



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2021

CAR PARKING – HELP US TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

We are very fortunate in Ashgrove to have such good carparking facilities for our families and guests to school. To make this safe for everyone – especially our children, we must all observe the 5 mile per hour speed limit in school grounds. Pedestrians must only use the designated pathways and zebra crossings. Drivers – please only park your car in designated parking spaces (these are clearly marked).

Outside school on the Ashgrove Road, our Crossing Patrol Supervisor (Mr Jackson) will escort all children across the road safely – we are grateful for his help. Drivers you can play your part by not overtaking outside the school gates. Thank you for your help!

GENETAL SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

REMINDER: School is CLOSED on MONDAY 3RD MAY (Bank Holiday)

This week I emailed to all parents updated Safeguarding and Positive Behaviour Policies for our school. These are freely available to download on our website. These policies have important updates in the context of COVID – please take the time to familiarise yourself with these documents.

Attached to this Newsletter is the Holiday List for the next academic year – please do not book Holiday's during term time.

We are required to make an amendment to this year's Holiday List at the end of May 2021.

We will be closed Wednesday 26th May – Monday 31st May (inclusive). This is one day LESS than originally planned i.e. school will now be open on Tuesday 25th May.

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HOLIDAY LIST 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

AUTUMN TERM, 2021

School commences:

Thursday 26th August (Half Day)*
Friday 27th August (Half Day)*
Tuesday 31st August (Half Day)*

Bank Holiday: Monday 30th August (School closed)

School Development Day 1: Friday 1st October (School closed to pupils)

School Development Day 2: Monday 25th October (School closed to pupils)

HALLOWEEN: Tues 26th Oct - Fri 29th Oct (inclusive)

School recommences:

Monday 1st November

CHRISTMAS: Tuesday 21st December (Half Day)*
Wed 22nd Dec - Tues 4th Jan (School Closed)

School Development Day 3: Wed 5th January 2022 (School closed to pupils)

SPRING TERM, 2022

School recommences:

Thursday 6th January 2022

School Development Day 4: Monday 14th February (School closed to pupils)

HALF TERM: Tuesday 15th Feb - Fri 18th Feb (inclusive)

St Patrick's Day: Thursday 17th March (Half Day)*

EASTER: Wednesday 13th April (Half Day)*
Thurs 14th April - Tues 26th April (inclusive)

SUMMER TERM, 2022

School recommences:

Wednesday 27th April

MAY DAY HOLIDAY: Monday 2nd May

Non Operational Day: Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd June (inclusive)

School Development Day 5: Mon 6th June (School closed to pupils)

End of School year: Thursday 30th June (Half Day)*

*Half Day- School closes at 12.00 pm. The above holiday dates are all inclusive.



UPDATE TO SCHOOL APP

Over the past few months you should have received notifications to download the update for our school App... It is very easy to complete this update. To help I have included a link via a QR code – simply scan this with your mobile phone or digital device!

Scan the QR code below to download our
Ashgrove PS app



(follow the instructions below the QR Code)



1. Scan the QR code with your mobile phone or tablet device
2. Download the app “Primary 365”
3. Enter code **2229**

This App is used to communicate important information to all parents/carers.



BREAK THE RULES DAY!

On **Friday 30th April**, we are organising our annual Break the Rules Day... Mrs Torrie has prepared a note to go home with more details. All children will have a chance to “break” some of the school rules for the day. Children can choose to break none, some or all of the rules listed below. The “fine” for each broken rule is £1.00. All other rules still apply 😊!

Pupils will have a chance to “break” one of the following rules:

1. Healthy Break – Eat what you like for break!
2. School Uniform – Wear your own clothes to school!
3. Friday Test – NO Friday Test!
4. Move seats – sit where you like in class!



PRIMARY 1 PLACEMENT LETTERS

The date of notification of placements is **Wednesday 28th April**. Parents who applied for a place online can check their EA Application Portal. We will also notify all applicants of the outcome of their application by letter from the school – if you applied via the portal this will be emailed to you. If you applied to the school by a paper application form we will post an outcome letter to you. We are so excited to welcome our new P1 pupils and families!

P6 AQE PREPARATIONS

There is some understandable uncertainty about AQE & GL assessments during the next academic year. We are however planning that these assessments will take place as scheduled unless we are notified otherwise by the assessment providers. With this in mind, Mrs Ewing & Mr Kelly are offering After School AQE preparations to P6 – please complete the reply slip sent home.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

Vegetarian Options are available – refer to Menu on Website

<p><u>Monday 19th April</u></p> <p>Lasagne, sweetcorn, Side Salad & Wheaten Bread</p> <p>~</p> <p>Strawberry Swiss Roll & Dairy Custard</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 20th April</u></p> <p>Oven Baked Breaded Whiting, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Crusty Bread</p> <p>~</p> <p>Forest Fruits & Yoghurt</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 21st April</u></p> <p>Roast Beef with Stuffing, Cabbage, carrot & Parsnip, Mashed & Baby Boiled Potatoes with Gravy</p> <p>~</p> <p>Pear Conde (Rice Pudding)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 22nd April</u></p> <p>Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice & Carrot Sticks & Naan Bread</p> <p>~</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie, Chunk of Banana & Milkshake</p>
<p><u>Friday 23rd April</u></p> <p>Hot Dog, Sauté Onions served with Sweetcorn Salsa, Side Salad, Chips/Potato Salad</p> <p>~</p> <p>Fresh Pineapple Ring & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Please remember to login to your SchoolMoney account to book meals for your child for the week ahead.</p> <p>Both PAID and FREE school meals should be booked online before midnight of the day ahead!</p>

