

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 2009/2010 the best year yet for the care and education of our children.

School Uniform

Many thanks for your help with uniforms; especially for the support you have shown for black shoes, which make all the difference. Uniform ensures that all children are seen as equal, it contributes to a working atmosphere and of course it is a reminder to the wider community of Ashgrove's good reputation, but it is only with your help that the children come to school looking so well. This is very much appreciated.

Please check that each item is labelled!

Northern Ireland Curriculum

This year will see the introduction of the revised Northern Ireland Curriculum to Years 3, 4 and 7. This will conclude the phased introduction, but it will not end the hard work that my staff put into curriculum development as raising standards remains a priority for all of us.

Nut Allergy

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

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 27 October. More information will be sent closer to the time.

School Crossing Patrol

The crossing at the Burnthill and Carnmoney Roads remains unmanned. Please contact school or Brian Crossett in County Hall at 2565 3333 if you know of anyone who might help out. In the meantime all children and parents should take great care at this junction.

Old Mobile Phones

In order to raise money for Meningitis Research Foundation and to earn library books, sports equipment or craft materials for school, please send us any old mobile phones you might have. Don't forget to remove any personal details!

Notes to Parents

Keep checking your child's bags for notes. Whenever possible these will be sent on Mondays and Thursdays.

You should have received up-to-date information about swine-flu last week: if not, please contact school.

I would also request that parents look over homework and sign the appropriate books/reading cards.



Security

In order to maintain the security and safety of our children I would remind you to report to reception upon entering school premises. A member of staff will deliver any item or message as necessary, or find the person you need to meet. This routine should also be followed for the mobile classrooms and playgrounds. Thanks.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, all dental and medical appointments should be made outside school hours.

School Meals

Whether paying or entitled to free meals, why not take advantage of our canteen with a main course, a dessert, milk, fruit and bread, all for £2.20?

Money for dinners should be sent to school on Mondays (only Mondays, with the correct money please!) This should be accompanied with a slip to indicate when the meals are required.

Italian Special

Tuesday 15 September

(details on separate sheet)

Pay on Monday with the other dinners.

Being on the free meals register does not commit your child to school meals every day but I would encourage you to apply if you think you are eligible. As well as benefiting families, the school budget receives additional funding for every child registered. Contact school or NEELB at 028 2565 3333.

School Closures

The dates of all holidays and training days are attached at the back of this newsletter.

Road Safety

I would be grateful if you would please remind all childminders, grandparents and friends that no vehicles should be brought into the school grounds other than by staff and delivery personnel.

