



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 10 "Governments must respond quickly & sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them"

There are just a few spaces left for our Open House Tours taking place tomorrow – Saturday 9th December. To book a tour, just click the link below...

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

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY 9th December

Tours available
at 9.30am,
10.30am, 11.30am
& 12.30pm

**Scan the QR code to
BOOK A TOUR**
or go to [ashgroveprimary.com](https://www.ashgroveprimary.com)

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

As a reminder, school finishes for Christmas on **THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER**. There will be staggered home times to help ease congestion at collection times as follows:

- P1&2 11.40am
- P3&4 11.50am
- P5-7 12.00pm

School reopens to pupils at the usual time on **Friday 5th January**. Breakfast Club will be available as usual on the first day back to school.

SICKNESS & ILLNESS IN SCHOOL...

We are at the time of year when there is a significant amount of illness with colds, flus and other bugs. If your child is unwell with a high temperature or fever, please do keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school, this is usually after 24-48 hours. This is not only in their best interests but also helps to prevent the spread of illness amongst the class.

Please keep us informed with the reason for all absences from school. There are occasions when we may be required by the PHA to inform parents of the circulation of an illness – thank you for communicating with us.

We have attached for you below general information from the PHA with common childhood illness which outlines the general recommended time to be absent from school. Please note in some cases absence from school is not required or recommended.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



PTFA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS...

Presenting...the PTFA Christmas hampers

£1 per ticket and £3 per strip



Survival Hampers



Kid's Countdown to Christmas Hamper



Pamper Hamper



Raffle Draw - Monday 18th Dec

Thank you all for your very generous donations for our PTFA Christmas Hamper appeal. We have gathered enough lovely things to have four Christmas Hampers as follows:

- Two Survival Hampers
- 1 Kids Countdown to Christmas Hamper and
- 1 Pamper Hamper!

There are lots of delicious treats and gifts to be won.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for £1.00 each or £3.00 per strip. Our lovely P6 pupils will bring the Hampers round the classes each day and will collect ticket sales.



SCHOOL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Our School Councillors have organised a Christmas Jumper Day on **Wednesday 13th December...** **please donate £1.00 to the School Council.** They have agreed to raise funds for new playground markings this year, thank you all for your support.

Please remember it is not necessary to buy a Christmas Jumper just for this occasion – some tinsel and a Santa Hat would be great too!

PRIMARY 3 & 4 CAROL SERVICE

We are very excited to share with all our P3&4 parents our KS1 Carol Services on **WEDNESDAY 20th December.** There are two services at 9.30 and 11.30am week commencing 18th December.

All spaces at the 9.30am performance are fully booked, we have limited number of tickets left for the 11.30am Carol Service – if you have yet to book tickets, please do so quickly. Spare tickets for the 11.30am performance will be released for general purchase next week.

As per our Nativity, ticket sales will be donated to Ni Children's Hospice and Diabetes UK.



P1&2 NATIVITY – IT'S A BABY!

Thank you for attending and supporting our Foundation Stage Nativities – It's a Baby! The children as always are such a joy performing on stage.

Your kind comments of support and encouragement are always appreciated. The true stars of the show are of course the children themselves. It is hard to believe that the performers are the very youngest in our school! They all spoke and sang with such enthusiasm – it was a real treat!

From the Nativity we have raised almost £400 which will be donated to Diabetes UK and NI Children's Hospice



SCHOOL MEALS MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

Monday 11th December

Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti or Pasta &
Garlic Bread

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Melon, Mandarin & pineapple Pots with
Yoghurt Dip

Tuesday 12th December

Ham & Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza with
Garlic Dip. Coleslaw with Chips or Baked
Potato

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Jelly & Mandarin

Wednesday 13th December

Roast Turkey, Broccoli/Turnip with Mash and
Roast Potatoes

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Ice Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce

Thursday 14th December

Chicken Curry & Naan Bread with Green
Beans & Steamed Rice

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Cornflake Tart & Custard

Friday 15th December

Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Salad/Baked
Beans, Chips or Mashed Potatoes

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Homemade Ginger Biscuit & Fruit

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK BOTH FREE
AND PAID SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE
WEEK AHEAD

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

In school we have a dedicated team of adults who work to promote key safeguarding messages with our children, staff and parents.

The Designated Teacher for Safeguarding in Ashgrove is Mrs Luney. If you have any concerns for the welfare of any child in our school you may speak with her.

Mrs Carberry is the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection – she works alongside Mrs Luney and Mrs Carberry is the Pastoral Care Leader in school. You may also raise concerns or issues with Mrs Carberry.

Mr Smith (Principal) is also a member of the Safeguarding Team. He is kept fully informed of all Safeguarding issues and supports the Safeguarding Team in promoting a safeguarding culture.

Mrs Gillian McDade-Hasting is the designated Safeguarding Governor – it is a requirement that all schools have a governor designated to safeguarding.

More information about Safeguarding in our school and our Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website:

[Safeguarding/Child Protection \(ashgroveprimary.com\)](https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/Safeguarding/Child%20Protection)

