

## Ashgrove Primary School

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# Newsletter

October 2006

### Football Results

Ashgrove has had a great start to the football season, with our boys scoring eleven goals in two matches. The results and goal-scorers were:

#### **Ashgrove PS 5 : 0 Rathcoole PS**

N Campbell (1), D Courtney (1), J Brownlee (1), B Shields (1) and C Cullen (1)

#### **Ashgrove PS 6 : 0 King's Park PS**

N Campbell (3), J Brownlee (2), G Hamill (1)

Well done to the goalkeeper for keeping two clean sheets.

### Harvest

Our harvest thanksgiving assemblies will be held at 9:30am and 11:15am on Tuesday 24 October. Parents and friends are very welcome.

Details of available tickets and those classes participating in each service will appear in a separate letter.

Keep sending in your donations of flowers, fruit and vegetables – please!

### Absence Notes

It is important that you send in a note explaining any absence from school. These are kept on file and made available to the education welfare officer.

### Traffic

The PSNI Traffic Branch has received a number of complaints about parking around the school. I would be grateful if you would be sensitive to the safety of the children, the needs of our neighbours and the official road markings.

Only staff cars, delivery vehicles and disabled drivers are permitted inside the grounds.

### Free Books for Schools

Please look out for the special Belfast Telegraph tokens on Wednesday 18 October and send them into school.

We are keen to claim our free sets of children's classics.

## PTA News

### **Seasonal Disco**

Thursday 26 October

Primary 1-3 : 6:30 - 7:30pm

Primary 4-7 : 7:45 - 9:00pm

Tickets cost £1 and are available from Mr Graham or the school secretary. Fancy dress is optional.

### **Healthy Eating Talk & Demonstration**

7pm, Wednesday 15 November

### **Christmas Fair**

Any parent who knows of any company, business or individual that would be prepared to contribute a prize for the Grand Draw at this year's fair should contact Mr Graham as soon as possible. All donations will be gratefully received.

## Early Mornings

Please note that children should not be in the school grounds or premises before 8:40am, when supervision begins. The only exception to this is children who wish to use the 8:30am healthy breakfast service at the beginning of each month.

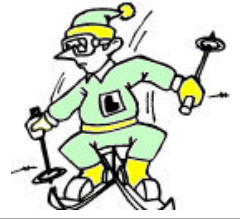
## Maggie's Fun & Fitness

An aerobics fitness club has met in Ashgrove Primary School for many years. This year's sessions are between the usual times of 7:30pm and 8:30pm, each Monday night.

The activities are suitable for all levels and both men and women are welcome.

## Ski Trip Meeting

An information meeting will be held for pupils and parents in the school at 7pm on Thursday 2 November.



## Ears and Noses!

Please remind your children of the dangers of putting objects in their ears and noses. In the last week two of our children required hospital attention. The culprits were a rubber and a "stick-on earring".

## School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 2 November to take individual photographs, group photographs and family portraits.

Parents and younger children should queue outside the assembly hall from 9am. Other family members will be brought out of class as necessary.

## Cheque Point

Please note that cheques written as payment for school meals should be made out to NEELB and have the card number and school name written on the back.

Other cheques should be made out to Ashgrove Primary School and have the card number on the back.

## NI Children's Hospice

Many thanks for your support of this year's charity appeal. We hope to beat last year's record with the usual Ashgrove generosity, so please keep the money pouring in.

Please remind your children which neighbours, relatives and friends you are happy to be asked. We tell the children not to collect door-to-door.



## Student Support Centre

You will soon receive a flyer from the Student Support Centre. I would be grateful if you would return the reply slip, even if you are not interested. The company will make a donation to the school if there is a high return.

## Healthy Breakfasts

Our next healthy breakfasts will be available on 1, 2 and 3 November. Many thanks to the kitchen staff for providing this service once again.



## Half-Term Holiday - Reminder

Please remember that because of a teacher training day and two days holiday the children should not attend school on Friday 27 October, Monday 30 October or Tuesday 31 October.

Our normal finishing times apply on Thursday 26 October but the start of the children's holiday is marked with the PTA disco. (Details are given above)

## Polite Reminder!

First thing in the morning teachers are busy getting organised for class and welcoming their children. Where possible, please allow the children to come in by themselves or, if it is necessary to have a longer conversation, an appointment can be made. Thanks.

## Transfer Tests

Advance notice: the transfer tests will be held on 10 and 24 November. Only those children sitting the tests should be in school before 11:10.

## School Fund

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the school fund. 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.