

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Swine Flu

A number of additional measures have been taken in school to reduce the risks of swine flu and to deal with any emergency that might occur.

I would be grateful if you would support us in a number of ways:

- Ensuring that the enclosed contact information is updated and returned immediately;
- Supplying your child/children with disposable tissues;
- Reminding children about the need for hygiene through the motto "Catch it! Kill it! Bin it!";
- Familiarising yourselves with the leaflet "Important Information About Swine Flu" issued to all homes by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS).

Ballyclare May Fair - Tug of War

Once again we have entered a tug-of-war team in the Ballyclare May Fair. If you happen to be near the Six Mile Water Park during the afternoon of Wednesday 20 May come along and give us a cheer.

Ballyclare Lions Club

The previous principal of Ashgrove, Mr Robert Ferris, has organised a collection of old glasses that might be reconditioned and sent to developing countries. If you have any glasses that you can donate please send them to the office. Thanks.



Hip Hop Friday

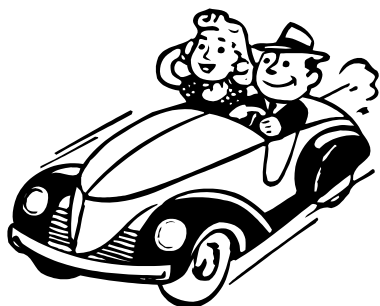
Over the last two years we have invested in a number of interactive whiteboards for our classes. These are superb resources with all the potential of the best C21st technology but they are expensive at £3000 each. In order to raise money towards their purchase 29 May will be Hip Hop Friday. Please do whatever you can to make this day a great success. There will be a prize for the pupil who raises the most money.



Sports Day

Weather permitting, our sports day will be held on 2 June, with Primaries 1 – 4 in the morning and the senior classes after lunch. I hope you will be able to join us and encourage all of our children. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

PTA Dates for your Diary



Don't forget to join us for our annual Treasure Hunt on Fri 29 May followed by the Family Fun Night on 11 June.

School Closures

Don't forget that school will be closed for pupils on:

21 & 22 May (Teacher Training)

25 May (Bank Holiday)

4 June (European Election)

Primary 7 pupils will finish the term at noon on Friday 26 June, following the leavers' assembly. All other classes will continue until 12:30 on Tuesday 30 June.

Early Arrivals

Please note **that no child should enter any part of the school grounds unaccompanied before 8:40am** as this is the time when staff supervision becomes available. Thanks.

Residential Trips

Seventy-five children have now returned safely from residential visits in the last two weeks. Twenty-nine participated in team-building and personal challenges at the NI Scout Centre in Crawfordsburn and forty-five more were given a trip to remember in Northumberland, visiting sporting, historical, scientific and various cultural attractions. As usual, the supervising adults were proud of the children whose behaviour was exemplary and prompted compliments wherever the children went. Well done everybody.

Questionnaire

Once again I would invite you to tell us how we can raise our standards in Ashgrove and meet your needs and the needs of your children. Feel free to contribute to our audit and development plan by completing the questionnaire at the back of this newsletter and returning it to school by mid-June.

Year 1 and Year 5 successfully introduced the revised curriculum during 2007/2008. Year 2 and Year 6 did likewise this year and with training almost completed for Years 3, 4 and 7 2009/2010 should be another good year. Information about this new curriculum is available by clicking on the curriculum tab at: www.ccea.org.uk