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Newsletter

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Harvest Services

You are cordially invited to attend one of our annual harvest services, both of which will be held on Tuesday 25 October. To accommodate as many visitors as possible we are continuing our tradition of two services, one at 9:30am and a second at 11:15am.

The North Eastern Education and Library Board plans to provide an additional emergency exit for our assembly hall. In the meantime we have to limit tickets to **one** per family in order to meet health and safety advice from the Northern Ireland Fire Authority.

Siblings will be kept together and you will be informed about which service your child/ren will attend. If you are able to join us, please contact Mrs McDonald, the school secretary, for a ticket. The children will be told which services they will attend.



Parent Interviews

In order to facilitate parent/teacher interviews, the children will leave school at 1:00pm on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 October. The children's teachers will provide the time of each interview, with special educational needs interviews being arranged on request. There will be no clubs during that week. Clubs will recommence on 7 November.

Dogs

For health and safety reasons dogs are no longer permitted into any part of the school grounds or building. I would greatly appreciate your co-operation with this matter. In order to save the person any embarrassment Please inform any childminder, friend or relation to whom this might apply.

Barnardo's Harvest Appeal

We want this year's appeal to be our most successful yet. The children have been told not to collect door-to-door, but please encourage them to obtain sponsorship from friends and family.

School Fund

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the school fund. Your generosity has allowed us to provide transport for educational visits and a number of valuable resources.

It has been a tradition for many years to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £10 per family. If you have not already done so and would like to contribute, cheques may be made out to Ashgrove Primary School. If you prefer, please send cash in a labelled envelope. Many thanks.

Parent Teacher Association

One of the major events of the school year, the Christmas Fair, will be held on Thursday 1 December.

As part of the fair we will be organising a ballot with lots of prizes. Anyone wishing to donate an item or who knows of any company that would like to donate a prize should contact Mr Graham.

More details of the event will be sent closer to the time.

Children's Disco

A disco will be held for the children on Thursday 27 October:

P1 – P3 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm
P4 – P7 from 7.45pm to 9.00pm

Tickets are available from Mr Graham, cost 75p. Fancy dress is optional.

Half-Term Holiday

The school will be closed for mid-term break on Monday 31 October and Tuesday 1 November. We will re-open on Wednesday 2 November.

Transfer Tests

This year's Primary 7 transfer tests will be held on Friday 11 November and Friday 25 November.

Those children sitting the tests should be in school for 9.30am.

All other children will start at 11.10am.

Football

With the season well under way now, the school football team has played three matches recently:

Ashgrove **1:6** **King's Park**
(Sandy McDermott)

Ashgrove **2:0** **Rathcoole**
(Sandy McDermott, Glenn Hamill)

Ashgrove **0:0** **Whitehouse**

Tesco Sport Tokens

The green tokens have been pouring in for Tesco's latest promotion!

With a chance to win sports equipment and training sessions for the school, please continue to send in any tokens that you can to help us hit our target of 20,000.