



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 25 (review of treatment in care)

"If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example with a foster family or in hospital) they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances."

In school, we work closely with many outside agencies to support and care for children who have been placed away from home.

Bank Holiday Monday...

Please remember that school is **CLOSED** on Monday 4th May for the Bank Holiday. School will reopen at the usual time on Tuesday 5th May – enjoy your long weekend!

As a reminder, school will be closed on Friday 25th May (Staff Development), Monday 28th May (Bank Holiday) and Tuesday 29th May.

School will reopen at the usual time on Wednesday 30th May.

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Diary Dates for May 2018

Date	Event
Monday 7th May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8th May	Walk to School Week! Standardised Testing Week
Wednesday 9th May	Walk to School Week! Standardised Testing Week Primary 2 to Belfast Zoo Watoto African School Choir visiting Ashgrove PS!
Thursday 10th May	Walk to School Week! Standardised Testing Week P6 pupils to attend Anti Bullying training in Carrickfergus Grammar
Friday 11th May	Walk to School Week! Standardised Testing Week PTA, Funworks Event
Monday 14th May	Standardised Testing Week
Tuesday 15th May	P5 to Greenhill residential P7 to St Michael's (Shared Education)
Wednesday 16th May	P1 to Streamvale Farm
Thursday 17th May	P6 to see Gangsta Granny
Friday 18th May	St Mary's Sports Day in Ashgrove
Monday 21st May	P1 Health Appraisals
Tuesday 22nd May	New P1 parents Induction Talk
Thursday 24th May	PTA May Ball P6 & 7 pupils
Friday 25th May	School CLOSED for Staff Development
Monday 28th May	School CLOSED Bank Holiday
Tuesday 29th May	School CLOSED
Wednesday 30th May	Final payment for P6 Gannaway due
Thursday 31st May	Ashgrove PS Sports Day – weather permitting



Walk to School Week...

We are encouraging pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school from **Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th May** for **Walk to School Week**. Remember if you live further from school or are dropping your children off on your journey to work or elsewhere, consider 'park and stride'. Find a spot to park a short walk from school, enjoy the walk, and you might even find it faster than getting caught in the traffic at the school gate.

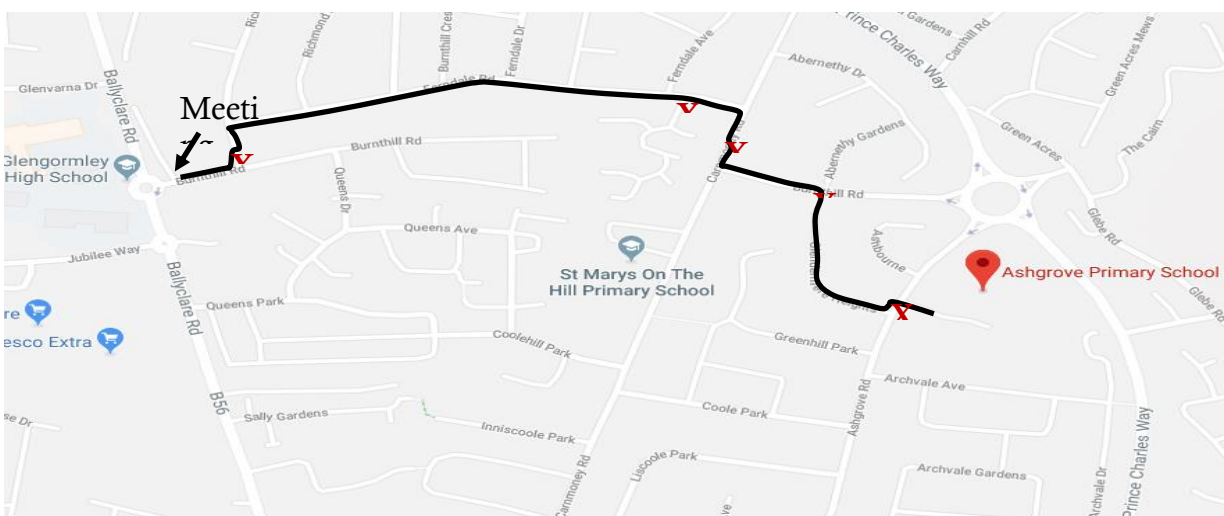
Pupils will be given a stamp sheet which can be filled in by parents if their child walks to or from school during the week. Once your child has completed five walks to or from school they can put the completed sheet in the collection box in the front reception. The class that has the highest number of children walking to school will win a prize. There will be prizes for Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two.

