

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

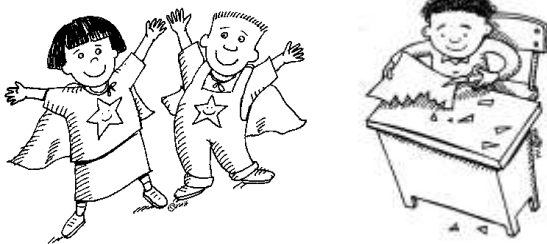
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Next Year's Primary 1

Application forms are now available for children starting in September 2008. Please ring the school at 9084 8734 or call with the secretary if you would like a copy.

The principal is very happy to talk to anyone who would like more information or a tour of the school.

Forms must be returned to school by Wednesday 23 January 2008.



Half-term Closure

Please note that the children's half-term break will be from Thursday 14 February to Tuesday 19 February. This includes one day of teacher training. Children will finish at their normal times on 13 February and return on Wednesday 20 February.

Happy New Year!

...and many thanks for all the cards and gifts that you sent into school before Christmas. Your kind thoughts and generosity to staff really were appreciated.

Yellow Woods Challenge



Once again Newtownabbey Borough Council has organised a competition to recycle Yellow Pages. Not only is the school keen to recycle as many as possible, we would also love to win the prize for the most copies collected per pupil. Here is what to do:

1. Please collect as many old Yellow Pages as you can find at home and work.
2. **Sign the front cover and send it into school.**
3. Put the rest of the book into your recycling bin at home.

Dinner Money Slips

Please find enclosed another supply of slips to use as a record of money sent to school and to let us know about your child's choices for the week. Unfortunately we are still only able to accept money on a Monday.

Safety & Security

Please remind childminders, etc. that:

No vehicles should be brought into the school grounds other than by staff, delivery personnel and disabled drivers with stickers.

Parents MUST report to the office prior to visiting classrooms and mobiles.

Transfer Interviews

Parents of Primary Seven pupils will soon be invited to interviews during early February. These interviews are a vital element of the process in which children and parents make their choices of post-primary schools.

After-School Activities

All of our clubs should be up and running again by the end of this week. Unless advised to the contrary, their organisation will be the same as during the Christmas Term.



Temporary Staff

If you would like to be considered for occasional temporary employment as a lunchtime supervisor, a cleaner, a classroom assistant, or some other position, please contact the school secretary. It is useful to have people to call on when a regular staff member is ill.

Relevant qualifications may be required for some positions.

Volunteers

Your School Needs You! All police checks are now done on a yearly basis. If you would like to be a volunteer or to continue to be one please contact Mrs McDonald, the school secretary, to check if your details need re-submitted.

Parent Teacher Association

Many thanks to all those who helped make our Christmas Fair such a success. As well as a bit of craic the evening brought in £2052

Details will follow about future events.

Winter Clothes

Please remind your child to wear a coat on the journeys to and from school. In order to face the arctic gales of the Ashgrove climate, children are expected to be dressed appropriately during break and lunch times.