



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 13 "Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, so long as it is within the law"

*In school we encourage our children to develop inquisitive minds, to explore and question. We seek the views and opinions of our pupils on matters which impact on them e.g. School & Class Council.*

### ASHGROVE PS NUMERACY WEEK...

*Next week, we are holding our Numeracy Week in school. Children will take part in various activities focusing on Numicon, Handling Data and Financial Capabilities.*

*Take some time next week to ask your child what they have been doing for Numeracy Week!*

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who observes our School Uniform Policy so carefully. Our boys and girls look smart when they are dressed in the appropriate uniform- this demonstrates a sense of pride and belonging to Ashgrove Primary.

As a reminder, children must not wear trainers to school as part of their uniform, both boys and girls must wear **black shoes only**. Trainers may only be worn as part of a sports activity.

During PE, as in our Prospectus and clearly mentioned on our website, children should wear the following:

PRIMARY 1-3	PRIMARY 4-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• slip on/velcro plimsolls in a strong named slipper bag</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• plain white T-shirt</li><li>• navy/black track suit bottoms or shorts</li><li>• plimsolls or trainers</li></ul>

**(Please make sure you label all items of clothing)**

**Thank you for refocusing on this and for your continued support.**

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

<b>LITERACY</b> Embed the process of Guided, Shared and Reciprocal Reading. Further development of Accelerated Reading.	<b>NUMERACY</b> Focus on Mental Maths and Numeracy Strategies. The development of Maths Stations in Key Stage 2 and Numicon in Foundation Stage & P3.
<b>PASTORAL CARE</b> Gain Rights Respecting Schools Award (Gold Standard) and focusing on learning of the rights of the child in developing countries. Develop the role of P7 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.	<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; MANAGEMENT</b> Continue to build the leadership capacity of staff at all levels throughout the school. Member of the SLT to gain accredited Middle Leadership training.



## PRIMARY 1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

There are still a couple of weeks left to apply for a Primary 1 place for September 2020. Applications must be received by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** with supporting documentation given to us by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

If any parent missed our Open Night and would like to see our school in action, just get in touch and we will be happy to show you around!

## AQE RESULTS & P7 TRANSFER INTERVIEWS

The long wait for our P7 pupils who sat the AQE or GL Assessments is almost over. Results will be posted to your home address on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. If you have moved house or circumstances have changed since you registered with AQE, you must update this information with them.

This week, we sent a text & email to P7 parents prompting them to select a day and time to come to school to complete the Post Primary School Application form. There is no obligation to attend, however I will be on hand to help with the completion of the forms and offer advice.

## PSQM (PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK)

One of our priorities in our School Development Plan this year is to gain the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). All our classes have been engaging in exciting science experiments. Have a look the Science section on our website to read our Science Ethos and Science Mission Statement.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available in school 2.00-5.30pm each day. **We ask that parents book this online via SchoolMoney**. Doing this helps alleviate additional administration for our school Office, it also helps staff who take the Club plan ahead for activities and supervision.

If you can not access your SchoolMoney account, please come to the Office where Kerrie or Tracey will be happy to help.

It is only in exceptional circumstances should places at the Club be booked by phoning the Office – we thank you for your kind consideration with this.



## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Sausages, Garden Peas & Chips

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Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Oven Baked Breaded Whiting, Baked Beans  
Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes OR Spicy Beef  
with Noodles & Stir Fry Vegetables & Crusty

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Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Roast Beef, Cabbage, Mashed & Oven  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Carrots &  
Naan Bread

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Chocolate Cookie, Fresh Fruit & Milk

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Irish Stew & Crusty Bread OR Lasagne,  
Salad & Crusty Bread

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Apple Sponge & Custard

### HEALTHY BREAK

30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Watermelon & Yellow Pepper

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Cucumber

## ADVERSE WEATHER

It is during this time of year we may be impacted by adverse weather. It is only in exceptional circumstances will we take the decision to close the school and this will be primarily for the safety of pupils, staff and guests in school.

In these circumstances we aim to give you as much notice as possible. In the event of a closure (or early closure) we will inform you via:

- ✓ School website
- ✓ Social Media Accounts i.e. Facebook & Twitter
- ✓ Texting Service
- ✓ Notification on our school App

To help us keep you informed, please ensure we have your most up to date contact information.

