



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 8

"Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must protect and respect this right and protect the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being unlawfully changed"

In School, we ensure each child is called by their proper name and registered with us by the name on their birth certificate.

Born in a Barn!

Rehearsals for our school Nativity- "Born in a Barn" are well underway. The Nativity involves all children from Primary 1-4 and everyone will get their moment to shine on the stage!

This is a popular school event and we expect there to be very high levels of attendance from parents and friends of the school. A note, along with a reply slip, was sent home for parents to complete and return to book tickets. Due to limited space in the Hall we must limit tickets to 2 per family.

To book your place please return the reply slip to the class teacher as soon as possible- some performances are almost fully booked.

- **Tuesday 12th December**, 9.30 am (**SOLD OUT**) & 11.15 am (tickets available)
- **Wednesday 13th December**, 9.30 am (**limited tickets left**)

On **Tuesday 12th** and **Wednesday 13th December** P1-4 pupils are welcome to go home after the Nativity performances. **This is not mandatory**, P1-4 are welcome to stay in school until their usual home time.

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service is due to take place in school on **Friday 15th December at 9.30am**. The Service will last approximately 1 hour and Rev. John Flackerty from Millisle Presbyterian Church will speak.

This promises to be a very special event and will surely get us all in the Christmas spirit!

Initially, we are able to offer two tickets per family to those pupils **singing or reading** during the service. I am sure parents and carers appreciate space in the Hall is limited and we have taken the decision to prioritise tickets to those families with children involved in the Service.

We will send home a note and reply slip for you to book your tickets next week...

Christmas Dinner in School

Our pupils will have their Christmas Dinner in school on **Wednesday 13th December**. The cost of the meal remains the same as per usual school dinners. This will be a very busy day for the Kitchen Staff who will have to prepare hundreds of meals!

We would like to mention a special word of thanks to Vivienne and everyone who works in the Kitchen who work hard all year to freshly prepare break-time snacks and lunches for the boys and girls in our school.

Primary 1 Applications for September 2017

We are now accepting Primary 1 applications forms for September 2018. Application forms are now available to download from our website. Application forms must be submitted to school before **Wednesday 10th January, 12.00 noon**.

If you know someone with a child who is due to start school in September encourage them to make an appointment to see about school,

Attendance Reminder...

Throughout the year I am required by law to monitor closely the attendance of all pupils in Ashgrove Primary. The Education Welfare Officer visits schools regularly to look at the overall percentage attendance of each child in school. Any child whose attendance persistently falls below 85% must be referred to the Education Welfare Service who will work with parents or carers to improve attendance.



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Behaviour		
Primary 1 Miss Morrison Sophie Layland	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin Blake Randall	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Zach Ellis
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Nathan McFaul	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas Cassie McCullough	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion Evie Douglas
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Tess McCann	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Jack Lamont	Primary 5 Mrs Luney Julia Zdolska
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Abi Armstrong	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Dylan Hayes	Primary 6 Mr Morrow Casey Quirk
Primary 7 Mr Agnew Bryce Murphy	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty Ruby-Rose Ferguson	Next week our focus is Numeracy

(Goodbye AQE) Final Assessment- Good Luck!

For the final time this year we are wishing Primary 7 the very best of luck for their last AQE Assessment tomorrow morning! You should all be proud of your fine efforts and hard work to date. I would like to thank Mrs Flaherty and Mr Agnew for their continued efforts and dedication in preparing our boys and girls.

Safeguarding Team in Ashgrove Primary School

Designated Teacher:	Mrs Luney (P5)
Deputy Designated Teacher:	Miss McLaughlin (P1)
Principal:	Mr Smith
Safeguarding Governor:	Mr William Edwards



Before completing this form please read the Procedure for Admission to Primary One 2018 and admissions criteria which can be accessed on the EA website at www.eani.org.uk/admissions in addition to the attached notes of guidance.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK

SECTION A – YOUR CHILD

Surname* _____ Forename(s)* _____
(*as recorded on birth certificate)

Date of Birth _____ (BIRTH CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM)

Name(s) of parent(s)** Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____ Boy Girl

Child's home address _____ Eldest child of family/only child?

Postcode _____

Parent(s)** Tel no: - Home _____ Mobile _____ Work _____

Email address _____ (Please print clearly)

FOR SCHOOL USE		
Form received by 1st preference Primary School		
Date <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	Time <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	Initials <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
Birth Certificate checked & attached		<input type="checkbox"/>
Compulsory School Age <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Compulsory School Age <input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION B – PREFERRED SCHOOLS AND REASONS FOR PREFERENCE[#]

Before nominating preferences you should read the admissions criteria of the schools you are considering. Please list below, in order of preference, at least **FOUR** primary schools which you would wish your child to be considered for admission. You should state clearly the published name and locality of each school you are listing e.g. St Mary's Primary School, Banbridge. Please give any other information relevant to your child's admission in relation to the admissions criteria of the schools listed.

[#] NB Reasons for preference relate to published admissions criteria (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

Preferred Schools

1st _____

Reasons for preference _____

2nd _____

Reasons for preference _____

3rd _____

Reasons for preference _____

4th _____

Reasons for preference _____

5th _____

Reasons for preference _____

6th _____

Reasons for preference _____

	Are there brothers/sisters currently attending? PLEASE TICK	FOR EA USE	
		Selected	Not Selected
1 st _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>		
2 nd _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>		
3 rd _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>		
4 th _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>		
5 th _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>		
6 th _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>		

PLEASE READ THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ALL SCHOOLS NAMED OVERLEAF AND LIST THE DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, WHICH YOU ARE ATTACHING TO THIS FORM.

Please tick if your child is being assessed for Special Educational Needs?

If you have further preferences please continue on a separate sheet and put the name of your child at the top. Please tick if further preferences are attached.

