



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2020

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 9 "Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests. Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents unless this could cause them harm"

In school we work hard to respect all parents and careers in school. We ask parents to help us by keeping us informed if family circumstances change.

CORONAVIRUS – PLEASE KEEP VIGILANT

Thank you all for helping us to manage school in this most challenging of times. Please keep maintaining social distance while in school grounds and wear a face mask.

As a reminder, you may send hand sanitiser to school for your child to use. We have a ready supply of tissues in school which many parents kindly donated at the beginning of term.

Once again, please do not send your child to school if they (or any member of your household) are displaying any symptoms associated with Coronavirus. If your child is tested for COVID, please email us a copy of the results before returning to school.

Should your child be diagnosed with coronavirus you must inform us immediately so we may conduct track and trace.

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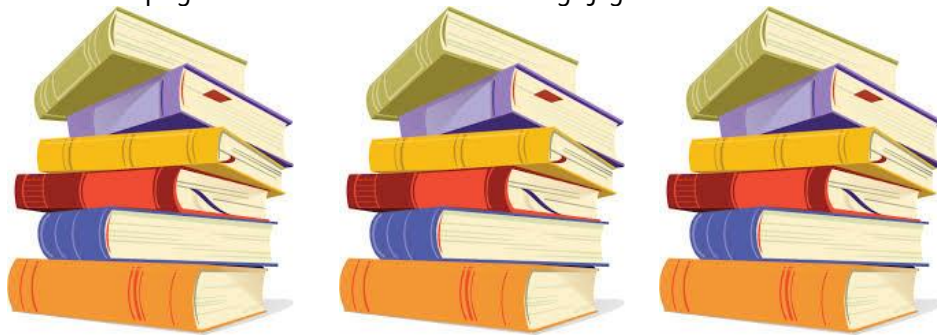
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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

READ-A-THON UPDATE...

Thank you all for your support and generosity with our sponsored Read-a-thon last Friday. To date we have collected over £2,500 – which is AMAZING! P7 pupils are having their read-a-thon today, once all of the sponsorship money has been sent to school we will let you know the final total.

If you have yet to send your payment to school, please do so by **MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER.** You can also make this payment online via SchoolMoney if you wish.



MISS SCHOOL=MISS OUT!

The Department of Education has shared information on why attendance at school is so important. Here are some of the ways parents can help in ensuring good levels of attendance...

- Establish a good routine in the morning and evenings so your child is prepared for the day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives to school on time- not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness- this should be followed up with a written note.
- Do not take family holidays during term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- Attend parent teacher consultations and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control; difficult or challenging behaviour.



EXCEPTIONAL WEATHER PROCEDURES

To date this winter, we have not experienced exceptional weather such as snow, ice or very hard frost. When needed, our paths in school are gritted and Mr Douglas works hard to keep us all safe in school grounds.

IF THERE IS ICE OR SNOW, PLEASE STICK TO THE GRITTED AREAS FOR SAFETY, BUT STILL TAKE CARE.

Should our school be forced to close in very heavy snow or treacherous conditions during winter, please note the following:

- 🌱 An early notice will be posted on our website: www.ashgroveprimary.com
- 🌱 A text message concerning the closure will be sent to each parent on our 'Class Parents' list/ or the First Contact given by parents to our School Office.
- 🌱 Messages will be posted on our Social Media accounts – Facebook, Twitter and our school app (download the app from our website, itunes or Googleplay).
- 🌱 A message will be shared with parents and carers on our Ashgrove App and See-Saw accounts

You will appreciate, this will be an exceptional circumstance and the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary. Working parents should ensure emergency child care is put in place and phone numbers are up to date should we need to contact you at any time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The School Council are organising a Christmas jumper Day on **Friday 11th December**, £1.00 per pupil. All monies raised will go towards the School Council- they will choose how to spend the monies raised!

PLEASE DO NOT BUY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS JUST FOR THIS OCCASION!

If you don't have a Christmas jumper some tinsel on a regular jumper is perfect!





Royal Mail

Ashgrove School Council Christmas post...

**Remember to write the Name and Class
on the envelope for delivery!**

**10p per letter or £1.00 for a full class
set...**

**BRING YOUR LETTERS TO THE
POLYTUNNEL TO BE POSTED**

Monday 7 th December – P4	Break P4T	Lunch P4H
Tuesday 8 th December – P5	Break P5C	Lunch P5L
Wednesday 9 th December – P6	Break P6E	Lunch P6K
Thursday 10 th December – P7	Break P7M	Lunch P7F



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY REMINDER

There is a lot of speculation in the media about an early school closure for Christmas. Schools have not received any information from the Department of Education indicating an early closure, in fact the Minister of Education is insisting schools must remain open. In Ashgrove Primary, our planned Holiday List still stands- this is available on our website and school app. School finishes for Christmas on **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER**. All children will go home early at staggered times to help with social distancing. No lunches or school dinners will be served.

STAGGERED HOME TIMES (FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER):

Arrival Time	Home Time
8.40am	11.40am
8.55am	11.50am
9.10am	12.00pm

SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

(VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE – REFER TO WEBSITE)

Monday 7th December

Chicken Nuggets, Sweetcorn & Chips
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Yoghurt & Melon

Tuesday 8th December

Chicken Curry, Rice, Peas and Naan Bread
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Chocolate Cookie and Fruit

Wednesday 9th December

Roast Dinner, Carrots, Broccoli, Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
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Ice Cream, Fruit & Shortbread

Thursday 10th December

Chilli Beef, Carrot Sticks, Wedges & Rice
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Plain Sponge & Custard

Friday 11th December

Salmon Cake, Beans & Mashed Potatoes
~
Yoghurt & Watermelon

