



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

### Rights Respecting Schools

#### Article 9

"Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests. Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents unless this could cause them harm"

In school we work hard to respect all parents and careers in school. We ask parents to help us by keeping us informed if family circumstances change.

### Open Day for new Primary 1 Parents

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we have on **OPEN DAY** in school for new parents to come and see our lovely school. Tours of the school will take place at 9.30 and 11.30 am. You be able to see our classrooms in action . A flyer advertising the event was already shared with our **Open Night invitations.**

If you attended our Open Night you should have received by now an official Primary1 Application Form – if you have not yet received this by post please contact us.

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## Christmas Holiday Reminder

The last day of term is **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**, all children will go home at 12.00pm- no school dinners or packed lunches will be served. School will reopen to pupils on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** at the usual time.

## Primary 1 Applications for September 2017

We are now accepting Primary 1 applications forms for September 2018. If you have not yet received one please feel free to call in to the Office and collect one from Mrs Lamont or download the application form from our website. Application forms must be submitted to school before **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## School Council Christmas Jumper Day...

Our School Councilors have organised the above for **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – children should donate £1.00 to the School Council. Thank you for your support!

## Miss School = Miss Out!

The Department of Education has shared information on why attendance at school is so important. Here are some of the ways parents can help in ensuring good levels of attendance...

- Establish a good routine in the morning and evenings so your child is prepared for the day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives to school on time- not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness- this should be followed up with a written note.
- Do not take family holidays during term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- Attend parent teacher consultations and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control; difficult or challenging behaviour.



# Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Numeracy		
<b>Primary 1</b> Miss Morrison  Zach Hargrove	<b>Primary 1</b> Miss McLaughlin  Olivier Bazylewicz	<b>Primary 2</b> Miss McDowell  Lucia McCann
<b>Primary 2</b> Mrs Cartmill  Leon Vuckovic	<b>Primary 3</b> Mrs Douglas  Seth Lucas	<b>Primary 3</b> Miss Crozier/Manion  Conor Dornan
<b>Primary 4</b> Mrs Torrie  Matthew O'Hara	<b>Primary 4</b> Mr Hutcheson  Ibrahim Nabi	<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Luney  Daniel Bailie
<b>Primary 5</b> Mrs Carberry  Sheila McWilliams	<b>Primary 6</b> Mrs Ewing  Ethan Sands	<b>Primary 6</b> Mr Morrow  Lucy Foster
<b>Primary 7</b> Mr Agnew  Olivia Ferris	<b>Primary 7</b> Mrs Flaherty  Farrah Bowman	Next week our focus is  Literacy

## School Council Christmas Jumper Day

The School Council are organising a Christmas jumper Day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, £1.00 per pupil. All monies raised will go towards the School Council- they will choose how to spend the monies raised!



## Mrs Noble

Some parents may be aware that Mrs Noble, one of our Primary 2 Classroom Assistants and Senior Lunchtime Supervisor is leaving school and moving to a new home in England. I would like to pass our best wishes and much thanks to Mrs Noble for her dedication, enthusiasm and the care she has shown to all our boys and girls over the years. We will miss you, but wish you much happiness and every success with your move!

## Exceptional Weather procedures

This academic year we have experienced some extreme weather conditions with Storm Ophelia and of course snow! When needed, our paths & roads around the school are gritted each day and Mr Douglas works hard to keep us all safe.

**Please stick to the gritted areas for safety, but still take care.**

Should our school be forced to close in very heavy snow or treacherous conditions in the winter, please note the following:

- 🌿 An early notice will be posted on our website: [www.ashgroveprimary.com](http://www.ashgroveprimary.com)
- 🌿 Downtown Radio/Radio Ulster will be informed to make an announcement.
- 🌿 A text message concerning the closure will be sent to each parent on our 'Class Parents' list/ or the First Contact given by parents to our School Office.
- 🌿 Messages will be posted on our Social Media accounts – Facebook, Twitter and our school app (download the app from our website).

You will appreciate, this will be an exceptional circumstance and the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary. Working parents should ensure emergency child care is put in place and phone numbers are up to date should we need to contact you at any time.

## All I want for Christmas...

Many of you have by now 'liked' and 'shared' our Christmas video which is available on our website and facebook page. I'm sure you agree it is a real success and such a lovely way to have fun at this time of year!



## Events in school next week...

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nativity, Born in a Barn, 9.30 & 11.15 am.
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nativity, Born in a Barn, 9.30 Christmas Dinner
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Choir singing in Tesco, Northcott
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Carol Service, 9.30 am

There are NO TEACHER LED After School Clubs - recommencing after Christmas

### School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

Vegetarian Options are available

<b><u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> Beef Burger, Baked Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<b><u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <u>Buffet</u> 2 Sandwiches, 1 chicken Goujon, 1 Pizza, Carrot stick & salad ~ Jam Sponge, Custard & Fruit
<b><u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> Roast Chicken, Carrots, Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Chocolate Steamed Sponge & Custard	<b><u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice & Mixed Vegetables ~ Strawberry Mousse & Fruit
<b><u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> Breaded Salmon Cake, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagne, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread ~ Biscuit, Fruit & Strawberry Milkshake	<b>HEALTHY BREAK</b> <b>P1-4, 30p per day</b>  Tuesday: Toast, Green Apple & Celery  Friday: Crusty Bread, Melon & Carrot

