

# Ashgrove Primary School

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# Newsletter

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## Parent Interviews

As parents, you will soon be invited to a second ten-minute interview with your child's teacher. This will give you an opportunity to discuss progress and any problems that may exist as we enter the second half of the school year. The interviews are planned for 23 and 27 March. **The children will leave school at 1:00pm on each of these days.**

## Health & Safety

Recently several children have been withdrawn from PE and the playground for health and safety reasons.

In accordance with NEELB guidance, children cannot be permitted to wear hooped or "dangly" earrings in school.

For reasons of safety, the wearing of necklaces is also discouraged but, if they are worn with school uniform, necklaces should be tucked inside the shirt or blouse. During PE necklaces should be removed and long hair tied back.

Watches, plain rings and simple stud earrings are acceptable.

## Road Safety Quiz

The school team is now through to the next round in Ballymena. Well done everybody!

## Guitar Lessons

Successful applicants for guitar tuition with Ross Ardill have now been informed about the times of their lessons. These lessons will commence on Monday 6 March.



## Late Arrivals

Since Christmas there has been an increase in the number of children arriving late. The bell rings at 8:55am and the children are expected to be settled in their classes by 9:00am. Any child arriving after 9:15am must officially be recorded as late. This can affect the attendance percentage. I would, therefore, appreciate your support with punctuality.

## Health & Fitness Day

We will be holding a Health & Fitness Day in school on Wednesday 22 March. This promises to be a most enjoyable day for all our children and will serve as a reminder of the importance of fitness and a healthy lifestyle. It is also hoped that the event will raise money for school funds. More details will follow.



## Parent Teacher Association

After the recent success of our table quiz, the next PTA meeting will host an event by “Inspired Floral Art”.

This will be held at 7:30pm on 29 March.



## Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to accompany the classes and teachers going to swimming lessons each Monday and Thursday morning. Perhaps you can help. Alternatively you may wish to offer your services to support children with special educational needs. If you can spare a couple of hours, even occasionally, please contact the school.

## Easter Holiday

School will close for the Easter holiday at 12:30pm on Friday 7 April.

The summer term will begin at 8:55am on Monday 24 April 2005.

## Arty Children's Challenge!

The back page of last month's newsletter invited children to draw the view through a favourite window.

Thanks to all those who took part and produced such a variety of images. A small prize will be awarded to a winner this week.

## Reminder - Lost Property Policy

- Children, staff and visitors to school are encouraged to be considerate, helpful and vigilant.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for personal items brought to the school, including toys, coats and sports gear.
- All property brought to school should be named.
- Every effort will be made to return named property to its owner.
- Coats and sports bags should be hung on the children's own named pegs.
- Smaller items such as hats and gloves should be kept in school bags.
- Unnamed “lost” property will be stored in a central place.
- Each September the children will be shown any remaining lost property from the previous year. Items that are still unclaimed will be donated to a local charity shop.
- NEELB has designated cloakrooms and corridors as “public areas.”
- NEELB insurance does not cover loss of property.
- The school's security system will be in operation between 9:00am until 4:00pm.