

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see everyone again at the beginning of another school year and on behalf of the Ashgrove community I would extend a warm welcome to our new children, parents and friends. The partnership between home and school is vital so together let's make 2005/2006 the best year yet for the care and education of our children.

Security

One of the major strengths of Ashgrove Primary School is the good relationship that exists between parents and staff. This partnership is based on easy access and regular two-way communication. It is important that this continues. As supportive parents you will also understand the need for security. In order to improve the safety of children and staff, I would remind you to report to reception upon first entering the main school or before visiting the mobiles.

Home Time Traffic

Traffic continues to be a problem during the day. For reasons of safety and to avoid congestion I would ask that all but staff cars remain outside the gates. Children are led to the zebra crossing and dismissed in classes.

Dogs

For health and safety reasons dogs can no longer be permitted into any part of the school grounds or building.

School Fund

It has been a tradition for many years to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £10 per family. With the current funding crisis in education this is more important than ever. The money allows us to provide the children with a broader and fuller range of experiences than most primary schools. Recently funds have contributed to the purchase of art materials, transport for sports fixtures and additional teaching materials. Cheques may be made out to Ashgrove Primary School General Purpose Fund. If you prefer, please send cash in a labelled envelope. Many thanks.

Peanut Allergy

With one of our children suffering from a severe peanut allergy we must ask that no items containing nuts or nut traces be sent to school. Thanks.

Inspection Report

A very positive report on the inspection carried out in May 2005 has now been issued. In the report the inspectors have confirmed that they were pleased with their findings. Your copy is enclosed.

Uniform

Many thanks for your support with uniforms and PE kits. Please label each item to prevent confusion. While we no longer insist on children wearing black plimsoles indoors, it is important that they have a change of footwear for PE in the hall. This reduces the possibility of slipping or falling on mud or stones carried indoors. Black school shoes are fine during the rest of the day.

We would encourage children to wear coats in cold weather.

Any unclaimed lost property from last year will be disposed of in mid-September. All items have now been shown to the children.

Punctuality

The school bell rings at 8:55am every morning, letting the children settle into their classes by 9:00am. Any child arriving after 9:15am must officially be recorded as late, which can affect their attendance percentage. I would appreciate your support with getting the children into school on time.

After School Clubs

Clubs will begin for children in P4 – P7 during the week beginning Monday 26 September. (Details will follow.)

School Closures 2005/2006

Christmas Term	start back half-term holiday start back Christmas holiday	Wednesday 31 August 2005 31 October - 1 November 2005 Wednesday 2 November 2005 22 December 2005 - 4 January 2005
Easter Term	start back half-term holiday start back Easter Holiday	Thursday 5 January 2006 20 February - 24 February 2006 Monday 27 February 2006 10 April – 21 April 2006
Summer Term	start back May Day holiday start back last day of term	Monday 24 April 2006 1 May 2006 Tuesday 2 May 2006 30 June 2006
Teacher Training	(Exceptional Closures)	(four days to be arranged)

Reminder of Times for P3

P3 finishes at 2:00pm every Monday and Thursday and at 2:50pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. I apologise for any confusion at the beginning of the year.

School Meals

Those children from Primary 2 who choose to use the canteen this year will continue to be provided with a set meal at a cost of £2.10. Please send the exact money for the week's meals on a Monday.

Primary 3 children are welcome to use the cafeteria system along with those children from Primaries 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rather than pay for a set meal the children should bring money and choose from the wide range on offer. Some items change from day to day but there is always a good supply of healthy options, core favourites and new ideas. A list of the items provided regularly and their prices is included with this newsletter. Please talk to your child about the choices you are happy with.

