

## Ashgrove Primary School

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# Newsletter

June 2009

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

We will be sorry to say goodbye at our Primary 7 Leavers Assembly this Friday, but the class of 2009 is ready to move on. We wish them every future success and happiness.

**For the children in Primaries 1-6, the summer term will end at 12:30pm on Tuesday 30 June. There will be no dinners served that day.**

The autumn term will commence at 8:55am on Tuesday 1 September 2009. Special arrangements will be in place for our new Primary 1 children but everyone else will finish at 2:00pm that day. Normal times will commence on Wednesday 2 September – please see overleaf.

School meals will be available from Tuesday 1 September and will follow the enclosed menu. All money should be sent on the first day. A page of slips has also been enclosed for your convenience.

Until then ... stay safe, have fun and try to have a rest wherever you may be.

## Sports Day

Many thanks to all those who helped make this year's sports day such a success. It was surely one of the happiest, warmest and brightest sports days Ashgrove has ever had and the children played their part with all the usual fun and determination.

What a talented bunch of children we have!

## Questionnaire Results

Thanks for the record response to our annual questionnaire.

Your comments will be collated over the summer and discussed by the management team during the annual review and update of the school's development plan.

## Ballyclare May Fair - Tug of War

In only our second year of competing, Ashgrove won the tug-of-war competition last month. Three boys and three girls showed the crowd how it's done in the Six Mile Water Park during May Fair week in Ballyclare.

## Senior Supervisor

Best wishes go to Mrs Sheila Maginnis as she enters a well-earned retirement after over thirty years of service to the children of Ashgrove Primary School. May it be long, healthy and happy.

## Uniform

Please note that school uniform should not be worn on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

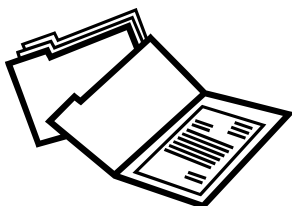


## Free School Meals

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 well as benefiting families **our budget receives additional funding for every child registered.** Please contact the NEELB for details at 028 2565 3333.

## Reports

Reports have now been put into envelopes in 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 up to the end of May 2009.

## Toys & Games

Please note that any child who chooses to bring a toy or game to school does so at his/her own risk.

## Hip Hop Friday

A big thank-you is due to Sarah McNeilly for helping us with Hip Hop Friday at the end of May. With lots of dancing and loud music this event was sponsored to almost £3000, enough to buy an interactive whiteboard for our children.

The prize for the largest amount went to Natasha Wilton (P2) who raised an amazing £84. Rebecca McCullough (P3) was awarded second place for bringing in £75. Thank you to all those who collected and who donated to our appeal.

## Family Fun Night

Many thanks to all those who supported our Family Fun Night by helping with games or stalls or behind the scenes. And a huge thank-you to all who turned up. It was a beautiful, warm evening and the party atmosphere made it one of our most successful to date. Well over £1000 profit was raised for PTA funds.

## School Grounds

Each summer the security monitoring company is alerted by our intruder alarm.

As each call-out 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 roundabout.

**PSNI: 028 9065 0222**

## Congratulations Chloe!

On Saturday 6 June, Chloe Edgar competed in the Northern Ireland Gymnastics Championships at level 4. She is now the Northern Ireland Champion on floor and asymmetrical bars. Well done Chloe!

## Classes for Next Year

2008 - 2009		2009 - 2010		
		Mrs McCoy	P1	Room 1
		Mrs Adair	P1	Room 2
Mrs McCoy	→	Mrs Copeland	P2	Room 6
Mrs Adair	→	Mrs McBride & Mrs Cartmill*	P2	Room 7
Mrs Copeland	→	Mrs Blair	P3	Room 8
Mrs Cartmill	→	Mrs Torrie & Mrs Kyle*	P3	Room 11
Mrs Torrie & Mrs Kyle	→	Mrs McAllister & Mrs Mannion*	P4	Room 4
Mrs Blair	→	Miss Wylie	P4	Room 5
Miss Wylie	→	Mrs Christie & Mrs Douglas*	P5	Room 10
Mrs McAllister & Mrs Mannion	→	Mrs Luney	P5	Room 9
Mrs Christie & Mrs Douglas	→	Mrs Quail & Mrs Kyle*	P6	Mobile 2a
Mrs Luney	→	Mr Morrow	P6	Mobile 2b
Miss Quail	→	Mr Graham	P7	Mobile 3
Mr Morrow	→	Mr Agnew	P7	Mobile 4

\*A letter explaining the job-share arrangements has been given to the children concerned.

Please note the finishing times for your child next year:

Years 1 and 2 finish at 2:00 pm  
(Until Hallowe'en, Year 1 children go home before lunch at 12:30 pm.)

Year 3 finishes at 2:00 pm on Monday and Thursday  
2:50 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 finish at 2:50 pm

## Final Thanks

Many thanks to all the members of our board of governors, to our whole-staff team, to the PTA, and to all parents, friends and children for making 2008/2009 another great year for Ashgrove Primary School.