



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

Rights Respecting Schools

This year in school we are working towards gaining the **Rights Respecting Schools Award, Gold Standard**. This has involved embedding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in our ethos. We will also focus on looking at the Rights of other children and adults in developing countries. Mrs Carberry in charge of leading this programme in school. Our assessment for RRSA Gold Standard is in October – we will keep you posted!

Staff Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that school will be **CLOSED TO PUPILS ON FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**. Although school will be closed to pupils staff will be here for training and development- there will still be cars in the carpark.

Please remember to check our website, Facebook page and Twitter for reminders of school closures and upcoming events.

Morning Arrivals to School

The number of pupils arriving late to school was much reduced this week – thank you for your efforts with this. I know the teachers appreciate a punctual start to the day... this is also an important life skill to instill in our pupils.

As a reminder, pupils may enter the school grounds from 8.40 am when the bell rings. Pupils must be in school for 8.55 am when the second bell rings.

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

Flu Vaccinations – Monday 12th November

All pupils should have brought home a letter from the community Nurse about upcoming Flunz Tatra vaccine on **MONDAY 12th November**. These forms **MUST** be returned to school by Wednesday 26th September. Late applications can not be accepted by the school.

Parents are not required to attend vaccinations. Each child will be accompanied by their teacher and it is a ‘sniff’ vaccination – no needles! Please note, the Community Nurse cannot administer the vaccine unless the forms have been returned with consent.

Primary 1 – Full School Day

Our Primary 1 pupils will stay for a full school day from **MONDAY 1st OCTOBER**, they will therefore go home at 2.00 pm.

From Monday 24th September, Primary 1 pupils will stay in school for lunch. Next week only, Primary 1 pupils will go home at 1.15 pm.

Our Primary1 Induction Booklet contains lots of important information about school routines – please refer to this throughout the year. As a reminder, to book a School Dinner for your child you should send the correct money to the class teacher each Monday in a labelled envelope indicating the days your child requires a school meal. We thank you for diligence with this as teachers can spend an unnecessary amount of time collecting money and sorting dinners. We include the Weekly Meals Menu in our Newsletter.

See-Saw App

Ashgrove uses the app See-Saw to share work and messages with everyone at home. Feedback from this has been marvellous and thank you to those who have engaged with this app so positively. **Over the next few months we will be expanding the use of the app to include all classes in the whole school.**

Primary 1 Pre-Enrolment Forms

Our **Primary 1 Pre Enrolment Form for September 2019** has been added to the Homepage of our website. We have also sent a copy of this home today to all our families – if you have a child who is due to start school next year, please complete this and return to school. We always appreciate when a new child comes to our school with thanks to word of mouth, if you know a family with a child of Primary 1 age please share this with them.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Our first set of Parent Teacher Consultations are on **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October**. ALL Children will go home at the earlier time of 12.30 pm after lunches have been served. In early October we will be in touch with you to arrange Parent Consultation times.

European Day of Languages

We are celebrating the **EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES** on WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER. Children may come to school dressed in the colours of their nominated country. A note about the day was emailed to all parents on Wednesday of this week.

Year Group	Country	Colours
Primary 1	Poland	Red & White
Primary 2	Spain	Red & Yellow
Primary 3	Italy	Green, White & Red
Primary 4	Germany	Black, Red & Yellow
Primary 5	France	Blue, White & Red
Primary 6	Switzerland	Red & White
Primary 7	Holland	Red, Silver & Blue

Cool Portraits

Your portrait will be taken on:
Monday 24th September 2018

Make sure you look your best!

ASHGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
www.coolforschoolphotography.com

School Photographs...

As a reminder, Cool for School will take pupil photographs on **MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER**.

A proof photograph will be sent home to you in due course and you may then order these online.

It is important that all children are in school on time on Monday morning.

If you would like a Family Photograph taken, please come to school for 8.30 am.



School Development Planning

In school we are completing our new School Development Plan 2018-202. This covers all areas of school life and through this we self-evaluate our provision and set priorities for development. All schools are required to have a School Development Plan.

Once this is finished, I will share this document with you and we welcome your feedback.

School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<p><u>Monday 24th September</u> Hot Dog, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 25th September</u> Irish Stew & Crusty Bread or Ham & Cheese Panini Salad & coleslaw ~ Apple Crumble & Custard</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 26th September</u> Roast Beef, Turnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Cracknel, Custard & Fruit</p>	<p><u>Thursday 27th September</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables & Naan Bread ~ Cupcake & Fruit</p>
<p><u>Friday 28th September</u> SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK-30p per day... Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery</p>



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Numeracy

Primary 1 Miss Morrison	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Timothy Lee
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Charlie Murphy	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas Ryan Kennedy	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion Jacob Douglas
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Ebony Teeney	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Levente Csehi	Primary 5 Mrs Luney Jay Scott
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Jamison Rainey	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Darcey Coates	Primary 6 Mr Morrow Aaron Knott
Primary 7 Mr Agnew Rhys Byers	Primary 7 Mrs Flaherty Oliver Fleming Magee	Next week our focus is LITERACY

Class Charters...

This month teachers and pupils have been working together to agree a Class Charter for each classroom. (These are now on display!)

Class Charters are an important agreement which everyone must follow. The Charters are based on UNCRC and the Rights of the child. For everyone to enjoy learning in school we ask everyone to observe their Class Charters.

