



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 4

"Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights."

In school we actively promote an awareness of the rights of our children, this include the right to an education, health care and to be kept safe and free from harm.

Harvest Assemblies & Action Cancer Fund Raising- Friday 28th October

Thank you to everyone who has booked a ticket for one of our Harvest Assemblies on Friday 28th October. As a reminder the times and classes involved are as follows:

The following teachers' classes will attend the 9:30am service:

Miss Morrison, Mrs Copeland/Cartmill, Mrs Douglas, Mrs Torrie, Mrs Luney,
Mrs Ewing & Mr Agnew

The following teachers' classes will attend the 11:15am service:

Miss McLaughlin, Miss McDowell, Mrs Manion/Miss Crozier, Mr Hutcheson, Mrs
Carberry, Mr Morrow & Miss Taylor

Tickets have already been sent home - we look forward to seeing you there!

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Action Cancer- Fund Raising, Onesie Fun Run

As you know our nominated Charity for this year is ACTION CANCER. Our sponsored Fun Run is due to take place in school on **Thursday 27th October**.

As per our letter last week, pupils may, if they wish, wear a Onesie- some members of staff may wear one too!

We kindly ask that all sponsorship monies be passed to school early next week, Tuesday 25th October at the latest.

We are very aware that many pupils, parents, families and staff have been affected by cancer or are battling with the disease so please dig deep into your pockets and give generously! With thanks in anticipation of your support.

Head Lice- what to do...

Occasionally some cases of head lice in school come to our attention. It is therefore essential that all parents and carers check their children's hair regularly for signs of lice and their eggs.

Having head lice, also called nits, does NOT mean that a child is dirty or unkempt. Children are most commonly affected and anyone with hair can catch them. If you find head lice in your child's hair don't panic- this is easily treated.

Here is some advice provided by the NHS which parents and carers may find useful: If you think your child may have head lice:

- ✓ Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.
- ✓ If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

Treating head lice...

If head lice are present, you must treat your child promptly. You should only treat your child if you find live head lice. Don't treat 'just in case'.

Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread. If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies and some supermarkets. Your GP may also be able to help. (There is no need to keep your child off school if you find head lice, simply administer the treatment and come to school as usual).

For more information, visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Headlice/Pages/Treatment.asp>



Half Term Holiday!

School will be closed the week commencing Monday 31st October. We reopen again at the usual times on Monday 7th November.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!

This Half Term break can be a fun time of year for children. We would like to share some key messages from the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service:

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) has released a bulletin (contained on our website) to raise awareness of the risks posed by some children's Hallowe'en/fancy dress costumes should they become exposed to fire and to inform the public of the steps that they can take to minimise that risk.

Although Hallowe'en/fancy dress costumes give the feel and appearance of being garments or clothing, they are by definition considered to be a 'toy' and as such are only required to meet the lower standard associated with toys (BS EN 71/2) in terms of their ability to withstand fire. The NIFRS recommend all children are closely supervised while wearing these costumes especially around open flames, fireworks and sparklers.

Parent Teacher Consultations...

Thank you to everyone who returned their reply slips indicating they will attend our Parent Teacher Consultations next week. We strongly encourage all parents to attend. Please take note that all children will go home at 12.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and the interviews commence at 1.00pm.

Ideally children should not attend the Interviews, but where alternative supervision arrangements can not be made then children should wait quietly with parents and remain seated outside the classroom during the interviews. Children must not be left to play outside or wander in school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

There are NO After School Clubs all of next week.

Primary 1 Pre-Enrolment Forms...

Thank you to those parents who have completed and sent to school their pre-enrolment forms. If you have yet to do so, or know someone with a child starting school in September please direct them to the Homepage of our website where the Pre-Enrolment Form may be downloaded.

Our spaces for Primary 1 for next year are filling up!

Primary 7 Playground Buddies- Applications

We have received a number of excellent applicant letters from the Primary 7 pupils in Miss Taylor's Class to become one of our Playground Buddies during the Junior Lunchtime. Miss Taylor and I will conduct interviews with the pupils next week- good luck everyone and thank you for applying!



School Council visit to London, Houses of Parliament!



School Dinner Menu (£2.50 per day)

<p><u>Monday 24th October</u> Hot Dog, Onions, Sweetcorn, Chips & Tomato Sauce ~ Strawberry Mousse, Fruit & Milk</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 25th October</u> Ham & Cheese Panini, Salad & Coleslaw ~ Biscuit, Fruit & Milk</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 26th October</u> Roast Chicken, Turnip, Roast & Creamed Potatoes ~ Date Krispie, Fruit & Milk</p>	<p><u>Thursday 27th October</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Broccoli ~ Carrot Cake, Custard & Fruit</p>
<p><u>Friday 28th October</u> Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes OR Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread ~ Jelly, Fruit & Ice Cream</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK P1-4, 30p per day Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot Friday: Crusty Bread, Apple & Celery</p>

