

Ashgrove Primary School

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Newsletter

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Welcome Back!



It has been great 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 all work together to make 2011/2012 another good year for 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!

Notes to Parents

Please keep checking your child's bags for notes. Whenever possible these will be sent on Mondays and Thursdays. I would also request that parents look over homework and sign the appropriate books/reading cards.

Nut Allergy

With a number of our children suffering from severe nut allergies I would remind you that **no items containing nuts or nut traces should be sent to school.**



School Closures

The dates of all holidays and training days are attached to the back of this newsletter. Please retain this sheet for future reference.

Photographs

Remember - the photographer will be in school on Thursday 15 September to take pictures of individuals and family groups.

Contributions to School Fund

With the backing of parents responding to June's questionnaire we have asked each family to contribute £20 to school funds. Please send your contribution in an envelope marked for the attention of the teacher, secretary or principal. All money goes towards learning resources or the improvement of the school grounds.

Cash for Clobber

Thanks for supporting this eco-friendly way of raising funds for school. In case you haven't noticed, the large, green clothing bank is situated near the P1 door.

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. This routine should also be followed for the mobile classrooms and playgrounds.

Medical Matters

Where possible, all dental and medical appointments should be made outside school hours. If you wish your child to carry medication for personal use (eg an inhaler), or if you would like a member of staff to assist with medication, please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements and to complete the form.



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.

The DRD is currently working with the school to improve the safety of our children on the Ashgrove Road and we need to do our bit. I would be grateful for your co-operation in a number of ways:

Please do not stop or park on the double yellow lines or zig-zags;

Please respect our neighbours and leave access to driveways clear;

Consider the possibility of your child walking to school from home or from a safe drop-off point farther down the hill or round the corner on the Burnthill Road.



Mobile Phones

Many parents like their children to carry a mobile phone for security and contact on the way home. If you permit your child to bring a mobile phone to school please remind him/her that it must be switched off between 8:55am and 2:50pm.

Free Eye Tests for Children

Perhaps the beginning of the school year is a good time to have your child/ren's sight checked. Eye tests are free for all children under the age of sixteen.

Parent Teacher Association

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will be held in the school canteen at 7pm on Monday 26 September.

Whether you have been involved before or have had no previous experience of the PTA why not make 2011-2012 a year of fun, fund-raising and support for the children as part of this lively group of parents?

Pastoral Care Policies

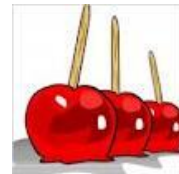
Hard copies of our pastoral care policies are distributed to parents every two years. If you want information about these or any other policies before next year they can be accessed from our website www.ashgroveprimary.com or upon request from the school secretary.

Many thanks to those of you who have advised us of changes in contact or medical details. In November we will send copies of all such information to each family for confirmation.

News from the Kitchen

Menu

I have attached a copy of this month's menu and the usual sheet of dinner money slips. Please remember that dinner money should only be sent on the first day of a school week.



Candy Apples

Once again the kitchen will be selling chocolate and candy apples at lunch-time coming up to half-term. Within our healthy-eating policy these are seen as a seasonal treat. They will cost 50p each.

Free Meals

It seems that a number of those children who are entitled to free meals bring lunches to school. Any child can have dinner every day or on those occasions when it suits the family not to make lunches...or on those days when a favourite is being served.

Breakfast Club & 2-3 Club

The Breakfast Club is up and running again for all our children. £1 buys toast, fruit juice and cereal from 8am until school opens its doors at 8:40am. Those already in the canteen at 8:40am will be expected to finish their meal and be ready for class by the normal starting time of 8:55am. Admission to the breakfast club is via the white door at the rear of the school – walking clockwise round the school from the Primary One entrance, past the kitchen and boiler-house, this door can be found just before reaching the back door to the school.

The 2-3 Club has also started again. The daily charge remains at £2, with the week's total due on the first day of attendance in the week. Refunds are not given. Those children attending the club should be collected at the white door at the rear of the school at 2:50pm. For child protection reasons children cannot be accompanied by non-pupils.

North Eastern Education & Library Board
Ashgrove Primary School Meals Kitchen

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday	<p>pizza, salad, chips/baked potato or salad wrap, chips/baked potato</p> <p>mousse & fruit</p>	<p>chicken nuggets, baked beans, chips/creamed potatoes or tuna salad roll & chips/creamed potatoes</p> <p>fruit flan & custard</p>	<p>sausages, beans, chips, salad or salad, cheese wraps, chips/baked potato</p> <p>creamed rice & pineapple pieces</p>	<p>beef burger, beans, chips/salad/baked potato or egg salad filled roll, chips/baked potato</p> <p>fruit flan & custard</p>
Tuesday	<p>sausages, beans, creamed potatoes or savoury mince, broccoli, creamed potatoes</p> <p>strawberry milkshake, & flake-meal biscuit or fruit</p>	<p>lasagne, sweetcorn, peas, crusty bread or fish fingers, sweetcorn, peas, creamed potatoes</p> <p>ice cream & jelly, fruit, yoghurt</p>	<p>cottage pie, peas, gravy or chicken pasta bake, salad & crusty bread</p> <p>chocolate sponge & custard</p>	<p>shepherd's pie, mixed vegetables or baked potato filled with cheese or coleslaw, salad</p> <p>jelly whip, yoghurt or fresh fruit</p>
Wednesday	<p>roast gammon, diced turnip, creamed potatoes, roast potatoes, gravy</p> <p>creamed rice & peaches</p>	<p>roast pork, carrot & parsnip, roast potatoes, creamed potatoes, gravy</p> <p>swiss roll & custard</p>	<p>roast beef, turnip, roast potatoes, creamed potatoes, gravy</p> <p>jelly & ice cream or yoghurt</p>	<p>roast chicken, cabbage, roast potatoes, creamed potatoes</p> <p>pineapple sponge & custard</p>
Thursday	<p>chicken curry, rice, mixed vegetables, naan bread or chicken crumble, mixed vegetables, creamed potatoes</p> <p>chocolate sponge & custard</p>	<p>chicken curry, rice, carrots, naan bread or chicken casserole, carrots, creamed potatoes</p> <p>frozen mousse or yoghurt</p>	<p>chicken curry, rice, sweetcorn, naan bread or pizza, sweetcorn, potato wedges/boiled potato</p> <p>strawberry milkshake & cookie</p>	<p>chicken curry, rice, broccoli, naan bread or salmon, broccoli, creamed potatoes</p> <p>milkshake & flakemeal biscuit or fruit</p>
Friday	<p>fish fingers, peas, sweetcorn, creamed potatoes or pasta bolognese, peas, garlic bread</p> <p>fruit or yoghurt</p>	<p>savoury mince, broccoli, creamed potatoes or baked potato filled with tuna or cheese, salad</p> <p>yoghurt & fruit</p>	<p>brown stew, carrot sticks, crusty bread or whiting fish, peas, creamed potatoes</p> <p>mandarin flan & custard</p>	<p>sausages, peas, creamed potatoes or lasagne, potato wedges, salad, crusty bread</p> <p>ice cream or fresh fruit or yoghurt</p>

NB: Bread, milk, water & fresh fruit are served alongside every set meal.



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