



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

*Article 18 (parental responsibilities & assistance)*

“Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for their child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.”

*In school we help children access this right by liaising with many external agencies such as health & social care, education authority, social services and the local council.*

### SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CLOSURE

As per our 2019/2020 Holiday List, school will be closed on **TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** for St. Patrick's Day.

Please make alternative childcare arrangements for this day. School will resume at the usual time on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

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## SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Throughout the year we like to remind parents and pupils of our School Code of Conduct. To help with the smooth running of the school we expect everyone in school to play their part in supporting these guidelines.

We are very fortunate that the behaviour of our pupils in school is excellent, we do appreciate help from home in ensuring everyone comes to school prepared for the day ahead.

*For a safe and happy school we are expected to...*



- ☺ Arrive at school on time;
- ☺ Wear our school uniform;
- ☺ Show respect to everyone in school;
- ☺ Be truthful, well-mannered and kind;
- ☺ Take pride in our school building;
- ☺ Look after our books;
- ☺ Walk sensibly and quietly in the corridors;
- ☺ Keep our school litter free;
- ☺ Set a good example to others;
- ☺ Exercise self-control; &
- ☺ Line up quickly and quietly.

## HEALTHY MUNCHING MARCH...

In school we encourage our pupils to make healthy eating choices at break and lunchtimes. Engaging with healthy eating habits at a young age help to form good routines throughout life and creates a greater sense of well-being.

To promote healthy eating, we are taking part in Healthy Munching March... children are asked to eat a healthy break – natural Fruit, Vegetable or bread based snack (please no chocolate spread!).

Incentives will be given to pupils who take part. We of course recognise that a small of pupils must have dietary or medical requirements e.g. diabetes and these pupils will



# CORONAVIRUS

There has been much media attention this week over the ongoing situation with the developments of Coronavirus. As such, I am sharing with you information from the Department of Education and the Public Health Agency.

**Like seasonal flu, the same public health advice applies for COVID-19 (Coronavirus): if you cough or sneeze, use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose, throw it away carefully after use, and wash your hands.**



## COVID-19 (coronavirus)

If you have been to: **China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau** in the last 14 days; or **Northern Italy (not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar** since February 19th 2020;

and have any of these symptoms:



Cough



Fever



Difficulty breathing

- Please contact your GP **BY PHONE**.
- If you are NOT registered with a GP in Northern Ireland, please contact your local Emergency Department by checking [pha.site/emergency-healthcare-nidirect](http://pha.site/emergency-healthcare-nidirect)
- **Please do NOT attend the surgery or hospital without phoning in advance.**
- If it is a medical emergency, call 999 and inform the call handler of your recent travel.

Even if you have no symptoms, if you have been to:

- Hubei Province (including Wuhan), China in the last 14 days; or
- Iran, specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy, or special care zones of South Korea since February 19th 2020; please return home, contact the helpline on 0300 200 7885 and follow the advice below.



Stay indoors and avoid contact with others as much as possible for 14 days after you arrive.



Do not go to work, school or public areas



Avoid visitors in your home



Do not use public transport or taxis



V8 General Advice 250220 PHA1.0.2





## WORLD BOOK DAY!

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We are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. This is a chance to come to school dressed as your favourite book character... Mrs Luney has planned a whole school Reading Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March... more info. below!

## ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS...

Many parents are now aware of the latest online threat for young people. We have shared guidance on our social media accounts about how to make digital devices safe for children to use. Please see below a summary of key points shared:

- **Youtube** → select settings → select safe search filtering → tick strict
- **Safari** → select settings → general → restrictions → select the restrictions you wish for your children
- **App purchases** → select settings → general → restrictions → turn off in app purchases
- **Disallow uploading Apps** → select settings → general → restrictions → installing apps or deleting apps

## SPONSORED READ-A-THON

March is a very special month in Ashgrove as it is our **READING MONTH**.

It will begin with the excitement of **WORLD BOOK DAY ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup>** and will end with a **READING WEEK FROM THE 16<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup>**. During that week there will be lots of reading events happening in every classroom.

On **FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** the children from **P4-P7** are going to be taking part in a sponsored **Read-A-Thon**, which will raise money to buy new class library books to boost our Accelerated Reader programme.

### What to do

- Children can ask family or friends to sponsor their reading goals for the day.
- Children can complete the attached sponsorship form and any money raised should be brought to school by **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**.



## CAN YOU DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

In our Playground we are developing a “Stage” performance area to be used by pupils during lunchtime. We are asking for your help in donating any of the following items:

- Dressing up/ Fancy Dress **COSTUMES** for both girls and boys e.g. superheroes, princess, book characters etc
- Stage props (suitable for outdoors)
- Children’s **MUSIC CD’s** (age appropriate)
- **CD player**

In addition, can you donate any of the following...

- **BOARD GAMES** e.g. Cludeo, Connect Four, Jenga, Snakes & Ladders etc
- **BOOKS** to develop a **LIBRARY CORNER** in our Polytunnel

We thank you in advance for your kind support. If you can donate any of the above, please send it to school next week! 😊



## SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE

### **MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

Chicken Bites, Salad, Coleslaw & Chips  
~  
Melon Wedges & Yoghurt

### **TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

Salmon Fish Cakes, Baked Beans or  
Mushy Peas & Mashed Potatoes OR  
Chilli Chicken Pasta with Cheese,  
Sweetcorn & Crusty  
~  
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

### **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Roast Beef, Carrots, Broccoli, Oven  
Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
~  
Fresh Fruit & Ice Cream

### **THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Carrots &  
Naan Bread  
~  
Chocolate Brownie & Fresh Fruit

### **FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Chilli Beef, Garden Peas, Wedges &  
Rice OR BBQ Chicken Wrap, Salad &  
Coleslaw  
~  
Sponge Topped with Fruit & Custard

### **HEALTHY BREAK**

*30p per day*

Tuesday: Toast, Apple & Cucumber

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Red  
Pepper

## SAFEGUARDING IN SCHOOL

In school we share safeguarding messages with our pupils. It is important they know to whom they may speak if they have worries or concerns...

**Mrs Luney (Primary 5) is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection**

**Mrs Coulter (Primary 1) is the Deputy Designed Teacher for Child Protection**

If you have any safeguarding worries or concerns about any child in school, please speak with Mrs Luney, Mrs Coulter or Mr Smith



# Healthy Munching March!



During the month of March ALL our pupils should  
eat a Healthy Breaktime snack

**NATURAL FRUIT, VEGETABLE OR BREAD SNACK**

Please no crisps, chocolate, sweets, fatty foods or  
sweet yogurts.

## As an incentive...

- 1 week – sticker
- 2 weeks – night off written  
Homework
- 3 weeks – NO Friday test
- 4 weeks – Bouncy Castle

