



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024

### EASTER HOLIDAY

As a reminder, school finishes for Easter at **staggered home times today**, no lunches will be served. School recommences for the Summer Term on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at the usual times.

#### STAGGERED HOME TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS

P1&2 12.00pm

P3&4 12.10pm

P5-7 12.20pm

We wish you all a relaxing Easter break!



### MATILDA, THE MUSICAL

P5-7 pupils and the Senior Choir have been busily practicing for our upcoming Musical – Matilda! This promises to be an amazing show and performance.

On our return after the Easter break, we will email home information to booking tickets for one of the three performances as follows:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (evening), Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Matinee)  
& Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Matinee)**

**Ticket sales are sure to go quickly, so please do book online promptly.**

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## MAY BANK HOLIDAYS

Please remember school is CLOSED on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** for the Bank Holiday. School is also closed on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May for the second Bank Holiday.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** is also a Staff Development Day – school will be closed to pupils.

## SPORTS DAY 2024...

We have initially penciled Sports Day into our school calendar for **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** (weather permitting). As per previous years we plan to have the event outdoors, we do appreciate your understanding should Sports Day need to be rescheduled & will give you as much notice as we can if this is the case.

To help manage the number of adults in school grounds we will schedule three Sports Day events as follows:

- Foundation Stage, P1&2
- Key Stage 1, P3&5
- Key Stage 2, P5-7

**More information, along with times etc will be sent home in due course.**

## P7 TRANSITION PROGRAMME TO POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

To help our P7 pupils transition successfully to their post primary schools they are starting a Transition Programme – It's Your Move! On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This is a four week programme and will look to support children with building resilience, timetabling, establishing new friendships and will be an opportunity to ask questions about moving on.

## 100% ATTENDANCE TERM 2!

Many congratulations to pupils who received a certificate to acknowledge and celebrate 100% attendance during term 2 (Christmas to Easter) of this academic year! Very well done on this excellent achievement. High levels of pupil attendance has a direct impact on pupil progress and outcomes. It also has an influence on pupil friendship groups and

In general, levels of pupil attendance at our school is good. Mrs Carberry and I regularly monitor the attendance of pupils and contact parents for whom this is a concern with the expectation that attendance will significantly increase.

## HEALTHY EATING

In Ashgrove we advocate and strongly encourage our pupils to make healthy eating choices. This is good habit to form for life giving us a balanced diet and helps to reduce some forms of illness. We are once again asking for the help from our Parents and Carers with this – please only send healthy foodstuffs for break and lunchtime snacks. Crisps, Chocolates etc should not be sent to school. We will be taking part in Health Eating Week in June running from 10.06.24-14.06.24.





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Roald Dahl's

# Matilda

THE MUSICAL

Wednesday 1st,  
Thursday 2nd  
& Friday 3rd May

Tickets on sale after Easter!





# WEEKLY WELLBEING



## Weekly Challenge

Close your eyes, put on headphones and listen to relaxing music!

## Motivational Quote

"Do the right thing, even when no one is looking!"

## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

Vegetarian Options are available – refer to Menu on Website

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy with Baked Beans/Peas & Mashed Potato  
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Ice Cream & Fruit

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Pulled Chicken or Pork Pizza Wrap with Sweetcorn/Carrots and Chips  
~  
Jaffa Cake Pots

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Roast Beef, Stuffing & Gravy with Seasonal Greens, Mash & Roast Potatoes  
~  
Fresh Fruit Salad

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread  
~  
Fruit Sponge & Custard

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Beef Burger in a Bap with Onions, Corn/Pasta Salad with Chips or Rice  
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Lemon Shortbread with Melon

School is closed for the next 2 weeks for Easter. We reopen again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

