

## Ashgrove Primary School

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# Newsletter

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### Withdrawal of Pork Products

You will have heard on the news that pork products from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland have been withdrawn. This has meant three changes to the menu for the next fortnight. I apologise that it was not possible to give advance warning of the change to today's dinner.

Monday 8 December (today)

- fish fingers, cream potatoes, beans or filled salad rolls

Tuesday 9 December

- stew or lasagne

Wednesday 17 December

- roast beef

There will be no cocktail sausages with the Christmas dinner.



### Holiday list 2009 – 2010

Please find attached a list of school closures for next school year.

### End of Term



As we approach the end of term the excitement of Christmas has well and truly arrived.

Year 7 children have started distributing cards around the school. Christmas craft and artwork decorates every room and corridor. The children's Christmas dinner is on Wednesday, and our Nativity services will be held on Thursday and Friday. A busy week!

Children are not expected to wear uniforms on the last Thursday or Friday of term. The Christmas term will end for all children at 12:30pm on Friday 19 December. There will be no dinner that day. The new term will commence on Monday 5 January 2009.

Thank you again for your support during this busy and exciting time. I hope the Christmas season will be a time of peace and happiness for you and your family.

## Minor Works

Over the next few months the school will benefit from a number of improvements.

Mobile 2 will be replaced by two state-of-the-art mobiles, the staffroom will be relocated, two special needs tutorial rooms will be created and a hygiene room will be provided for disabled access.

We have waited for some time for NEELB to meet these requests and would appreciate your patience as we try to minimise disruption.



Did Mrs Luney's class get out in time?

## European Election



The Electoral Office has given notice that Ashgrove Primary will be used as a polling station on 4 June 2009. This will mean an additional day off school for children and staff.

## Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all those who helped make last week's fair such a success by organising, running stalls or attending and spending! Profits in excess of £2300 will go towards our interactive whiteboard appeal.

Wan Min Xue won first prize in the ballot. Enjoy your £300 Wan Min!



Guess the Weight of the Cake



Mr Graham in full flight!

Items left from the fair's tuck shop will be on sale during the last week of term. Not quite in line with our healthy breaks policy, but it's Christmas and we need the money!