



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 1

"Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention."
We are working hard in school to raise awareness of the rights of the child, we are holding regular Assemblies and highlighting rights on displays...

Staff Development Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that school is **CLOSED** for Staff Training on **FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER!** Teachers will be looking at school and class data from standardised testing – this will provide us with vital information to plan for and tailor our teaching to best meet the needs of all children.

Voluntary Contribution

Many thanks to those of you who have sent their voluntary contribution to us in September – we appreciate your kindness. If you have yet to do so, please pay this via SchoolMoney next week. We ask for a donation of £5.00 per pupil (Maximum of £10.00 per family). In these times of financial hardship in the education sector every penny counts.

PTA Annual General Meeting!

The PTA AGM will be held on Wednesday 7th November, 7.00 pm – please attend! The work of our PTA will become even more important to us as ALL schools face financial hardship...

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Harvest Celebration & Charity Work

Our Harvest Celebration will take place on **Friday 19th October**, 9.30 am and 11.15 am. The time of your child's performance will be confirmed with you nearer the date.

This year we are supporting the British Heart Foundation. This will support our work in raising awareness of global issues in relation to our Rights Respecting Schools Award, Level 2. The British Heart Foundation are coming to school on **Monday 9th October** to hold an Assembly.

Flu Immunisation Programme

Thankyou to everyone who returned their Medical Consent forms for the Community Nurse to administer the flu vaccination. As a reminder, yesterday was the closing date to return the consent forms. The nasal spray will be given to children on **Monday 12th November**. There is no need for parents to be present during this. If you did not hand in your medical consent form this vaccination cannot be given to your child.

Annual School Book Fair

As a reminder, the **BOOK FAIR** will be arriving in school next week from **TUESDAY 2ND TO FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER.**

There will be hundreds of titles for you and your child to choose from and with prices starting at £2.99 there's sure to be a book for everyone!

Our school can earn **FREE BOOKS** for every book sold at the Fair so this is a great opportunity to stock up our classrooms with brand new resources.

DOORS WILL OPEN EACH DAY AT 1:30 PM AND CLOSE AT 3:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

After School Club Consultation

Thank you to those parents who have given us your feedback so far about our After School Club provision. A note with a link to a survey was emailed to you on Thursday 27th September, the survey will remain open to Friday 5th October. After this date we will share the overall feedback and suggested actions with you.



Hair Care & Head Lice Awareness

Occasionally some cases of head lice in school come to our attention. It is therefore essential that all parents and carers check their children's hair regularly for signs of lice and their eggs.

Having head lice, also called nits, does NOT mean that a child is dirty or unkempt. Children are most commonly affected and anyone with hair can catch them. If you find head lice in your child's hair don't panic- this is easily treated.

Here is some advice provided by the NHS which parents and carers may find useful:

If you think your child may have head lice:

- ✓ Check your child's hair. The most common places for head lice are in the hair behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.
- ✓ If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot head lice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper.

Treating head lice...

If head lice are present, you must treat your child promptly. You should only treat your child if you find live head lice. Don't treat 'just in case'.

Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies and some supermarkets. Your GP may also be able to help.

(There is no need to keep your child off school if you find head lice, simply administer the treatment and come to school as usual).



Diary Dates for OCTOBER 2018

Date	Event
Monday 1 st October	Primary 1 pupils commence FULL school day to 2.00 pm
Tuesday 2 nd October	Book Fair Week (refer to Newsletter & note emailed)
Wednesday 3 rd Oct	Book Fair Week (refer to Newsletter & note emailed) British Heart Foundation Assembly Staff receiving ASD training
Thursday 4 th Oct	Book Fair Week (refer to Newsletter & note emailed) Governors meeting the Rights Respecting Focus Group Meeting of the Anti Bullying Ambassadors, 2.00 pm
Friday 5 th October	Book Fair Week (refer to Newsletter & note emailed)
Monday 8 th October	Heartstart Challenge Week
Thursday 11 th Oct	RRSA Focus group meeting Mrs Carberry & Mr Smith
Friday 12 th October	Shoebox Appeal Assembly P3 Shared Education visit to Queens PEC British Heart Foundation Skip-a-thon
Tuesday 16 th October	Education Welfare Officer visiting school to monitor pupil attendance
Wednesday 17 th Oct	P5C (Mrs Carberry's Class Assembly) Rights Respecting Schools Gold standard Assessment
Friday 19 th October	Harvest Assembly 9.30 & 11.15 am
Monday 22 nd Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations – chn home @ 12.30 pm
Tuesday 23 rd Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations – chn home @ 12.30 pm
Wednesday 24 th Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations – chn home @ 12.30 pm
Thursday 25 th Oct	PTA Wizards & Witches Disco!
Friday 26 th October	P6 Shared Education visit to Queens PEC
Monday 29 th Oct	SDD (School Closed)
Tuesday 30 th – Friday 2 nd November	School Closed for the ½ Term break
Monday 5 th November	School recommences at the usual time



School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY (PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE)

<p><u>Monday 1st October</u> Sausages, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce ~ Yoghurt & Fruit</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 2nd October</u> Savoury Mince, Sweetcorn, & Mashed Potato OR Pizza, Sweetcorn, & Salad ~ Flakemeal Biscuit & Milkshake</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 3rd October</u> Roast Chicken, Diced Cabbage, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Rice pudding & fruit</p>	<p><u>Thursday 4th October</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Canadian Tart & Custard</p>
<p><u>Friday 5th October</u> Pasta Bolognese, Crusty Bread OR Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes ~ Chocolate flavoured sponge & custard.</p>	<p>HEALTHY BREAK <i>30p per day</i></p> <p>Tuesday: Toast, Pear & Carrot</p> <p>Friday: Crusty Bread, Red Grapes & Celery</p>

Staff Training & Development

In Ashgrove PS we place a high value on Staff Development and implementing training with our children... since August 2018 we have taken part in the following Staff Development...

- Literacy- development of Reading approaches
- Numeracy
- ICT- assessment tasks
- Rights Respecting Schools, Level 2
- Science experiments
- ASD Training
- Sustrans (Sustainable Transport)
- Numicon training
- Data analysis and target setting

