

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Football Tournament

Good News! Our school team won the Newtownabbey PSNI Shield in a recent tournament held in the University of Ulster. The shield, which can be viewed in our main entrance, was presented in assembly by Inspector Blain, Constable Weir, and Steven Livingstone.

Ice-Lollies

Once again this summer ice-lollies may be bought after all meals have been served. They must be eaten in the canteen (no they can't be taken home!) and, with the last one being sold five minutes ahead of time, they must be finished by the end of lunchtime.

Netball

The girls netball team enjoyed a great morning when they reached the semi-finals of the recent Newtownabbey Primary Schools Tournament. Again the University of Ulster was host.

Sports Day

Let's hope the April weather that we all enjoyed returns for our Sports Day, which is to be held on 5th June. More details will be given closer to the time but, as usual, Key Stage 1 will be held in the morning and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. Please encourage your child to be a good sport and to do his or her very best. It's planned as a fun day for all.

PTA Treasure Hunt

Don't forget the annual Treasure Hunt this Friday – 18 May. Tickets cost £5 per car including supper. The first cars will leave around 7pm, with all sheets being returned by 8:30pm for marking during supper. Prizes will be presented at the close of the evening – around 9pm.

Guitar and Piano

Our tutors are now looking for new students to enrol for Monday afternoon or evening lessons next year. Please contact the school secretary for details.

I am delighted that after years of asking, the school has now been fitted with access ramps and an additional emergency exit from the assembly hall. My thanks to NEELB.

Medicines

Could I please remind you that any medication which is to be taken in school should be accompanied by a signed form detailing the dosage and prescription. Forms are available from the office. To put our minds at ease I would ask you to include homeopathic remedies.

Booster Seats

With new legislation now in force in relation to seat belts and booster seats, can I again appeal for a donation from anyone with a booster seat that they no longer require.

K'Nex Challenge

Thanks to Aisha Holmes, Christopher Torrens, Ellen Trimble and Andrew Martin who represented the school in the Sentinus Primary School Knex Challenge – always a fun event!

P6 Trip To Scotland

My thanks to all staff, children and parents for making this year's Primary 6 trip to Glasgow and Edinburgh such a success.

24 Game

Many thanks also to Aisha Holmes and Kelly Lowry who represented Ashgrove in the mathematical speed game "24" in the Antrim Board Centre last month.

Spring Cleaning

If you are having a good clear-out this spring, instead of throwing everything out why not see if there is anything that could be of use to us. We are currently putting together outdoor play boxes for the younger children and if you have any of the following that you no longer require we would be grateful if you would send them to your child's teacher or contact Mrs McBride directly:

Children's raincoats	Hard Hats	Beach Balls
Children's Wellingtons	Measuring Tapes	Beach Towels
Children's umbrellas	Clipboards	Beachmats
Winter Hats	Toy Watering Cans	Sunglasses
Scarves	Paintbrushes and Rollers	Sun Hats
Gloves	Windmills	Buckets and Spades
Goggles	Windchimes	Kites

Absence Notes

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

School Closures 2007/2008

Christmas Term

start back	Thursday 30 August 2007
half-term holiday	31 October - 2 November 2007
start back	Monday 5 November 2007
Christmas holiday	24 December 2007 - 4 January 2008

Easter Term

start back	Monday 7 January 2008
half-term holiday	15 - 19 February 2008
start back	Wednesday 20 February 2008
Easter Holiday	21 March - 4 April 2008

Summer Term

start back	Monday 7 April 2008
May Day holiday	5 May 2008
start back	Tuesday 6 May 2008
last day of term	30 June 2008

Teacher Training (Baker Days) (4 days to be arranged for August 2008)
(one flexible day in July/August 2008)

Teacher Training (Exceptional Closures) (to be arranged)