
September Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2009

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Once again, welcome back to the 2009/2010 academic year at The Ashcroft School; it is good to see the many returning happy faces walking through the school gates. We warmly welcome our new families to the school and we look forward to another successful school year for all children. The grounds have seen some clean ups and repairs during the summer vacation, in particular the perimeter fencing and gates. The staff and management of the school strongly request that gates are securely closed behind you when entering and exiting the school. As the weeks progress, we will see the introduction of self closing mechanisms to all gates, however this will still require parents to close latches.

Playground Safety

Our Foundation Stage playground has seen the preparation work necessary to install a soft and resilient drop zone of 'Rubber Nuggets', under the main climbing structure. We are currently awaiting delivery and hope to see the structure open for use very soon. Please take a look at the Nuplay product featured on www.rubberific.com.



Extra Curricular Activities

Our ECA Programme (Clubs) for SK – Grade 5/6 will start up on Monday 21st September. All families will receive our information pack next week together with the usual sign up form. As usual, we strongly encourage that children take every opportunity to become involved in the Club sessions. We will also introduce a parent / toddler class, to be arranged.

Ashcroft's French Programme

Our French teacher Madame Josiane is currently unwell and following local doctor's advice, requires a repeat visit with a medical consultant in France. We all expect that she will be out of action for about a month. I will of course keep all parents up to date on her return. Our French programme will see a temporary resolution that will be very ably taught by Mrs. Irene Danics and Ms. Julie Heller, who will share the teaching commitment, as follows. Ms. Heller, a French speaker, will utilise and adapt the programme to include French song, poetry, culture and the Arts. She will focus on French vocabulary and conversation skills in every day life. Mrs. Danics will develop a Literacy based project focusing on French Culture across the globe and both ladies will plan together. I am extremely confident that this temporary programme will offer children an enjoyable and meaningful experience of the French class.

We thank you all in advance for your support with our French Programme over the next 4 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. David O'Connell, Principal