



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

ISSUE: 03

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

### SCHOOL CARPARK

Parents and visitors to school are welcome to use the Carpark facilities in our grounds. However, it is up to all adults to ensure the safety and care of our pupils and is paramount. For this reason, we ask everyone to adhere to the following:

- Speed limit of **5 MPH** (should be strictly adhered to)
- Vehicles should not be parked on pavements or access points at any time
- All drivers must observe the one-way system
- Please do not park across the zebra crossings
- Drivers must exercise caution at all times when in school grounds
- Pedestrians should use the designated crossing areas & pathways
- Parents should get out of their car to collect their child and escort them to their vehicle or in to school (pupil safety comes first!)
- The disabled bays at the front of school should only be used by blue badge holders
- Please show consideration for other drivers and remember the safety of our pupils is paramount

**Please share this information with everyone at home who may be collecting or leaving pupils to school.**

### PLEASE HELP US WITH BOOKING THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB...

We kindly ask all parents to make bookings for the After School Club via the SchoolMoney app only. Bookings must be made before 12.00pm for the next day or you may book for the entire week ahead.

Please do not leave phone messages for the Office to book spaces as voicemails may not be received in time causing distress to your child. We appreciate your help with this.

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## PRIMARY 7 TO GANAWAY

P7 pupils have had a great time the past few days in Ganaway – this has been a super start to the new academic year and a great way to build positive relationships with each other, their Classroom Assistants and Teachers. The children have taken part in so many activities- rock climbing, zip-line, archery, caving and lots more... we have shared some photographs on our social media accounts and Mr McComb has shared photographs of everyone on Googleclassroom (even the weather was perfect!)

The children themselves, as always, are credit to the school- they have behaved so well and taken part in lots new activities with a wonderfully positive attitude!

I am sure everyone at home would join me in thanking all members of staff who volunteered to go. I would like to mention a special word of thanks to Mr McComb, Mrs Warke, Jemma and Heather– we couldn't do it with you!

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Thank you to everyone who have applied for Free School Meals, as you know this must be completed annually – see more information below from the education Authority.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide a FSM unless we have received confirmation from the Education Authority.

## Free School Meals and Uniform Grants



Are you waiting on expected approval for a Free School Meals or Uniform Grant application for your child/children? Please read below.



### You Must Apply Every Year

You must reapply every year and include all children for whom you have parental responsibility and who will be full-time at school or Regional/FE College.



### Not heard from us? Check your junk mail

If you have applied more than four weeks ago but have not received confirmation that your child/children will receive Free School Meals and Uniform Grants then please check your email including your junk folder



### Applied within the last four weeks

If you have applied in the past four weeks you will receive an e-mail from us shortly. It can take up to four weeks to process an application. Thank you for your patience.

[www.eani.org.uk/fsm](http://www.eani.org.uk/fsm)



## SEAG REGISTRATION

As a reminder to P7 parents, SEAG registration closes on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Please refer to the SEAG website for more information on the registration process. We ask that you also let us know in school that you have registered, please email us on [info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk)

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS UNWELL?

Very often when school restarts children can pick up colds and bugs as they are mixing with a large group of peers. Most of these ailments are minor and recovery is quick. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, you should keep them off school until the symptoms are gone – this helps to prevent passing the illness on to others in the classroom.

If your child has a **mild head cold**, they may still attend school. If they have a heavy cold, cough etc and feeling unwell they should stay at home until they are well enough to return to school.

On the first day of absence, please inform us that your child will not be attending. There is a simple google form to complete on the "Parents" section of our website to inform us of an absence. The link below brings you directly to the absence from school form.

<https://forms.gle/bJsDUoVNXJbQr4y26>

## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 28.09.23

In Ashgrove we are celebrating the European Day of Languages on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**.

Each year group will study a European country (please see below for details). On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September children are asked to come to school wearing the colours of the country – there is NO NEED to buy costumes – plain clothing please, just whatever you have at home.

| <i>Year Group</i> | <i>Country</i> | <i>Colours</i>      |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Primary 1         | Poland         | Red & White         |
| Primary 2         | Spain          | Red & Yellow        |
| Primary 3         | Italy          | Green, White & Red  |
| Primary 4         | Germany        | Black, Red & Yellow |
| Primary 5         | France         | Blue, White & Red   |
| Primary 6         | Sweden         | Yellow & Blue       |
| Primary 7         | Holland        | Red, Silver & Blue  |



## COOL FOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ANNUAL PORTRAITS

Cool for School are taking school photographs (portraits) on **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**. A note with instructions on how to register for your child's school photograph was emailed home earlier this week. You **MUST** go online and register to give consent for your child's photograph to be taken, without registration they are unable to have their photograph taken. As a reminder, see the information leaflet below. **PHOTOGRAPHS WITH SIBLINGS ATTENDING SCHOOL CAN ALSO BE TAKEN ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**.



### Cool for School Photography

"To have your child's photo taken you **must** register!"

Get ready for  
**PHOTODAY!**

Register now so you can view your photos for free on your phone, as soon as they are ready. Just follow these **three** simple steps.