SECTION C – DECLARATION (to be signed by parent)

I hereby certify that:

- (a) This is the ONLY application submitted for primary education in respect of the child named overleaf (excluding Independent/Preparatory Schools).
In the event that parents are discovered to have lodged more than one application form, then the first application lodged will normally be treated as the formal expression of parental preference and all other application forms will not be considered.
- (b) I have read the published admissions criteria of the school(s) nominated above.
- (c) The address which I have given is the child's home address and NOT the address of a child minder/another relative or a business address.
- (d) I understand that it is my responsibility to provide all relevant information on or attached to this application form.
- (e) The details I have given on this form are correct. I am aware that if a place is awarded on the basis of false or misleading information it will be withdrawn.

SIGNED _____ Parent** DATE _____

*** (Parent = The person who has legal custody of the child)*

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FIRST PREFERENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL LISTED OVERLEAF

NO LATER THAN

12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2018

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT – The information on this form is required by the Education Authority for the purpose of processing your application. The information is covered by the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. Your signature to the form is deemed to be an authorisation by you to allow the Education Authority to process and retain the information for the purpose(s) stated.

For the purposes of provision of services to children, the information you have provided in this form will be shared within the Education Authority and, where required, will be shared with other schools listed on the form; relevant Northern Ireland Government Departments, school employing authorities, education bodies and the Public Health Agency.



Christmas Holiday Reminder...

School finishes for Christmas on **Thursday 21st DECEMBER**. All children will go home at 12.00 pm, no lunches or school dinners will be served.

School will reopen to pupils on **FRIDAY 5th JANUARY** at the usual times.

Magic George

On **Wednesday 20th December** Magic George is coming to school to see Primary1-3. Some of the boys and girls from Ashgrove Nursery will be coming along to join us too!

Carpark Reminders

Recently, some parents have voiced concerns about poor parking and double parking in the Carpark/turning circle. This understandably creates frustration... please exercise consideration for all users. I would like to remind everyone that the safety of our children is paramount. As in any Carpark, drivers are responsible for their driving – this is no different in school grounds. In a primary school we must all exercise extreme caution. I once again share our expectations:

**Please observe the 5 mile per hour speed limit in school grounds
CARELESSNESS CAUSES ACCIDENTS**

1. If you have parked your car in school grounds, please walk to the usual collection point where the teacher will hand your child over to you.
2. Once a child is handed over to you we expect you to supervise your child in the school grounds. Please **DO NOT** let them run!
3. All children and adults must walk on the footpaths **NOT** on the road.
4. Please show consideration to other drivers and pedestrians.

As a School we do **NOT** accept any liability for driving/road accidents which happen in school grounds. It is your responsibility to ensure you drive carefully and observe where there are children and adults.

P5-7 Pantomime, 06.12.17

Pupils from P5-7 will attend the Pantomime in the MAC on **Wednesday 6th December**. A text requesting payment of £12.50 was sent to 1st priority contacts, if you have not already made payment, please do so by **MONDAY 4th DECEMBER**.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PAY BY TEXT, PLEASE SEND A CASH PAYMENT TO SCHOOL IN A LABELLED ENVELOPE.



PTA Christmas Fair

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support our PTA Christmas Fair yesterday evening. I would like to extend a special word of thanks to the PTA members themselves and everyone who helped to make the event a success.

Once we know the total raised we will let you know – thank you for your continued support and generosity.

After School Clubs

Please remember there are NO teacher led After School Clubs from next week. 2.00 – 4.00 pm Club with Corinna and Gillian will be available as per usual. Make sure you share this information with your child and have confirmed your collection arrangements.

Teacher led After School Clubs will recommence on Monday 15th January 2018.

Santa Hat Stroll & Walking Bus...

To get in the festive mood, on **WEDNESDAY 20th December** we are running a Santa Hat Stroll. Pupils and parents are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school wearing their Santa hat (or other Christmas hats!).

For even more festive fun we are also running a walking bus on this morning – a walking bus is when a group of parents and children walk together from a designated meeting point to the school, “picking up” other parents and children along the way.

We will be meeting at the building in Glengormley Park, ready to leave at 8.30 am. Our route will then take us along Carnmoney Road, Glebe Road West, Liscoole Park and Ashgrove Road to school, arriving in time for school.

This event is for pupils *and* parents/adults; all children must be accompanied **unless school holds permission for them to walk to school independently**. Please note any children on bikes or scooters should make their own way to school.

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER IS ALSO THE SCHOOL COULCIL'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – PLEASE DONATE £1.00



Primary 7 Treat...

As a treat for all the hard work and dedication shown by our P7's who sat the recent Transfer Tests we are treating ALL P7's to a Movie Afternoon on Monday... ALL P7's can wear non-uniform to school and bring some sweets to eat during the movie!

Unclaimed uniform and Clothing items...

We have once again collected quite a number of lost clothing and uniform items. We are sure that many of these items are costly and we would like to reunite them with their owners! If your child has misplaced items in school please check our lost property. To help us return lost property to children, please label all items.

Before Christmas, we will have to give any remaining items to charity or send to cash for clobber.

School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

Vegetarian Options are available

Monday 4th December

Sausages, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce

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Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday 5th December

Savoury Mince, Sweetcorn, & Mashed Potatoes or Pizza, Sweetcorn & Salad

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Flake meal Biscuit & Milkshake

Wednesday 6th December

Roast Chicken, Diced Cabbage, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Rice pudding & Fruit

Thursday 7th December

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks

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Canadian Tart & Custard

Friday 8th December

Pasta Bolognese, Cheese & Crusty Bread **OR** Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes

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Pear & Chocolate Favoured Sponge & Custard

HEALTHY BREAK
P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Red Apple & Cucumber

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Pepper

