



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

#### Article 7

*“Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality and as far as possible to know and be cared for by their parents”*

*In Ashgrove, we take care to recognise and celebrate the diversity in our school. We have pupils and families from many backgrounds and cultures which adds to the richness of the fabric of our school life.*

### SAY SOMETHING GREAT ABOUT A MATE DAY...

This week in school we have been marking NI Anti Bullying Week. Classes throughout school have been discussing and learning about the various types of bullying. We have also been learning about how we can be a good friend to others and show appreciation and kindness for the friends we have. Have a look on our website for some of the activities our children have enjoyed this week.

Today we rounded off Anti Bullying Week with Say Something Great About a Mate Day! This was a super way to make others feel good and share some happiness... Here are just a few kind things said...

*“You are kind, smart and helpful!”*

*“You are Awesome!”*

*“You are kind and fun to play with!”*

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**Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together**

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR AWESOME BOYS AND GIRLS WITH THEIR COMPLIMENT SLIPS...



## SPONSORED READ-A-THON

We are organising a sponsored read-a-thon to purchase an online Reading library for each child. On **FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** the children from P1-P7 will take part in a sponsored **Read-A-Thon**, which will raise money to buy the online reading library for all children. Please ask family members and friends to sponsor your child – this incentive really works! Perhaps you may know a business who may be prepared to sponsor us too! It would be brilliant if each child could raise a minimum of £10... and wonderful if more is gathered! 😊... every penny raised will go towards reading in school.

### What to do...

- Children can ask family or friends to sponsor their reading goals for the day.
- Children can complete the attached sponsorship form and any money raised should be brought to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- Alternatively, sponsors can pay directly through school money – also to be paid by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### What will happen...

On the **27<sup>th</sup> November** the children from P1-P7 will read their favourite books in class, tell their friends in class about what they are reading (within their bubble) and enjoy reading activities set by their teacher. Those children taking part will also get a treat!

## SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS...

In Ashgrove Primary we have dedicated Safeguarding Team in school who work to ensure that Safeguarding messages are shared with all pupils, staff, visitors and parents in school.

If you have a worry or concern about any child in Ashgrove Primary you must contact a member of the Safeguarding Team...

DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION Mrs Luney (Primary 5)	DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION Mrs Coulter (Primary 1)
PRINCIPAL Mr R. Smith	SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR Mr W. Edwards

Our Safeguarding Policy and procedures are available on our website.



## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL...

It is especially important this Winter to be vigilant with illness such as coughs, high temperatures or any symptoms of COVID. As we have shared with our parents many times before your child must not attend school if they or any member of your household displays symptoms of COVID. You must book a test and inform school of the results. I am most grateful to those parents who have kept us informed.

On occasions your child may become unwell during the school day. If they develop symptoms of COVID they must be collected from school promptly. We are required to self isolate children who display symptoms in school.

I have attached some information below about what you can and can not do if you are required to self isolate.

### If you have been identified as a 'close contact'

? What does this mean? **Go home**  **Stay home** 

 Can I go to the shops?	No 
 Can I go to work or school?	No 
 Can I go out for a walk or exercise?	No 
 Can I meet up with friends outside?	No 
 Can I go into my garden?	Yes 
 Can I visit my friends or family?	No 

Does this mean I will definitely get COVID-19? **No but you are at risk - a 'close contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.**

How long do I need to stay at home?  **14 days**  **As a close contact you need to self-isolate at home because you are **at risk of developing symptoms in the next 14 days** and could spread the virus to others before the symptoms begin.**

 **If you develop symptoms book a test.**

[www.pha.site/coronavirus](http://www.pha.site/coronavirus) 



## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<b><u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</u></b>  Sausages, Peas & Chips ~ Yoghurt & Melon	<b><u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</u></b>  Chicken Curry, Rice, Carrot Sticks & Naan Bread ~ Biscuits & Apple
<b><u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</u></b>  Roast Beef, Cabbage, Roast & Mashed Potatoes and Gravy ~ Rice Pudding & Pineapple	<b><u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</u></b>  Fish Whiting, Sweetcorn, Beans & Mashed Potatoes ~ Yoghurt & Oranges
<b><u>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</u></b>  Irish Stew & Crusty Bread ~  Apple Sponge, Custard & Peaches	<i>School Meals are now available to all families. These MUST be booked online in advance via SchoolMoney</i>

## ALLERGIES AND FOOD INTOLERANCES

We have a number of children in school with allergies and food intolerances. Our kitchen/school meals staff are happy to accommodate your needs. We do however ask you keep us fully informed together with a diagnosis from a recognised medical practitioner. Parents and Carers are also required to complete consent and information forms in school both for the administration of medication (if required) and for dietary needs.

## SELF ISOLATION

Our two Primary 7 class bubbles have unfortunately had to self isolate. They are able to return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. In the meantime, P7 children will be taught online and be given access to the full breadth of the curriculum by Mrs Flaherty and Mr Morrow. We look forward to seeing our P7's back in school soon.

No other classes or year groups have been impacted by this development. I will of course communicate with parents quickly if we are required to isolate any groups in school.

In the meantime, all other children should continue to attend school as usual.