We will be taking photos in your child's school on:

**Thursday 14th  
September**

Please register by **7pm** the day before



#### STEP 1

Grab your phone and go to  
[orders.coolforschoolphotography.com](https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com)

#### STEP 2

Enter your unique school code.

**JR6MBVC**



#### STEP 3

Fill in **Pupil's** name, choose **their** class from drop down menu. Click Add Child. Click **Confirm and Continue**, then enter your contact details and click **Submit Registration**



That's it! You will receive a confirmation email that your child or children are registered.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our website for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our us on ...  
02892683966



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**As a reminder, school is closed to pupils on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September for Staff Development.** Please make childcare arrangements for this day.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Last week, I informed you that our **Administration of Medication forms are available to complete online via our website.** These can be accessed from the "Parents Section". Thank you to those of you who have completed these forms online and submitted them to school.

As a reminder, we can not administer medication to children unless the correct forms have been submitted by a legal guardian and approved by the Principal. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the correct forms are completed, the medication supplied is in date and we have an adequate supply of medication e.g. inhaler. It is also the responsibility of parents to ensure the safe disposal of medication once they are no longer required.

## MEDICAL OR DIETARY CARE PLANS

Does your child have a Medical or Dietary Care Plan? If so, you must give us the most recent copy of this Care Plan. Care Plans should be reviewed annually by a healthcare practitioner. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date.

## HEALTHY BREAK & SNACKS IN SCHOOL

Help your child get their five a day by including some fruit or vegetables as a snack for their morning break. This includes all fresh fruit and vegetables and pots or tins of fruit in fruit juice, but not in syrup.

A portion could be:

- 1 medium sized piece of fruit, e.g. apple, orange, banana, pear
- 2 small fruits, e.g. kiwi fruits, satsumas, plums
- 1 cup of grapes, cherries or berries
- 1 large slice of pineapple or melon
- 1 cereal bowl of salad, e.g. lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber and celery
- 3 heaped tablespoons of fresh veg, e.g. chopped or sliced carrots, peppers or sugar-snap peas
- 3 heaped tablespoons of fruit salad (fresh or tinned in fruit juice)

## PTFA TRIVIA NIGHT!

Our PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) are organising a Trivia Quiz Night on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September with a capacity in the school Hall of 100 players.

See the poster on the next page for more information...

**Next Friday, the PTFA are organising a Coffee Morning for new P1 parents, 9.00-9.45am in the Hall... please do come along if you can!**





# TRIVIA NIGHT

£5  
PER TICKET

Tickets on sale via. SchoolMoney from  
Monday 11th September

## WHEN?

Thursday  
28th  
September  
at  
7.30 PM  
(DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM)

## WHERE?

MAIN SCHOOL  
HALL

All proceeds go to  
Ashgrove P.T.F.A.

\*FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED - 4 TICKETS MAX. PER PURCHASE\*

(CAPACITY= 100 PLAYERS. MINIMUM TEAM SIZE= 2 PLAYERS/MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE = 4)

\*PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!\*

\*RAFFLE DURING INTERVAL\*



# Ashgrove PS

## After School Clubs



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### MONDAY

Football

3-4pm (P4-7)



### TUESDAY

Dodgeball

3-4pm (P3-7)



### THURSDAY

Dance

2-3pm (P1-2) & 3-4pm (P3-7)



Click below to go directly  
to the booking site

**BOOK NOW**



## HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Visit our booking site:**  
[mr-sports.pembee.app](http://mr-sports.pembee.app)
- 2 Select the venue:**  
Ashgrove PS
- 3 Add to the basket**  
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# SCHOOL MEALS MENU

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY – REFER TO WEBSITE

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Baked Beans or Coleslaw and Chips or Mashed Potato

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Arctic Roll with Peaches & Pears

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Italian Beef with Crispy Roll & Garden Peas

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Fresh Fruit Pot

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Roast Beef, Carrots & Parsnip/Cauliflower Cheese with Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roasties

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Melon Wedge

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread, mini corn-on-the-Cob and Steamed Rice

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Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Pork Sausages with Ketchup or Gravy with Peas/Spaghetti and Chips or Mashed Potatoes

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Decorated Fairy Cake

New Primary 1 pupils will stay for lunches from week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September...

## P5-7 PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS UNACCOMPANIED

We wrote to P5-7 parents/carers last week to seek permission for your child to walk home from school unaccompanied- this obviously applies to pupils who live with a short walking distance. This is entirely parental choice, but we must have consent to permit your child to leave the school grounds at the end of the day unaccompanied – please refer to the email and form sent home.

The permission form will be live for another few days if you need to complete this. Please refer to the letter emailed home with the link.

## BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

It is great to start off the new academic year offering our Breakfast and After School Clubs – we know that working parents value this provision. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am and After School Club is available to 5.00pm. Please book these in advance online via SchoolMoney.

## PARENT INFORMATION VIDEOS

At the beginning of each academic year, we like to share with everyone at home key information about what your child will learn in school this year and how you can help support them at home.

We have made a range of year group videos (last year) with lots of useful information – you can go to our website and view these videos at a time of your choice.

