



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 7

“Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality and as far as possible to know and be cared for by their parents”

In School, we take care to recognise and celebrate the diversity in our school. We have pupils and families from many backgrounds and cultures which adds to the richness of the fabric of our school life.

Nativity and Christmas Carol Service

“A Midwife Crisis”, will take place in school on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December.** Pupils from P1-4 will be involved in the production. Tickets will be available to book online via SchoolMoney – there are limited tickets for each performance and these will go quickly, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Our Christmas Carol Service for P5-7 parents will be held on **Wednesday 19th December...** everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be available after the Service.



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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Tuesday 27 th November	P6M Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 29 th November	Monitoring of attendance in school School Council Meeting
Friday 30 th November	Last day of teacher led clubs
Saturday 1 st December	AQE 3
Monday 3 rd December	P7 Standardised Testing Week
Tuesday 4 th December	Parents online safety workshop in St Michael's PS 9.30am Education Welfare Officer visiting school to monitor attendance
Wednesday 5 th December	Christmas Dinner in school
Thursday 6 th December	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Meeting PTA Christmas Fair (all children go home @ 2.00pm)
Friday 7 th December	AQE Celebration Day
Monday 10 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 13 th December	Nativity – "A Midwife Crisis"
Friday 14 th December	Nativity – "A Midwife Crisis"
Tuesday 18 th December	Santa Hat Walk to School!
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Carol Service Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20 th December	12.00pm finish for Christmas

Online safety workshops for parents & carers

St Michael's PS are hosting an **online safety workshop for parents and carers** 9.15am on Tuesday 4th December 2018. This has kindly been offered to our parents and carers in Ashgrove to attend.

The hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online.

Please email us on info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk to let us know that you can attend.

Until then, if you need any support or guidance, check out our [website pages](#) and [step-by step guides online](#), call the **O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline** on **0808 800 5002**, or pop into your local O2 store for help from a Guru.



Santa Hat Stroll and walking bus

To get in the festive mood, on **TUESDAY 18TH December** we are running a Santa Hat Stroll. Pupils and parents are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school wearing their Santa hat (or other Christmas hats!).

For even more festive fun we are also running a walking bus on this morning – a walking bus is when a group of parents and children walk together from a designated meeting point to the school, “picking up” other parents and children along the way.

We will be meeting at the building in Glengormley Park, ready to leave at 8.30am. Our route will then take us along Carnmoney Road, Glebe Road West, Liscoole Park and Ashgrove Road to school, arriving in time for school.

This event is for pupils *and* parents/adults; all children must be accompanied **unless school holds permission for them to walk to school independently**. Please note any children on bikes or scooters should make their own way to school.

Safeguarding Reminders...

In Ashgrove Primary we have dedicated Safeguarding Team in school who work to ensure that Safeguarding messages are shared with all pupils, staff, visitors and parents in school.

If you have a worry or concern about any child in Ashgrove Primary you must contact a member of the Safeguarding Team...

<i>Designated Teacher for Child Protection</i> Mrs Luney (Primary 5)	<i>Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection</i> Miss McLaughlin (Primary 1)
<i>Principal</i> Mr R. Smith	<i>Safeguarding Governor</i> Mr W. Edwards

Our Safeguarding Policy and procedures are available on our website.



Celebrating Positive Behaviour in Ashgrove

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our focus this week: Endeavour

Primary 1 Miss Morrison Tommy Wallace	Primary 1 Miss McLaughlin McKenzie Black	Primary 2 Miss McDowell Freya Millar
Primary 2 Mrs Cartmill Cara Burke	Primary 3 Mrs Douglas Leon Vuckovic	Primary 3 Miss Crozier/Manion Parker Quinn
Primary 4 Mrs Torrie Farrah Anderson	Primary 4 Mr Hutcheson Rowan Gilmore	Primary 5 Mrs Luney Sophie Miken
Primary 5 Mrs Carberry Beth Mooney	Primary 6 Mrs Ewing Pt McGrath	Primary 6 Mr Morrow Lewis Dunn
Primary 7 Mr Agnew Nicole Maguire	Primary 7 Miss Taylor Anna Hedley	<i>Next week our focus is Behaviour</i>

Shared Education...

This has been a busy week in Ashgrove and St Michael's with our Shared Ed programme. P3&4 teachers from both schools came together for joint training on Activity Based Learning. P2,4&5 classes all had reciprocal visits – as ever the behaviour of our pupils continues to be exemplary.

AQE Assessment- Good Luck!

Once again, we wish our Primary 7 pupils who are sitting the second transfer test tomorrow morning the very **BEST OF LUCK**. Teachers and other members of staff work hard to prepare children for these assessments. We will be thinking of you all!





Dear Parents / Carers

Hello! Now November is almost over, we hope you are now all looking forward to all the Christmas celebrations ahead! Our Annual Christmas Fair this year is on 06/12/2018 as as part of this we always hold a ballot which is always one of our highlights, this year will be no different! There will be lots of great prizes including some cash prizes!

We have sent one ballot book (of 10 ballots) home per family and would be grateful if you sell as many as you can and return the docketts of those you sell back into school in an envelope, with the cash sometime in the week commencing 03/12/2018. Alternatively if you do not wish to sell the ballots please return the unused book back to school as soon as possible, or if you feel you can sell more the allotted 10 please contact us and we will be happy to issue more.



**WE NEED YOUR
RAFFLE PRIZES**

We would also be grateful for any donations of goods for the Christmas Fair, chocolates, sweets, Tumbola prizes, good condition toys and books etc, keep an eye on the weekly newsletter to see what other ideas we can come up with!


If you own a business or know a business owner who would be willing to donate please ask them to contact us, we've never been known to turn anyone down.

Looking forward to the festivities.

The PTA

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Ashgrove
Nursery School

OPEN DAY OPPORTUNITIES

SESSION FOR
PARENTS ONLY

ON:

THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER
2018

6:00 P.M. ~ 7:00 P.M.

OR

SESSION FOR
BOTH CHILDREN AND THEIR
PARENTS

ON:

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER
2018

3:00 P.M. ~ 4:00 P.M.

This applies to those children whose
birthdays fall between:
2nd July 2015 and 1st July 2016

For more information, visit our website at:
www.ashgrovenurseryschool.co.uk



P6 (Mr Morrow's Class) Assembly

Parents from Mr Morrow's class are invited to attend a special Assembly on **Tuesday 27th November, 9.15 am.** A note has already been emailed home to P6M.

PTA Christmas Fair

As a reminder, our PTA Christmas Fair is on **THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 6.30 – 8.30 PM.** Please take note that all children will go home at the earlier time of 2.00 pm on Thursday 30th November.

Ballyhenry Nursery School, Open Day

Open Day for Ballyhenry Nursery is on **Thursday 6th December 2.30 – 4.30pm!** This applies to new Nursery pupils for September 2019.

School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY

<u>Monday 26th November</u> Hot Dog, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomato Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<u>Tuesday 27th November</u> Irish Stew & Crusty Bread or Ham & Cheese Panini Salad & coleslaw ~ Apple Crumble & Custard
<u>Wednesday 28th November</u> Roast Beef, Turnip, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Cracknel, Custard & Fruit	<u>Thursday 29th November</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Mixed Vegetables & Naan Bread ~ Cupcake & Fruit
<u>Friday 30th November</u> Lasagne, Peas, Crusty Bread OR Fish Fingers, Peas, Mashed Potatoes ~ Jelly, Fruit & Ice cream	HEALTHY BREAK 30p per day Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery

