



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 25 (review of treatment in care)

"If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example with a foster family or in hospital) they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances."

In school, we work closely with many outside agencies to support and care for children who have been placed away from home.

Bank Holiday Monday...

Please remember that school is **CLOSED** on Monday 4th May for the Bank Holiday. School will reopen at the usual time on Tuesday 5th May – enjoy your long weekend!

As a reminder, school will be closed on Friday 25th May (Staff Development), Monday 28th May (Bank Holiday) and Tuesday 29th May.

School will reopen at the usual time on Wednesday 30th May.

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General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Many of our parents may already be aware of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) which comes into effect on **25th May 2018**. The purpose of this new legislation is to ensure the safety of your data in a digital world. We have always taken steps to make sure any information we hold in school is managed safely in line with guidance. However, all workplaces (not just schools) must now follow the new guidance. We will keep you fully informed of any changes.

SchoolMoney and CallParents

Thank you everyone for making the transition to pay for school items online. I would like to remind everyone of the importance of having your correct contact details i.e. mobile number, email address and home address. If any of this information has changed you must contact the Office and update this – thank you for your help!

PTA – Funworks

This evening, **Friday 11th May**, Ashgrove PTA have booked out Funworks...



The poster is shaped like a grey rocket with a green and white Ashgrove Primary School crest on its nose cone. The text on the rocket reads:

takes over
FUNWORKS
On Friday 11th May 2018
P1 - P3 is 6.30-7.30pm
P4 - P5 is 7.30-8.30pm
Each child £4
Payable on entrance
Each child **MUST** be accompanied
by an adult.

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Other PTA events...

May Ball

Our PTA May Ball for P6 & 7 pupils will take place on Thursday 24th May

Summer Fair

Ashgrove PS Summer Fair – Thursday 14th May

P7 Farewell BBQ



School Uniform Items for the new academic year...

As we approach the end of this academic year and start to think ahead to September I would like to remind parents and carers of what they need to gather for School Uniform items over the Summer months. Please make sure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Our uniform is available to buy from the Jeanery and Cartmills in Glengormley – we do not sell uniform items through school.

P1-P3 Uniform

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Polo Shirt with School Crest• Green sweatshirt with School Crest• Black/grey trousers• Black shoes• Black socks (Trainers must not be worn)• In the Summer Term boys may wear black/grey school shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Polo Shirt with School Crest• Green sweatshirt with School Crest• Black/grey skirt or pinafore• Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn)• White knee length socks• Grey or black tights• In the Summer Term girls may wear a green gingham dress
PE Uniform Slip-on or Velcro plimsolls in a named slipper bag	PE Uniform Slip-on or Velcro plimsolls in a named slipper bag

P4-7 Uniform

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White long sleeve shirt• Red & green school tie• Green sweatshirt with School Crest• Black/grey trousers• Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn apart from PE)• Black socks• In the Summer Term boys may wear black/grey school shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White long sleeve shirt• Red & green school tie• Green sweatshirt with School Crest• Black/grey skirt or pinafore• Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn apart from PE)• White knee length socks• Grey or black tights
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Please remember, if you receive to **Free School Meals (FSM)** you are entitled to a **Uniform Grant** to help cover this cost. **IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY RECEIVES FSM, THE EDUCATION AUTHORITY WILL POST YOU AN APPLICATION FORM TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS.** Alternatively, this may be downloaded from the EA's website.



In addition to uniform items children also require basic stationery as below:

- ✓ Pencil Case
- ✓ Pencils (HB)
- ✓ Erasers
- ✓ Colouring Pencils
- ✓ Felt Tips
- ✓ Sharpener
- ✓ Highlighter (P5-7)
- ✓ Pritt Stick
- ✓ Ruler 30 cm
- ✓ Calculator (P5-7)

If there are specific items to particular year groups, the class teacher will inform you.

Watoto Children's Choir...

Our boys and girls were treated to an AMAZING performance this week from the Watoto Children's Choir, Uganda. This visit helps to support and raise awareness of our Global Perspectives work as part of our Eco Schools and Rights Respecting Schools Award (Gold Standard). Some of the teachers were even on the stage dancing too!



Sustrans Active Travel...

Has your child got a bike but not quite mastered riding it without the stabilisers yet? We could help!

As part of our involvement in the *Sustrans* Active School Travel programme we will be offering 'Ditch the stabilisers' sessions, made available to pupils from Primary Two. These sessions will be led by Beverley Gaston, our Sustrans Active Travel Officer.

We'd encourage you to come along and help your child. Plus, if they master it on the day, we're sure you'll be glad to be there to see them cycle for the first time! Spaces for this training are limited and therefore places will be allocated on a first come basis. Permission slips will be sent home with Primary 2 children at the beginning of next week and please return these as soon as possible.

Miss McDowell

Active Travel Champion

P6 AQE Information Session...

As the AQE Registration process is now open and our P6 pupils are in the midst of their preparations we are offering an AQE Information Session to P6 parents on 21st May. A letter and reply slip will be sent home to you (and emailed to P6 parents). If you wish to attend, please complete the reply slip and return to the class teacher.

P6 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Yesterday, Mrs Carberry and I accompanied a group of P6 pupils to Carrickfergus Grammar School to take part in Anti-Bullying training to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. The training was funded through Comic Relief and the Diana Trust. Our P6 representatives will make amazing Anti-Bullying Ambassadors!

P5 to Greenhill...

Next week, Primary 5 are visiting Greenhill, Newcastle for an overnight residential. We hope they have an amazing experience – thank you Mrs Luney and Mrs Carberry for organising this!



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Please remember to book both FREE and PAID meals online via SchoolMoney

Monday 14th May

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

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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 15th May

Buffet

2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1 Pizza
Carrot sticks, salad

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Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit

Wednesday 16th May

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard

Thursday 17th May

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables

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Strawberry Mousse & Fruit

Friday 18th May

. Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes

or

Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

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Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake

HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery

Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

(HEALTHY BREAK AVAILABLE FROM P1-5)

Ryan- Fund Raising...

Thank you everyone who so kindly supported us last Friday for our Sponsored Bounce, Football and Dodgeball Tournaments. With thanks to your generosity, we raised over £1,000 for a permanent friendship bench for Ryan – what a lovey tribute.

I would like to mention a special word of thanks to James from Playsport for generously donating his time to organise and facilitate the activities.

