



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We hope our boys, girls and families had a safe and enjoyable Easter break. Our Newsletter this week has lots of important dates and information for the term ahead, please take note of these as they may be useful for your planning.

School Residentials

During the Summer Term, our P4-6 pupils will take part in a range of overnight residential excursions. Notes about these activities and information about how to book the have already been sent home. However, as a reminder, the following residentials will take place this term...

- Primary 4 to Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra – Thursday 26th April returning on Friday 27th April
- Primary 5 to Greenhill, Newcastle – Tuesday 15th May returning on Wednesday 16th May
- Primary 6 to Ganaway, Millisle – Tuesday 5th June returning on Thursday 7th June.

I would like to thank teachers and staff who volunteer to attend and help with the residentials.

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Diary Dates for this Term

Date	Event
Tuesday 17 th April	Board of Governors Meeting P7 to St Michael's – Shared Education
Wednesday 18 th April	P5 to St Michael's – Shared Education
Wednesday 25 th April	P3 from St Michael's visiting Ashgrove – Shared Education P7 to "Bee Safe"
Thursday 26 th April	P4 overnight residential to Cultra
Friday 27 th April	P4 return from Cultra Final payment for P5 Greenhill residential due
Monday 30 th April	Payment for P6 to Ganaway due
Tuesday 1 st May	Primary 7 visiting St Michael's – Shared Education
Thursday 3 rd May	SEN stage 5 Annual Reviews
Friday 4 th May	Sponsored Activity Day
Monday 7 th May	School CLOSED for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8 th May	Standardised Testing Week P3-7
Wednesday 9 th May	P2 to Belfast Zoo
Thursday 10 th May	Anti Bullying training for School Councillors
Friday 11 th May	Ashgrove PTA to Funworks!
Monday 14 th May	Standardised Testing Week P3-7
Tuesday 15 th May	P5 to Greenhill, Residential
Wednesday 16 th May	P3 to Greenmount- Shared Education P1 to Streamvale Farm
Thursday 17 th May	P6 to Gangsta Granny
Friday 18 th May	PTA May Ball St Mary's PS using our grounds for Sports Day
Tuesday 22 nd May	New P1 Parents Induction Talk
Thursday 24 th May	PTA May Ball for P6&7
Friday 29 th May	School CLOSED for Staff Development
Monday 28 th May	School CLOSED for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 29 th May	School CLOSED
Wednesday 30 th May	Final payment for P6 Ganaway residential due
Thursday 31 st May	Sports Day – weather permitting
Monday 4 th June	ASHGROVE PS TURNS 40 YEARS OLD – Celebration evening
Tuesday 5 th June	P6 to Ganaway P5 to St Michael's – Shared Education
Thursday 7 th June	P6 return from Ganaway



Diary Dates contd.

Date	Event
Monday 11 th June	Monday – Thursday, P7 transition programme “Moving on Up!”
Wednesday 13 th June	P3 Shared Education, Celebration Day!
Thursday 14 th June	P5 Shared Education, Celebration Day! PTA Summer Fair
Friday 15 th June	P7 Moving on Up to Glengormley Baptist Church
Monday 18 th June	Board of Governors Meeting
Friday 22 nd June	Leavers Assembly
Friday 29 th June	Last day of Term, school closes at 12.00 pm

After School Teacher Clubs...

The following Clubs will continue or commence next week... Orchestra (Mr Agnew), Boys Hockey (Mr Morrow), Eco Club will continue (Miss McDowell).

Please note that the 2.00 – 4.00 pm Club with Gillian and Corinna will continue to the end of June. Breakfast Club will be available every day from 8.00 am.

Attendance at School

As you know, all children are expected to attend school every day unless there is a valid reason, such as illness or bereavement. Mrs Carberry and I regularly monitor the attendance of all children in school and will write to you if your child's attendance at school is a concern. Our Attendance Policy is available on our website. We kindly ask that a note to explain all absences is sent to school on the first day back.

Ashgrove PS – 40th Birthday Celebrations!

