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Newsletter

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Internet Safety

During the evening of Tuesday 8 March Constable Herron outlined some of the many dangers that children can face when using the internet. He offered practical advice on how best to ensure the children's safety and happiness on-line. Many thanks to Constable Herron and to the PTA for providing a cup of tea.



Look out for the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre's logo on sites that your children use. Buttons like that illustrated above allow parents and children to report unsuitable content or unacceptable online behaviour.

Desks for Kilifi

A recent email from The Basi School in Kilifi has confirmed that some of the money raised by Ashgrove will be used to buy desks for all the classes. At present the majority of children sit on the floor to work, with the few desks they have being taken by the first children to arrive each morning.

After-School Clubs

As the afternoons become warmer and brighter, the number of children attending after-school clubs decreases. Clubs will, therefore, stop for the year on Friday 1 April. This does **not** apply to the Breakfast Club, Le Club Français or the 2-3 Club, all of which will continue right up to the end of term and start again on the first week back.

Thorntons

It has become a tradition for Thorntons to bring chocolate Easter eggs to school and let the children decorate them just before the holiday. This year an egg will cost £3 and the event will take place during the morning of 19 April – the last day of term. With a chance of winning other Thorntons items, raffle tickets will be available for 50p.

Fitness Freddie

Once again we have arranged for Fitness Freddie to lead a day of dance and exercise in school. Always popular with the children it is also a great way to raise funds. Please support us as best you can.

PE kits may be worn to school instead of uniforms that day – 8 April. All sponsor money should be sent to school as soon as possible and by Friday 15 April at the latest. Many thanks.

Elections

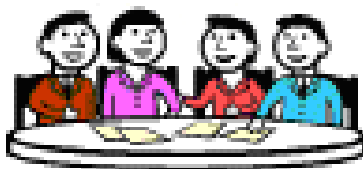
Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday 5 May when the premises will be used as a polling station.

School Council

Ashgrove will soon be holding its own election day to elect a new school council. Started last year, this process provides more formal opportunities for children to contribute to school life and to think about the principles of democracy.

Once again we will explain ideas such as voting, representation and committee work and hold class elections to reflect life in the outside world.

We will, of course, avoid party politics and remain age-appropriate.



Football

In an exciting end-of-the-week football match Ashgrove beat St James Primary School 4-3. The goal scorers were James Wylie (2), Charlie Taylor (1) and Callum Hoy (1), whose dramatic late header secured the victory for Ashgrove in extra time.



Fancy A Dander?

With traffic problems persisting, I would ask you to consider finding a safe route for your children to walk to school. **How about dropping older children off on the Burnthill Road where there is space to stop and letting them walk round to the patrolman outside school?**

Residential Visits

Visits to the Northern Ireland Scout Centre at Crawfordsburn and to Scotland are coming up fast. Let's hope the children get good weather to add to the fun and make these trips something to remember for a long time.

Ladybird Book Tokens

Thanks to everyone who supported us with the Ladybird Book token appeal. We've now been able to order a good selection of books for the library.



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