We will also have two walking buses on **Tuesday 8th May**, for pupils and parents walk to school together. One will start at Glengormley Park and a new route will be announced during this week. Both buses will leave at **8.30 am**.

Thank you for your support...

Beverley Gaston
Active Travel Officer, Schools

Miss McDowell
Active Travel Champion



Holidays During Term Time...

I would like to remind parents that they should avoid taking holiday's during term time. Whilst we always endeavor to support children who are off school it should not be expected that missed school work will be sent home or sent on holiday – children need to be in school for the explanation and interaction with their teacher and peers.

Please note, it is school policy that holiday's taken during term time will be recorded as “unauthorised” which impacts on overall attendance. Parents taking their children on holiday during term time should write to the Principal.

Eco Club

Our Eco Club have been so excited to work with Jason Millar (local artist and parent) on our entry for Allianz Garden Show, Ireland entry displayed in Antrim Castle Gardens... the clock and display look amazing! Thank you Jason Millar for all your kindness and help!

Safeguarding Awareness Assembly

This week, Mrs Luney (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) arranged two special Assemblies to raise awareness of online safety. The children were given the following key message to stay SMART online...

S - stay Safe online

M – don't meet anyone you talk to online

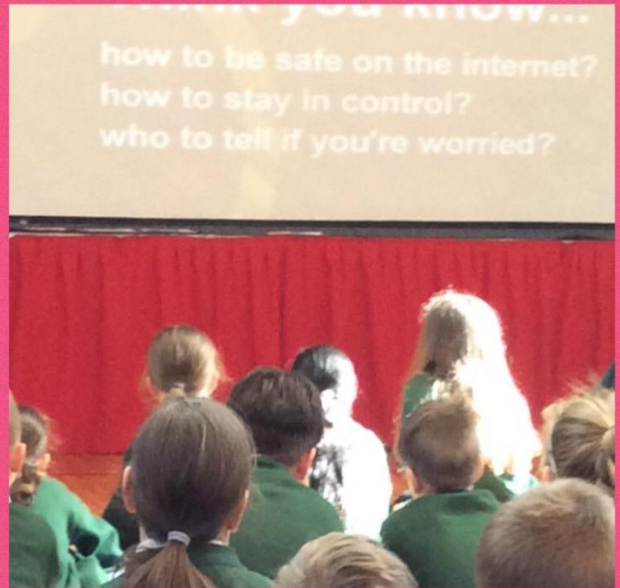
A – don't accept friend requests from people you don't know

R – only go to reliable sources

T – tell an adult if you are worried

The children also met our Safeguarding Governor – Mr Edwards and were reminded of who makes up our Safeguarding Team in Ashgrove Primary. Thank you Mrs Luney for sharing these important messages with everyone in school.





OUR SAFEGUARDING ASSEMBLY



School Dinner Menu (£2.55 per day)

Please remember to book both FREE and PAID meals online via SchoolMoney

Monday 7th May

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
BANK HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 1st May

Pizza, Sweetcorn, & Salad
~
Flakemeal Biscuit & Milkshake

Wednesday 9th May

Roast Chicken, Diced Cabbage, Oven Roast &
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
~
Rice Pudding & fruit

Thursday 10th May

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread &
Carrot Sticks
~
Canadian Tart
& Custard

Friday 11th May

Pasta Bolognese, Crusty Bread
OR
Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes
~
Chocolate flavoured sponge & custard.

HEALTHY BREAK P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Apple & Cucumber
Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Red Pepper
**(HEALTHY BREAK AVAILABLE FROM
P1-5)**

What to do if you are late to school...

The school day starts at 8.55 am when the school bell rings, **children arriving to school after this time are late.**

For Safeguarding reasons, parents should bring their child to main entrance and leave them at Reception. From here, children should then make their own way to class – there is no need for parents to walk children to the classroom. I am sure all parents understand, there should not be ANY unaccompanied adults in school. Please do not be offended if we ask you to resist from doing this, thank you.

