



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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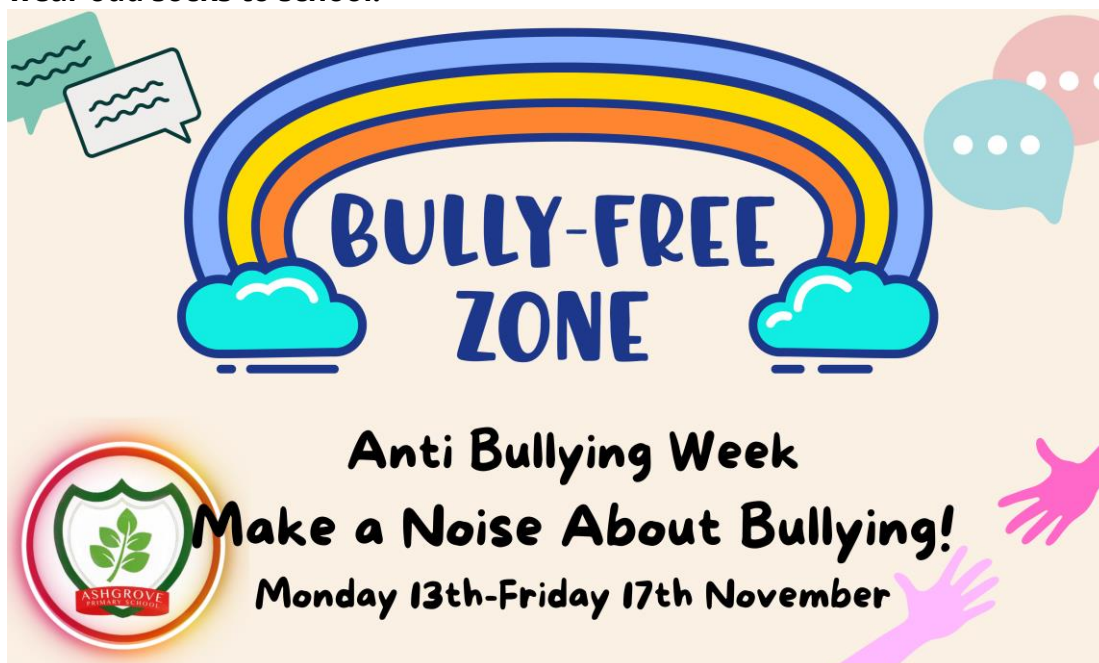
FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying week (Monday 13th – 17th November). This year's theme as set by the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum is **"Make a Noise About Bullying!"**

Pupils will take part in a range of lessons throughout the week and discuss various types of bullying and what is the difference between bullying and unacceptable behaviour.

We have also planned for Odd Socks Day on Friday 17th November... please wear odd socks to school!



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ASHGROVE OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW P1 PUPILS



<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/open-house-for-new-p1-pupils/>

It is with excitement that we launch our Open House page on our school's website for prospective Primary 1 pupils for September 2024. On this page you will find lots of great information about Ashgrove and what as a school we have to offer.

We realise and appreciate that new parents like to visit us to get a 'feel' for the school and to ask questions. On our website, parents can book a guided tour of the school, the form is available on our homepage and on the Open House section of our website.

PRIMARY 1 PRE-ENROLMENT FORM



<https://forms.gle/EvECkt3JKcCRN9bh7>

SEAG ASSESSMENTS

The first SEAG assessment is due to place tomorrow - **Saturday 11th November.** We wish all our P7's the very best of luck! The second SEAG assessment is on Saturday 25th November. Unlike the previous AQE system, there are only 2 SEAG tests.



STRIKE ACTION 16.11.23

We wrote to all parents on Wednesday to inform you of planned industrial action by Non-Teaching Unions on **Thursday 16th November**. This strike action will impact schools all over Northern Ireland. The Education Authority has outlined expected disruption which includes; Classroom Assistants, Lunchtime Supervisors, School Meals, Transport, Clerical Officers, Building Supervisors and all other non-teaching staff.

Having conducted a risk assessment, it is determined, under the grounds of health & safety, that school will close on 16.11.23. Parents and carers will need to make alternative childcare arrangements for this day. We do understand this will cause you inconvenience and disruption but appeal for your understanding in this difficult situation.

Our non-teaching members of staff in Ashgrove are invaluable, they play such a vital role in helping to provide a rich educational experience for our children and to keep everyone safe and secure while at school.

DOODLE MATHS...

In Ashgrove we are once again purchasing for each child an individual online maths programme via Doodle Maths. Many of our children should already be familiar with this and using it regularly as part of homework or extra maths support. This is a significant investment on the part of the school therefore we would like to see it being used by everyone.

I encourage you to download the Doodle Maths (and Doodle Tables) app to your digital devices. Teachers may set Doodle Maths as a homework task... **We encourage all our children to login every day and spend 10-15 minutes on their assigned tasks.**

The tasks set are individualised for each child meaning that worked is pitched to each child's particular level. The programme will identify what your child already knows and will then set new learning tasks to help move them on with their learning.

As parents, you have a vital role to play in encouraging your child to engage effectively with this. If you would like to find out more about Doodle Maths please follow this link...

<https://www.doodlemaths.com/parent-resources/>



Odd Socks Day!



Friday 17th
November



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*Part of our Anti-Bullying
Awareness events*



P1&2 NATIVITY

Tickets have now been released for the P1&2 Nativity – It's a baby! (Refer to the note emailed home).
We are initially able to offer up to 3 tickets per child, following this additional spaces will be made available.

**Ashgrove Primary School
proudly presents...**

*It's a
Baby!*



**Primary 1 & 2 Nativity
2023**



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School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><u>Monday 13th November</u></p> <p>Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti or Pasta Twists & Garlic Bread with Peas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Melon, Mandarin & Pineapple Pots with Yoghurt Dip</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 14th November</u></p> <p>Ham & Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza with Garlic Dip. Sweetcorn & Red Pepper Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potato</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Jelly & Mandarin</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 15th November</u></p> <p>Roast Turkey, Broccoli/Turnip with Mashed Potato & Oven Roast Potato</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Ice Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce</p>	<p><u>Thursday 16th November</u></p> <p>School closed due to industrial action</p>
<p><u>Friday 17th November</u></p> <p>Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Salad or Baked Beans with Chips or Mashed Potatoes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Fruit</p>	<p>School Meals are now available to all families. These MUST be booked online in advance via SchoolMoney.</p>

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

If your child is absent for any reason please complete our online form giving a reason for non-attendance on the first day of absence, please follow this up with a brief email on their return.

The online form can be found on the Parents Area of our website along with other online forms.

<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/parent-area/online-forms/>

Lateness is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer so please endeavour to get your child in to school by their allocated staggered time.

PRIMARY 3 & 4 CAROL SERVICE...

Keep the date in your diary – Our P3&4 Carol Service will be on **Wednesday 20th December, 9.30 & 11.30am**. The Service will last 45 minutes to 1 hour.

We are able to offer up to TWO tickets per child for one show of your choice. We can select the time which suits, but please remember tickets are limited to 2 per child.

Tickets cost £1.00 each and monies raised will go to charity- Diabetes UK and the NI Children's Hospice. Once released, tickets must be bought online via SchoolMoney and are allocated on a first come, first served basis – please be prompt to avoid disappointment.

