

## Ashgrove Primary School

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# Newsletter

June 2006

### Holiday Arrangements

**Friday 30 June 2006 will be a non-uniform day. The school day and term will then end at 12:30pm**

The autumn term will commence at 8:55am on Wednesday 30 August 2006. Special arrangements will be in place for our new Primary 1 children. Everyone else will finish at 2:00pm that day.

**Please note: a packed lunch should be brought on the first two days as the cafeteria will not be in operation until 1 September.**

Best wishes from everyone at Ashgrove Primary for a peaceful and relaxing summer break.

A list of next year's school closures is printed on page 4 of this newsletter.



### A Note for Primary 7 Parents

If you are in receipt of the Job Seeker's Allowance or Child Tax Credit your child may be entitled to free school meals or a clothing allowance at his/her next school. Please contact the NEELB for details.

### Chancellor's Money

Contrary to rumour, Ashgrove did not miss out when the Chancellor of the Exchequer gave additional money to schools. As one of the largest primary schools in Newtownabbey we received approximately £8000.

### Netball

The netball team has been on a roll this year, winning the Newtownabbey Primary Schools League and playing in the Northern Ireland Finals. Four of our girls have now been selected to represent the Newtownabbey Borough. Well done Hollie Campbell, Sara McNutt, Georgia McDermott and Hannah McMillan.

## Family Fun Night

A huge crowd turned out to enjoy our Family Fun Night on 13 June. It was a beautiful evening, the atmosphere was great and over £900 was raised from all the various sideshows and stalls.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with this event and to those who organised and supported the PTA programme during yet another successful year.



## School Grounds

On a number of occasions recently the security monitoring company has been alerted by our intruder alarm. Their officers have come out to find young people playing football in the grounds.

As each call-out now costs us money, I would be grateful if you would contact the police on any occasion you see an intruder inside the fence or lighting a fire in the trees at the corner.

**PSNI: 028 9065 0222**

## Primary Six Trip

The recent residential trip to the north coast was a great success. For four days the children from Ashgrove and Dunclug were involved in fieldwork, team-building, sports and site-seeing. There was a lot of fun and many new friends were made.

## K'nex Challenge

Good luck to Joel Woods and Jonathan Carlisle who have reached the Northern Ireland final of the K'nex Challenge, which will be held in W5 on Friday 23 June.

## Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly

Again this year we will be sorry to lose our excellent Primary 7 pupils. We wish them every success in post-primary education and beyond.

Our special assembly for Primary 7 leavers and their parents will take place at 1:00pm on Thursday 29 June. This will include the presentation of trophies. Unfortunately limited space means that we will have no room for past pupils. Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils will go home at 12:15pm that day.



## Monday Evening Music Lessons

Piano lessons are oversubscribed for 2006/2007 but there may be a number of spare places for guitar.

Please contact the guitar teacher, Ross Ardill, at 07845973087 if you require any additional information.

## Sports Day

With the weather forecast more favourable for the next few days, it is our intention to hold Sports Day on Monday 26 June.

## Absence Notes

To help us tidy up our records for the year, please send in any outstanding absence notes as soon as possible.

## Reports

Annual reports will be put into the children's bags on Wednesday 28 June.

Please contact school if you do not receive a report or if you require a copy to be sent to an ex-partner with parental responsibility.

Please note that the attendance percentage that is recorded on the report is based on figures from Wednesday 31 August 2005 to Wednesday 31 May 2006.

## Strings

Recently some of our girls sat Grade 1, 2 and 3 violin exams. The results have now been announced and every child has passed. Congratulations!

There may be a few spare places for violin lessons next year. If you are interested, please contact Mr Agnew.



## Uniform

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are updating our school uniform from September.

Both old and new items will be acceptable for one year.

- **Black shoes should be worn.**
- Shirts/blouses and ties will no longer be required and white polo shirts embroidered with the school logo will become standard.
- A sweatshirt embroidered with a small logo will replace the screenprinted sweatshirt.

In order to keep standards high within Ashgrove, spot checks will be organised during 2006/2007.

## Classes for Next Year

Next year's classes will be as follows:

2005 - 2006	2006 - 2007	Room
	Mrs McCoy	P1 Rm 1
	Mrs Adair	P1 Rm 2
Mrs McCoy →	Mrs Copeland	P2 Rm 6
Mrs Adair →	Mrs McBride	P2 Rm 3
Mrs McBride →	Mrs Torrie	P3 Rm 5
Mrs Copeland →	Mrs Blair	P3 Rm 4
Miss Adams →	Miss Wylie	P4 Rm 11
Mrs Blair →	Mrs McAllister*	P4 Rm 8
	Mrs Mannion*	
Miss Wylie →	Mrs Luney	P5 M 2
Mrs McAllister* →	Mrs Christie	P5 Rm 7
Mrs Mannion*		
Mrs Christie →	Mr Morrow	P6 Rm 9
Mrs Luney →	Miss Quail	P6 Rm 10
Mr Morrow →	Mr Graham	P7 M3
Miss Quail →	Mr Agnew	P7 M4

\* Mrs Mannion and Mrs McAllister work on alternate weeks and have shared responsibility for one of our Primary 4 classes.

## Best Wishes

Best wishes to Miss Adams who will be getting married this summer.

When she returns after the summer a Mrs Torrie will be in Room 5!



## Ski Trip 2007

Please remember to obtain a passport and European Health Insurance card in preparation for next year's ski trip.

Savings may still be brought to school each Thursday.



## School Meals - September

NEELB has announced that the cost of school meals will rise to £2.30 from September. Cafeteria prices will also be increased.

Children from Primary One and Primary Two who choose to use the canteen will continue to be provided with a set meal. Please send money for set meals on a Monday.

Primary 3 children are welcome to use the cafeteria system. Rather than pay for a set meal, the children should bring money and choose from the wide range on offer. Some items change from day to day but there is always a good supply of healthy options, core favourites and new ideas.

Please remember that all cafeteria items are subject to availability.

We would recommend that you talk to your children each day about choices.

Please post copies of the newsletter to:

Mr Jackson

Mr Douglas

Mr Diamond

Sam Bremmer

Mr McLaughlin

Kare Bears

Eden Nursery

Greendale

Petite Feet