



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

#### Article 3

"The best interests of the child must be a top priority."

In school we strive to ensure that we keep the best interests of our children at the fore of everything we do. The above article is written in to our new policies and will be embedded in the ethos statement of the school this year.

### School Councillors off to visit the Houses of Parliament, London!

There is great excitement in school from our School Councillors as we get ready to visit the Houses of Parliament, London tomorrow! Our School Councillors (who also form part of our Rights Respecting Schools Action Group) are visiting London for the day. We will visit the Education Centre in Westminster and find out how politicians debate and reach decisions.

This will be an action packed day with lots happening. We will post regular updates and photographs on our facebook and twitter feed.

We wish all our School Councillors a safe and enjoyable journey!



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## Flu Vaccinations...

Our Flu Vaccinations are due to take place in school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. These are administered by the Community Nurse via a nasal spray (no needles are required). Please note that we can not administer the vaccination unless we have permission from home.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Today you should have received home a note and reply slip about our forthcoming Parent Teacher Consultations on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. We ask that you sign and return the reply slip as this helps with our preparations.

As per the note, all children will go home at the earlier time of **12.30pm** on these days. There will be no AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS during the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

We hope you will find the Parent Teacher Consultations a useful opportunity to be updated on your child's progress. This is also a chance, if required, for you to relevant share information about home.

We kindly ask parents to be mindful that the Parent Teacher Consultations should last between 10-15 minutes per pupil. There may be other parents waiting to see the teacher and at times another appointment with the teacher may need to be made to discuss issues in more depth.

## PTA Monster Ball

The PTA Monster Ball is taking place on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. This is always a fun and popular PTA event. This year the PTA are holding three separate Disco's as follows:

- Primary 1&2 pupils, 4.00-4.45pm
- Primary 3&4 pupils, 5.15-6.15pm
- Primary 5-7 pupils, 7.00-8.00pm

Tickets are now available to buy online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ashgrove>. Tickets will also be available to buy in school from the week beginning **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Harvest Service

Thank you to those of you who have returned your reply slip to attend our Harvest Services on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. As per last year, we are holding two Services- 9.30am & 11.15am. Your ticket will be sent home next week- please keep this in a safe place.

It will state clearly on your ticket which Service you should attend to see your child/children.

**Please remember that all children will go home at the earlier time of 2.00pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.**



## Half Term Holiday

It is hard to believe that the Half term Holidays are fast approaching! A full list of all our important diary dates and Holidays are available on our website. As a reminder, school will be closed for the Half Term break from **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** (inclusive). School will recommence at the usual times on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## AQE & GL Assessment Information

I would like to remind those parents who have children sitting the AQE assessment that the tests will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am- First AQE Assessment
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November: GL Assessments
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am- Second AQE Assessment
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10.00am- Third AQE Assessment
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December: GL Supplementary Entrance Assessment

As a reminder applicants may sit two out of the three AQE papers or all three papers; in the latter case the best two scores will count. The Common Entrance Assessment Specification and Sample Test Items may be viewed on the AQE website.

## Action Cancer- Charity Appeal!

One of our Primary 6 pupils (Lily Lockhart) has had an inspired idea on how to help us raise more funds and awareness for our Action Cancer sponsored activity day on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. Lily has suggested our sponsored Fun Walk should be a **ONESIE WALK!**

We think this is a wonderful idea and we are asking our pupils if they have a Onesie to wear this for our ONESIE WALK- some members of staff may even wear one too! (If you don't have one at home please do not feel the need to buy one especially for this occasion!)

## School Uniform...lost property!

A number of items of school uniform have made their way to lost property. We also have a collection of items unclaimed from last year.

If your child has lost any items of clothing please check here next week. Items which remain unclaimed after Halloween will be donated to charity.

To help us, please label all items of clothing so we can return them to their owner!



## School Dinner Menu

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Fish Fillet, Peas, Chips, Mashed Potatoes &  
Tomato Sauce

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Ice-Cream, Jelly & Fruit

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Chicken Nuggets, Beans & Mashed Potatoes OR  
Salmon Cakes, Beans & Mashed potatoes

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Egg Sponge Flan, Fruit

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Roast Chicken, Carrots, Parsnip, Oven Roast + Mashed  
Potatoes & Gravy

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Biscuit, Fruit & Fruit

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread  
& Mixed Vegetables

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Carrot Cake, Custard & Fruit

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Pasta Bolognaise, Cheese, Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread

OR

Pizza, Salad & Crusty Bread

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Jelly, Fruit & Ice Cream

### HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, watermelon & pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