It is hard to believe our school turns 40 years old in June! We have planned a celebration event for **MONDAY 4th JUNE** – keep this evening free in your diary.

Many of our parents and family members attended Ashgrove Primary themselves... we are looking for your help in collecting items of memorabilia or of special interest to borrow. Some families have already shared with us school magazines and photographs which are a joy to see. If you have photographs, notes home, magazines, video clips or even old classwork books you would like to share with us we would love to see them!



Staff Development & Training in Ashgrove Primary

In school, we have recently taken part in the following training...

• ICT, Green Screen	• Pastoral Care – Rights Respecting Schools Gold standard
• Emergency First Aid & medical conditions	• Literacy – Reciprocal & Shared Reading
• Safeguarding	• Numeracy – Measures
• Data Analysis	• STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths
• Shared Education	• Eco Schools and Global Perspectives

Summer Term Uniform...

Now that we are in the Summer Term, pupils may now, if they wish, wear their Summer Uniform to school. A full list of the required uniform items is available on our website. (Let's hope for some warmer weather!). As a reminder the Summer Uniform is as follows:

Girls: Green & white gingham dress, green cardigan & black shoes

Boys: Black or grey tailored shorts, white shirt & tie (P4-7) or School Polo Shirt (P1-3)

Alternatively, pupils may continue to wear their full school uniform to the end of June. Please note, black school shoes must be worn to school at all times apart from PE lessons.

Fundraising Activity Day – Friday 4th May

In the Newsletter before Easter, I informed you that we are holding a fund raising event in school on Friday 4th May to raise funds for a permanent memorial to our P7 pupil Ryan, who tragically died earlier this academic year.

We feel it is important Primary 7 pupils in-particular are involved. We are asking parents to donate £2.00 per pupil for them to take part in some fun sports activities.



Uncollected children ...

Yesterday we sent home a text reminding parents to please collect children promptly at home time. Unfortunately, we have quite a number of children who have to wait at Reception because an adult has not arrived on time to collect them.

For Safeguarding reasons it is very important that all children are collected on time – for too many children this has now become an unfortunate pattern. Please either arrive on time to collect your child or arrange for them to attend our After School Club where supervision is provided.

To help parents who can not collect children at home time we offer a 2.00 – 3.00 pm and 3.00 – 4.00 pm Club, please ring the school Office if you will be late and arrange for your child to go to this Club, thank you.

SchoolMoney

Thank you all for making the transition to our online payment system, I'm sure you can see the benefits of paying for items online rather than sending cash to school with children.

Please remember, when booking school meals for your child this must be done by midnight for the day ahead. We encourage parents to login and book school meals on a Sunday for the week ahead, this helps our school kitchen prepare the correct amount of food.

Eco Schools – Green Flag Award

Miss McDowell, World Around Us Leader, is entering Ashgrove Primary for the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. Our “Eco Schools and Sustrans” page on our website shows some of the excellent work our Eco Warriors have undertaken. We hope to have our assessment in June and will keep you posted!

May Bank Holidays

Please remember, as per our 2017-2018 Holiday List, school will be closed for both Bank Holiday's in May. In addition, we are closed on Friday 25th May and Tuesday 29th May for staff development.



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

Vegetarian Options are available – refer to Menu on Website

Monday 16th April

Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips,
Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce
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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 17th April

Buffet
2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1
Pizza, Carrot stick & salad
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Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Wednesday 18th April

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
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Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard

Thursday 19th April

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice & Mixed
Vegetables
~
Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 20th April

Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &
Mashed Potatoes OR
Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread
~
Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

Please remember to login to your SchoolMoney account to book meals for your child for the week ahead. Both PAID and FREE school meals should be booked online before midnight of the day ahead!

Safeguarding Reminder – High importance

If you have any worries or concerns about any child in our school you can speak with a member of our Safeguarding Team.

Mrs Luney (P5), Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Miss McLaughlin (P1), Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mr Smith, Principal

Mr Edwards, Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding

