

Antonine Primary School

Sep/Oct 2023

Headteacher: Mrs. J McLaughlin

Welcome to the Sep/Oct Newsletter.



It's been a good few weeks back and the school is now firmly back into the routines. We have planned new opportunities for the children and the community to engage with the school this coming year. All dates that are relevant are at the end of the newsletter. The weather has been [brilliant](#) which has meant that we have had an extended period of play on the grass which is unusual but welcomed by the children.

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Antonine PS - Senior Leadership Team Remits

Headteacher	Mrs McLaughlin	P3, P4, P5
Depute Headteacher	Mrs Casey	ELC, P6 and both P7s
Principal Teacher	Mrs McFarlane	P1, P2

We are more than happy to speak to families at any time. Please contact the relevant person above in the first instance to discuss anything with your child.

To make contact please email into the school email address or leave a message with staff in the office and we will get back to you.

The School Values, Vision and Aims

On returning to school all classes took part in lessons revisiting the school values and pupils worked together to create their own class charters. Class charters are the classes agreed rules and responsibilities for the year and the children are very much part of the discussion when these are being drawn up. The school values are for everyone to be **Respectful**, make others **Happy**, show **Resilience** and be **Nurturing** towards others.



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Our Vision
Dream, Believe, Achieve

At Antonine Primary School we aim to:

- 1 Provide a rich education that promotes lifelong learning.
- 2 Build a successful community that encourages inclusion for all.
- 3 Support and nurture all learners to achieve.

Respectful Happy Resilient Nurturing

School Support Worker

You will have noticed a poster sent out over the last two weeks highlighting the new School Support Worker – Lawrence Fletcher. Lawrence is in Antonine PS every Tuesday but available to be contacted at any time. He will be monitoring pupil attendance in school but also working alongside families to signpost and support. If Lawrence doesn't know the answer, he will find someone who does.

Lawrence.fletcher@falkirk.gov.uk



MacMillan Coffee Morning

This is one of our highlights and raises lots of funds for a very worthwhile charity. We would love to see you Friday 29th September for a refreshment and some calorie laden cakes. Children will also be able to get a juice and a cake too. There is a timetable made up which allows everyone to enjoy the day. Edible donations can be handed into the school, but we are also looking for raffle prizes too. Please hand in to the school office.

Time	Class
9.30am – 10am	Primary 1 , