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><u>Monday 20th November</u> Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 21st November</u> Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potato OR Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes ~ Egg Sponge Flan & Custard</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 22nd November</u> Roast Pork, Carrot & Parsnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake</p>	<p><u>Thursday 23rd November</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli & Naan Bread ~ Carrot Cake & Custard</p>
<p><u>Friday 29th September</u> Pasta Bolognaise, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread OR Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread, ~ Rice Pudding & Fruit</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day</p> <p>Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow Pepper Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber</p>

Dear Parents and Carers

We really need your help to make our upcoming Christmas Fair on **Thursday 30th November** a successful one! We would really love donations of the following items:

- ✓ Tombola prizes: New / unused items such as fashion accessories, giftsets of any kind, vouchers, and any other fancy goods you can think of.
- ✓ Chocolate Tombola: Everyone's a winner on this one, so we will need lots of chocolate! Small bars, large bars, boxes and tubs, whatever you can!
- ✓ Toys and books: Old but in good condition toys (with all their parts), we particularly like the cuddly kind and books, both children's and adults
- ✓ Sweets: Anything goes with this one! We will need Tuck Shop supplies and prize supplies also, so small bags, large bags, multipacks and family packs would be great.

Our aim this year is to support school with ICT equipment needs therefore we would really love to make this a really successful and fun event, we really appreciate everything and anything you can give. Also if you know any businesses that would like to donate prizes please tell them to get in touch.

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