



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 2

"The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language abilities or any other status."

In school we promote the mutual respect of all children, regardless of background, heritage or any other status. Our School Code of Conduct outlines our expectations.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TOMORROW- FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT. School will be closed to pupils. We reopen again at the usual time on Monday 5th October.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION VIDEOS

We hope you found the curriculum information videos and fact sheets emailed to you at the end of last week insightful. This a chance for you at home to support your child with work at school. The various videos are available on the links below....

P1: <https://youtu.be/T2qAFzExwhI>

P2: <https://youtu.be/WJ5ocV2bgTM>

P3: https://youtu.be/oJv6e_MZB8o

P4: <https://youtu.be/VKN7Mf2NmHc>

P5: <https://youtu.be/SDx65MpfRZE>

P6: <https://youtu.be/vGpqUd0fmxU>

P7: <https://youtu.be/6z0ypcEC46c>

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CORONAVIRUS – KEEP VIGILANT

As you are all no doubt aware restrictions on social distancing and other measures have been eased over the past few weeks. However, COVID-19 is still prevalent and spreading in our community. Just this week we had a number of pupils and staff who have tested positive for the virus who must now self-isolate for 10 days.

As a reminder, you should send an email to school on the first day of absence and follow this up with a brief email when your child is due to return. Please email us on info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk. If your child is unwell, they may return to school if they have a negative result and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

If your child is tested for Coronavirus, you must email us a copy of your test result (both positive and negative results).

Children may attend school if they have a light cold. It is only when children have a heavy cold should they stay at home until they are well enough to return to school.

MY CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Do not send your child to school
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Inform school immediately about the test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative, providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self isolate by PHA Contact Tracing Service.

THE FOLLOWING ADVICE IS TAKEN FROM NI DIRECT WEBSITE:

Do your part to keep yourself and others healthy:

- [book a test](#) and [self-isolate](#) for 10 days if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- get a PCR test if you've been identified as a close contact and [self-isolate](#) if you haven't been fully vaccinated
- wash your hands
- wear a [face-covering](#)
- keep your distance from others
- limit your contacts
- avoid large gatherings and busy places
- spend time outdoors rather than indoors





Reminder

ASHGROVE PRIMARY IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER



SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Monday 4th October

Salmon Cakes, Garden Peas & Mashed
Potatoes & Crusty Bread

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Egg Sponge Square

Wednesday 6th October

Roast Beef, Stuffing, Baton carrots, Broccoli,
Mashed & Roast Potatoes & Gravy

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Fruit & Ice Cream

Friday 8th October

Chicken Bites, Baked Beans & Chips with
Wholemeal Bread

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Watermelon & Yoghurt

Tuesday 5th October

Savoury Mince Sweetcorn, Mashed potatoes
& Wheaten Bread

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Popcorn Cookie & Grapes

Thursday 7th October

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread &
Carrots

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Chocolate Cake & Custard

School meals for the week ahead
should be booked online via
SchoolMoney.



HEAD BOY & GIRL APPLICATIONS

We are looking for P7
applications for Head Boy & Girl



Just send us a **Defining Thinking
Frame** about yourself and a brief
video of why you'd like this role by
Friday 8th October.

*Believe
in
yourself*



SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

HIGH IMPORTANCE

In Ashgrove Primary School we have a very clear and comprehensive suite of Safeguarding Policies which not only outline the steps we will take if concerns are raised but also share the preventative measures we take to safeguard all children in our care.

Staff in school work hard to safeguard our pupils, but parents and carers also have responsibility to safeguard the children in our school. As a general reminder, I draw your attention to the following:

- **The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Luney, P5 and the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Carberry, P5.** Posters are displayed prominently in and about school showing the Safeguarding Team.
- In these times of COVID, adults from home must not enter the building unless a prior appointment has been made. At this, you must not enter the building if you have any symptoms of coronavirus.
- Children should arrive to school on time (this ensures supervision). Late children should come to Reception where a member of staff will check temperatures and escort junior pupils to classrooms, senior pupils may walk themselves to class. Outside adults are not permitted to walk children to classrooms.
- Medication will not be administered in school unless parents/carers complete the appropriate consent forms and these have been signed by the Principal.
- Visitors entering the school building are asked to report to Reception and sign-in. From there, Kerrie or Tracey in the Office will be happy to help you.
- Outside adults should not use the toilets in school without prior consent.
- We have some children in school who can not have their photographs taken or shared in social media.
- If using social media, please do not share pictures from see-saw or mention pupils by name.
- For the safety of everyone, adults should observe the speed limit in the carpark and park with care. It is the responsibility of drivers to put safety first.
- Please remember to send a healthy break or snack to with your child to school – it's difficult to concentrate with a hungry tummy!



PRIMARY 1 LUNCHES

Our new P1 pupils have stayed for lunch this week – it is great to have our new boys and girls in school for a longer day... Please remember to send a packed lunch to school next week too.

PARENT & CARER CONTACT INFORMATION

There are occasions in which we need to contact parents or carers during the school day or to share information with you such as notes, newsletters and appointments. It is very important we have the correct contact details for you. **Please ensure we have your correct mobile number and email address.**

If you need to update this, you should inform the school Office by emailing klamont306@c2kni.net
Thank you for your help with this.

HEALTHY BREAKTIME SNACKS

Healthy Snacking



**PLEASE SEND A HEALTHY SNACK TO
SCHOOL**

Please remember to only send a healthy breaktime snack for your child to school. This could be a piece of fruit, vegetable or bread based snack. Crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars etc should be avoided.

In school, children should drink water – please no dilute drinks or fizzy drinks.

A healthy snack helps your child to concentrate on their learning between break-lunch. Sugary foods can cause blood sugar levels to spike which leads to poor concentration in class.

Having a healthy snack is a great habit for our children to start.

Thank you to those who already support this!

