



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

Article 16 (right to privacy)

"Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect every child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation."

### Half Term Holiday...

Please remember school is **CLOSED** for the Half Term Break all of next week.

School will reopen to pupils on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual times... enjoy the holiday!



Please remember school starts at 8.55 am and pupils may enter the school grounds from 8.40 am

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## Parent Teacher Consultations P1-6

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> **ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.30 PM (LUNCHES WILL STILL BE SERVED)**. By now, you should have received an allocated date and time to speak with the teacher. We appreciate and encourage the attendance of all our parents and carers at these important interviews. These interviews are for pupils from P1-6.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Throughout the year we like to remind parents of the importance of excellent attendance at school and **ARRIVING ON TIME IN THE MORNING**. Being punctual means all pupils can take part in important morning routines and their learning can start- lateness even from one pupil can disrupt class routines.

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, we require a note to explain the absence- please send this to school on your child's return. Since the September 2017, the average pupil attendance at Ashgrove Primary School is 95%. Mrs Carberry (Pastoral Care Leader in school) will write to parents whose child/children's attendance is below 85%.

100% Attendance	0 days missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed
90% Attendance	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed
85% Attendance	28 days of Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed

## What to do if you are late to School...

School opens for pupils at **8.40 am**. All pupils must in school for **8.55 am** – the bell will ring to mark the start of the school day. If you are late to school you must bring your child to Reception (no other access points to the building will be open). From the Reception area, all **pupils will go by themselves to their classroom**.

**FOR SAFEGUARDING REASONS, PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING CHILDREN WHO ARE LATE TO THEIR CLASSROOMS (including mobiles).**



## SchoolMoney – online payments

After Half Term, (week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February) you will be able to order and pay for SCHOOL MEALS using your SchoolMoney profile online. Even if your child receives Free School Meals, you should still use this to order them a meal.

**To place an order for school meals, please follow the steps below...**

1. Login to your SchoolMoney profile (using your username and password, all lowercase)
2. Select School Meals tab for the week ahead.
3. Select the days you would like your child to have a school meal. (On the days with options, you can also choose the meal you want).
4. Proceed to payment.

**PLEASE NOTE, ALL SCHOOL MEALS MUST BE ORDERED AT LEAST THE DAY BEFORE, BY MIDNIGHT, FOR THE NEXT DAY.**

## Absence Notes...

This week, some parents may have received a request to complete an Absence Reply Slip. We are required to record a reason for all absences from school on our system. If your child is absent from school please ring the Office on the first day of non-attendance and leave a message with your child's name, class teacher and reason for absence.

On your child's return to school, follow this up with a brief note to, the class teacher, to explain the absence in writing.

## Healthy Break snacks...

Thank you all for your efforts in helping us to encourage our children to eat a healthy snack at breaktime. We have noticed a significant improvement this week. Yesterday and today, I visited some classrooms after break and gave a special sticker to those children who ate either a piece of fruit or a vegetable for their break. We will continue to monitor snacks and encourage healthy habits.



## School Dinner Menu (£2.60 per day)

We have introduced a new online payment system for School Meals – simply login to your SchoolMoney Account, select the days your child would like a meal and proceed to payment – there is NO NEED to send money to school with your child.

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Beef Burger, Beans & Chips  
~  
Yoghurt & Fruit

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Buffet  
2 Sandwiches, 1 Chicken Goujon & 1  
pizza slice  
~  
Biscuits & Juice

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Fish Fingers, Peas & Chips  
~  
Cake, Fruit & Milk

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Broccoli &  
Naan Bread  
~  
Carrot Cake, Custard

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread  
OR  
Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn &  
Mashed Potatoes  
~  
Biscuits & Milkshake

### **HEALTHY BREAK** **30p per day**

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow  
Pepper  
  
Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange &  
Cucumber

Vegetarian options are available each day – refer to the menu via SchoolMoney.

## Water-bottles in school...

We understand the need for our pupils to stay hydrated throughout the day – this helps with concentration and learning. **It is school policy that pupils should drink WATER only**, therefore dilute concentrate or other drinks should not be brought in to school. We ask that all parents observe this policy. Thank you for your help.

## Wear Green, Go Green Day...

Thank you Miss McDowell for organising our Wear Green, Go Green Day in conjunction with our Traidcraft Coffee Morning. We are raising awareness of global issues for our Eco Schools, Green Flag and Rights Respecting Schools (Gold Award).

