

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Minor Works

Improvements to our facilities have been progressing well, with two new mobiles now completed and the staffroom and principal's office almost ready for hand-over. Next week will see the builders moving on to the secretary's office/reception, two special needs rooms and a hygiene room/disabled toilet. This project has been financed by NEELB. I'm grateful to them for all their support and for the confidence that they have shown in Ashgrove.

School Closures Update

NEELB has recently confirmed changes to the school closures list. Please find attached the updated calendar of next year's closures for holiday and teacher training.

Home-Time Routine

Before Christmas I asked each family to send in a list of anyone who has your permission to collect your child. As a significant number are still outstanding I have included this letter again and would remind you of its importance. Thanks.

Primary 1 Intake

As you will know, I am proud of the staff team in Ashgrove and of the professional way in which everyone works together to review performance, to prepare for change and to promote quality learning. It is, therefore, very encouraging that this year has been a bumper year for Primary 1 applications and September will see every place filled.

Letters of confirmation will be sent to all applicants in late March.



If you know of any parent who wishes to start a child with us of any other age please contact the school as soon as possible.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Miss Lanigan on her recent marriage. She has now been welcomed back as Mrs Douglas.

Limousines!

During the last year several parents have organised the collection of children by limousine. If you intend to arrange transport to a party that involves a vehicle collecting children other than your own, please be sure to ask those children's parents to let us know. It might also be helpful to send us a list.



School Dinners

Please find attached another sheet of slips to include with dinner money, which should be sent on Mondays only.

After School Clubs

All too often I complain about the dangers of traffic but I do appreciate the part played by parents and friends this year in making the grounds safer for children at the key drop-off and collection times. Please note that cars should also remain outside the gates for collection of children after clubs.

European Election

The Electoral Office has written to inform me that Ashgrove Primary School will be used as a polling station on Thursday 4 June 2009.



Netball

The netball team has been playing very well again this year. Both of its last matches were fought hard and the final scores reflect the close competition. Well done girls!

Ashgrove PS 12 : 11 Ballyclare PS

Ashgrove PS 7 : 8 Whiteabbey PS

Football

With the pitch damp for much of the autumn, football matches have been delayed somewhat this season; however the boys are looking forward to fixtures on 5th and 12th March.

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Twenty boys and girls have been selected for a day of football coaching by Liverpool FC in the Valley Leisure Centre

Family Holiday

A number of families choose to take their children out of school during term-time.

Please note that teachers are not obliged to provide work for completion during such holidays.

Medical & Dental Appointments

Recent changes by DENI mean that all appointments during school hours are recorded as absences of a full morning or afternoon session.