Cafeteria Prices

<u>Bakery Goods</u>	Price	<u>Beverages</u>	Price
Gravy Ring	£0.40	Milk Cartons	£0.35
Biscuit Plain	£0.24	Milk Flavoured	£0.38
Biscuit Iced	£0.27	Five Alive	£0.50
Traybakes	£0.30	Fruice	£0.50
Meringue	£0.35	Mineral Water 330ml	£0.45
Chocolate Éclair 3"	£0.40	Orange / Apple Juice	£0.40
Chocolate Chip Cookie	£0.40	Flavoured Water	£0.45
Mini Chocolate Muffin	£0.40	Springclear 330ml	£0.45
Mini Jam Doughnut	£0.35	Cool Pops 330ml	£0.45
Butterfly Bun	£0.27	Orange Squash	£0.13
Scone 2" Jam & Butter	£0.27		
Top Hat	£0.18	<u>Ice Cream</u>	
Iced Finger	£0.38	Choc Ice	£0.28
Cheese & Crackers	£0.43	Plain Wrapped Ice Cream	£0.26
Iced Finger Cream & Jam	£0.45	Ice Lollies	£0.30
Cream Crackers	£0.22	Frozen Yoghurt	£0.30
		Plain Tubs Vanilla	£0.35
		Muller Fresh Choice 100g	£0.34
		Yoghurt Spelga	£0.38

Cafeteria Prices Cont.

	Price		Price
Roast Dinner Special	£1.70	<u>Miscellaneous Items</u>	
<u>Pies</u>		Irish Stew	£1.35
Chicken	£1.05	Chicken Nuggets (Each)	£0.20
Cottage Pie	£1.05	Fish in Batter	£1.26
Mince Steak	£1.05	Chicken Drumstick	£1.05
<u>Rice Pasta Dishes</u>		Fish Fingers	£0.90
Chicken Curry	£1.35	Sea Star	£0.37
Beef / Chicken Curry & Rice	£1.35	Jimmy the Fish	£0.57
Chicken Fried Rice	£1.35	Turkey Drummer	£0.68
Sweet & Sour Pork / Chicken & Rice	£1.35	2oz Chicken Dipper	£0.57
Lasagne	£1.35	1/2 Filled Pitta Pocket	£0.74
Spaghetti Bolognese	£1.35	Filled Medium Vol-au-Vent	£0.47
Chicken & Pasta Bake	£1.35	Scrambled Egg	£0.30
<u>Snack Items</u>		Curry Sauce	£0.45
Soup Homemade	£0.60	Gravy	£0.16
Stuffed Bacon Roll	£0.57	Breaded Fish - 3ozs - 4ozs	£1.26
Scotch Egg (1/2 Egg)	£0.50	<u>Potatoes & Vegetables</u>	
Pizza 5"	£0.80	Boiled & Creamed Potatoes	£0.32
Chicken Burger in Bap	£1.16	Baked Potato Plain 6-8oz	£0.58
Hamburger	£1.10	Baked Potato with Filling	£0.89
Salad Burger	£1.16	Chipped Potatoes	£0.90
Cheese Burger	£1.16	Saute Potato	£1.00
Hot Dog - 26 - 1kg	£0.84	Baked Beans	£0.33
Sausage Roll (Medium)	£0.50	French Fried Onion Rings (4)	£0.33
Sausage - 26 - 1kg	£0.43	All other vegetables	£0.33
Pastie	£0.68	Side Salad	£0.47
Sandwiches per pack from	£1.37	Coleslaw 1oz	£0.37
Toasted Sandwiches from	£1.42	4oz Roast Potato	£0.47
Open Sandwich	£1.13	4oz Savoury Diced / Garlic Fries	£1.16
Garlic Bread Slice	£0.35	4 Mini Potato Waffles / 1 Large	£0.44
Plain Roll (Round Bap)	£0.42	4 Potato Smiles	£0.44
Wheaten Bread	£0.35	1oz Cheese	£0.44
Toast	£0.20	Long Grain Rice 2ozs	£0.42
Beans / Spaghetti on Toast	£0.52	<u>Hot & Cold Desserts</u>	
Cheese on Toast	£0.58	Fruit Tart & Custard	£0.62
Slice of Bacon	£0.28	Sponge (Assorted) & Custard	£0.62
Chick in Jungle	£0.68	Fresh Fruit	
Turkey Dinosaur	£0.68	Jelly	£0.26
Chicken Burger	£0.74	Meringue Nest	£0.62
Beefburger	£0.68	Custard	£0.29
Porkburger	£0.68	Milk Pudding & Fruit	£0.61
Mini Pizza	£0.57	Mousse	£0.37
Battered Sausage	£0.68		
Vegetable Burger	£0.68		