

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Congratulations!

Once again the Ashgrove team has achieved success in the Newtownabbey Road Safety Quiz. Congratulations to Philip, Beth, Daniel and Shannon who achieved an impressive first place.



Valentine Discos

P1-2 children: 6:30pm until 7:15pm

P3-4 children: 7:30pm until 8:15pm

P5-7 children: 8:30pm until 9:30pm

Our PTA discos will be held on Thursday 11 February. Tickets cost £1.50 and are available from Mr Graham or Mrs McDonald. Why not wear something red...or pink? A tuck shop will be available for all as well as tea and coffee for the adults.

School Council



Ashgrove has long been a school where children's opinions are respected but we have now begun the process of establishing a school council in order to provide more formal opportunities for children to contribute to school life and to introduce them to basic democracy. We aim to explain ideas such as voting, representation and committee work in the near future and to hold class elections to coincide with the UK general election.

We will, of course, avoid party politics and remain age-appropriate.

Half-Term Break

Don't forget! The school will close for half-term at the end of a normal day on Friday 12 February. School will then re-open on Monday 22 February.

Holiday List for 2010 - 2011

Please find attached a list of next year's holidays and teacher training days. Lists for this year and next are also available on our website.

Peanuts!!!!

With a number of our children now suffering from severe allergies I would remind you that Ashgrove must remain a nut-free and coconut-free zone. I would be grateful for your co-operation in this matter.



Fostering

The Northern Health & Social Care Trust and Northern Ireland Fostercare have asked me to remind parents and friends of the urgent need for new foster carers. At present there is great demand for carers who can provide a stable experience of family life for vulnerable children.

Contact details are available from the school.

More Congratulations!



Having come a brilliant second in the Newtownabbey Primary School Netball Tournament, these girls have every right to look pleased with themselves. Well done Rachel, Aimee, Rachel, Aimee, Yasmin, Lauren, Bethany and Sophie – and a special cheer for Player of the Tournament, Yasmin McClean (centre).

Parent Interviews

The second round of parent interviews will be held on Thursday 11 and Monday 15 March. Appointments will be arranged closer to the time, but please note that all children will finish at 12:30pm, after an early lunch on these dates.

Jolly Phonics Night & Afternoon

With the revised Northern Ireland Curriculum now well established in school we were delighted with the interest and support shown by parents who attended our Jolly Phonics meetings for Primaries 1 & 2 and Primaries 3 & 4.

Plans are underway to offer information sessions for P1 - P4 Numeracy and in relation to the curriculum at Key Stage 2.

Cantonese Canteen



There was great excitement when the cooks ran another theme day recently. Judging by the numbers of happy children who turned up for the Chinese meal, all their hard work was very much appreciated.



Valentine Special



Tuesday 9 February



Slice of Love - Pepperoni Pizza

Herby Slice - Garlic Bread

Wedding Bands - Spaghetti Hoops

or

Layers of Love - Lasagne

Herby Slice - Garlic Bread

Hugs & Kisses - Mixed Salad

with

Strawberry Lips - Diamond Bun

and

Love Punch - Apple & Blackcurrant Juice

Milk, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Bread also available