

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Traffic Issues

Congestion on the Ashgrove Road remains the number one priority on our risk assessment.

Although support has been promised by PSNI and DoE, progress is slow. In the meantime, I would remind you of the need to drive and park carefully; to be on the lookout for children and to minimise the disruption to local residents, many of whom are elderly.

As a caring school with a strong sense of community I feel it is important for Ashgrove to be a good neighbour. Thanks.



Governors' Annual Report

The annual report from the Chairman of the Board of Governors will be available from 17 March. Please contact the school secretary, Mrs McDonald, if you would like a copy. Alternatively you may wish to view or download the report from our website.



Parent Interviews

Arrangements have now been made for the second round of parent-teacher interviews on Thursday 11 and Monday 15 March. If your child is in P1-P6 and you did not receive an invitation please contact your child's teacher.

Phonics Websites

Parents who attended the Primary 3 and 4 phonics meetings in January may find the following websites useful:

www.bbc.co.uk/education/wordsandpictures

www.communication4all.co.uk/HomePage.htm

Easter Holidays

Please note that term will end for children and staff at 12:30pm on Friday 26 March. School will re-open at the usual time on Monday 12 April. I hope you all have a safe, relaxing and happy break.

Thornton's Chocolate

On 25 March Thornton's Chocolate will be in school again. For £3.00 a child can buy an egg and decorate it with his or her name. We have also been given luxury chocolate eggs which are being raffled at 50p per ticket.



Fitness First

There's great excitement ahead of this year's visit from Fitness Freddie on Monday 15 March. PE kits may be worn to school instead of uniforms that day. All sponsor money should be sent to as soon as possible and by Friday 19 at the latest. Many thanks.

Well Done!

Congratulations to Kyle Bainbridge who was awarded first prize for his drawing of Belle and the Beast in the art competition organized to coincide with a performance of Beauty and the Beast by the Belfast Operatic Company at the Grand Opera House, Belfast from 24 – 28 March.



New Primary One Pupils

I have received a number of late applications for next year's Primary One.

If you know of any parents wishing to start their children in Ashgrove next year, please encourage them to contact our secretary, Mrs McDonald, or myself as soon as possibly.

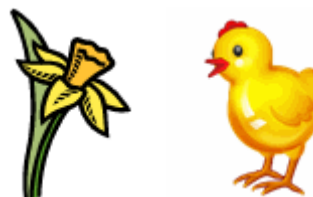
Ski Trip

Good luck to all those Ashgrove pupils, staff and registered volunteers heading off to the ski slopes of Ehrwald in Austria on 20 March.

This will be an experience to remember.

Tuesday 16 March

Easter Special



Chicken Burger in Bap
Spaghetti Hoops
Diced Potatoes

Bird's Nest

Strawberry Milkshake

Water, Fruit, Bread, Milk & Yoghurt
also available

The correct money for all the week's meals should be sent on Monday 15 March with the usual order slip.