



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 21 (adoption)

"Governments must oversee the process of adoption and make sure it is safe, lawful and that it prioritises the children's best interests. Children should only be adopted outside of their country if they cannot be placed with a family in their own country."

In school, we work with a range of agencies to ensure that all children in our care can access and enjoy their rights.

Easter Holiday!

School will close for the Easter break on **WEDNESDAY 28th March, 12.00 pm** - there will be NO lunches served. School will recommence for the Summer term on **Wednesday 11th April** at the usual time. Please remember that a full list of our Holiday Dates are easily available on our website under the "Parents" section.

A Holiday List for the next academic year was included in our Newsletter a few weeks ago.

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What do I do if my child is ill?

Recently in school, there have been bouts of illness including Chicken Pox and Scarlet Fever. If your child is diagnosed with an illness, which means they cannot come to school, please inform us by ringing the Office on the first morning they will be absent and selecting the option to explain an absence. We ask all parents follow this up with a brief explanatory note when the child returns to school.

The following guidance is issued in our Attendance Policy, which is available to view on our website:

Chicken Pox	5 days absence from onset of rash
Whooping Cough	5 days absence from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever	5 days absence from onset of rash
Diarrhoea/ Vomiting	Until symptoms have settled for 24 hours
Headlice	None (treatment required)

(This Information is provided by the Health Protection Agency)

Primary 4 to Cultra, Residential...

Primary 4 parent should have received by email a copy of the Parent information Pack for our planned residential to Cultra. The children are very excited and I'm sure will have great memories of their time away.

Please make sure you read the information emailed to you – this includes a list of clothing items the children require. As a reminder the children will stay overnight on **Thursday 26th April**. The final payment, (if not already made) is due on Monday 16th April.

Primary 5 to Greenhill, Residential...

Information about our Primary 5 residential to Greenhill (Newcastle) was sent to parents last week. Primary 5 will stay for a one night residential on **Tuesday 15th May**. The first deposit/ payment for the residential is due on Friday 13th April – thank you to those parent who have already made this payment or indeed paid in full.

We kindly ask that parents use the SchoolMoney payment system – thank you!



School Dinner Money & other items...

When school recommences on Wednesday 11th April, we will no longer accept cash payments for school meals and other items. Following much communication with parents over the last number of weeks and the implementation of a transition period, all financial transactions with parents will be done via SchoolMoney.

To help us help you, we ask the following:

- ✓ If you change your mobile or email address, let us know immediately
- ✓ Speak with Kerrie or Tracey in the Office if you can not login to your SchoolMoney Account
- ✓ Book both FREE and PAID school meals online via SchoolMoney for the week ahead by Sunday evening

I would like to thank parents for positively embracing this change – both Kerrie and Tracey in the Office have been instrumental in bringing about this improvement – thank you!

PTA Disco or Movie Treat...

On **Tuesday 27th March** the PTA have organised a special Disco or movie treat for our boys and girls. The Disco or Movie will happen in school during the day. There will be three separate Disco's to make sure there is enough space in Hall for everyone to enjoy their treat. The PTA are asking for a donation of £3.00 per child – this will include an Easter Egg!

A note was sent home yesterday... please complete the reply slip and return with payment. Thank you for your continued support!

Primary 5 start Swimming

Primary 5 pupils start swimming lessons at the Valley Leisure Centre after the Easter break. The classes will swim on the following days:

- Mrs Carberry's class will swim each Thursday starting on 12.04.18
- Mrs Luney's class will swim each Monday starting on 16.04.18

Please make sure that your child brings their swimming kit with them on the appropriate day. Children DO NOT need to bring money with them to the Valley Leisure Centre.



After School Clubs...

This was the LAST WEEK of existing teacher led Clubs, I would like to thank staff for their time and expertise. The following Teacher led clubs will commence after Easter; Orchestra (Mr Agnew), Boys Hockey (Mr Morrow), Eco Club will continue (Miss McDowell).

Breakfast Club and 2.00 – 4.00 pm Club with Gillian and Corinna will still be on Monday and Tuesday of next week and recommence on the first day back after Easter.

The final sessions of Yoga, After School Club organised by the PTA is tomorrow... thank you to the PTA for organising this Clubs!

Sponsored activity day...

As I am sure you all clearly remember, earlier in the academic year we tragically lost one of Primary 7 pupils. Understandably, this has had a particular impact on our P7 classes. As P7 will be moving on to new schools at the end of June, we think it is an appropriate time to think of a suitable way to create a permanent tribute to Ryan in school, such as a friendship bench.

After Easter, we will consult with our P7 pupils as to what they would like as a permanent tribute. As Ryan was so full of fun, we want to remember the great times we had together and take part in some fun activities to fund raise.

A sponsored activity day will take place on **Friday 4th May...** we will of course write to you with more details after Easter.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

<u>Monday 26th March</u> Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<u>Tuesday 27th March</u> Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potato OR Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed Potatoes ~ Egg Sponge Flan & Custard
<u>Wednesday 28th March</u> SCHOOL CLOSING @ 12.00 PM – NO LUNCHES SERVED	<u>Thursday 29th March</u> SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAY
<u>Friday 30th March</u> SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAY	HEALTHY BREAK <i>P1-4, 30p per day</i> Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

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<u>Monday 9th April</u> SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAY	<u>Tuesday 10th April</u> SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAY
<u>Wednesday 11th April</u> Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<u>Thursday 12th April</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Canadian Tart & Custard
<u>Friday 13th April</u> Pasta Bolognaise, Crusty Bread OR Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes ~ Chocolate Flavoured Sponge & Custard.	HEALTHY BREAK <i>P1-4, 30p per day</i> Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow Pepper Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

