

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

June 2007

Best Wishes from Everyone at Ashgrove Primary for a Safe, Happy and Relaxing Summer Break.



The term will end at 12:30pm this Friday. Children are not required to wear uniform that morning.

The autumn term will commence at 8:55am on Thursday 30 August 2007. Special arrangements will be in place for our new Primary 1 children with everyone else finishing at 2:00pm on both the Thursday and Friday of that week.

Please note: a packed lunch should be brought on the Thursday and Friday as the cafeteria will not be in operation until 1 September.

Family Fun Night

Despite a very wet evening, the Family Fun Night went ahead indoors and seemed to be enjoyed by everybody. Many thanks to all those who supported the event. A total of £686 was raised for PTA funds.

“The Big Wild Read”

Keep an eye out for events in your local library throughout the summer.

School Meals

In order to promote healthy eating, only set meals will be provided by the kitchen from September. The menu is attached to the back of this newsletter.

Free School Meals

Being on the free school meals register does not commit your child to school meals every day but I would encourage you to apply if you think you are eligible as **our budget receives additional funding for every child registered.** Please contact the NEELB for details at 028 2565 3333.

Classes for Next Year

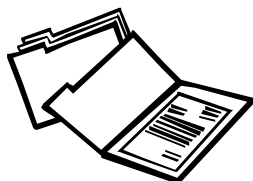
Next year's classes will be as follows:

| 2006 - 2007 | 2007 - 2008 | 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 Blair | P3 | Rm 4 |
| Mrs Copeland | → Mrs Torrie | P3 | Rm 5 |
| Mrs Torrie | → Mrs McAllister* | P4 | Rm 8 |
| | Mrs Mannion* | | |
| Mrs Blair | → Miss Wylie | P4 | Rm 11 |
| 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 Agnew | P7 | M4 |
| Miss Quail | → Mr Graham | P7 | M3 |

* Mrs Mannion and Mrs McAllister work for half a week each and have shared responsibility for one of our Primary 4 classes.

Reports

Reports have now been put into the children's bags. Please contact school if you did not receive a report or if you require a copy to be sent to an ex-partner with parental responsibility.



(The attendance percentage that is recorded on the report is based on figures from Wednesday 30 August 2006 to Thursday 31 May 2007.)

Questionnaires

Thanks to everyone who completed our parent questionnaire. If you still have a form that you wish to return, please send it to school before the end of term.

A summary of all findings will be included in September's Newsletter, by which stage key areas of concern will have been included in our development plan.

End of Term

Our special assembly for Primary 7 leavers and their parents took place on Wednesday 27 June.

It was an emotional occasion as we marked the end of seven years in primary education - in fact, seven years at Ashgrove Primary in most cases. It was a delight to celebrate the success of every child and to award each one with a record of achievement.



Special congratulations are due to all those who won trophies. They were well-deserved and the decisions were not easy!

We wish all our ex-pupils health, happiness and success as they move into the next exciting stage of their lives.

Gymnastics

Chloe Edgar has been awarded 3rd place in the age 9 – 10 section of the Northern Ireland Amateur Gymnastics competition. Well done Chloe!

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 at 028 2565 3333.

Strings Results

Congratulations to all those pupils who recently sat their violin exams. Results were as follows:

Grade 2:

Toni Buchanan
Chloe Hogg
Hayley McIlwrath

Grade 1 with Merit:

Rachel Campbell

Grade 1 with Distinction:

Lauren Christie
Katie Luney
Rebecca McKinstry
Courtney Morrow

School Grounds

Each summer the security monitoring company is alerted by our intruder alarm. Their officers usually arrive 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.

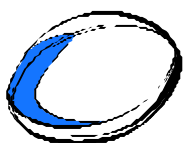
PSNI: 028 9065 0222

Summer Safety

Our Primary 7 children have now had a visit from the PSNI to remind them to be careful in relation to stranger danger, bullying, drugs and internet safety. Road safety has also been promoted frequently during the year. Please talk to your child about the many risks associated with the freedom of the summer holidays.

Rugby

After a day of rugby organised by the PSNI and Newtownabbey Borough Council our Ashgrove team was awarded equal first place and was given the trophy to share with Carnmoney PS. Well done!



Piano Results

Congratulations to all those pupils who recently sat their piano exams. The results were as follows:

Cameron Chisim - **Grade 1**

Clare Hillis – **Grade 1 with Merit**

Aisha Holmes was awarded 3rd place at the Larne Festival.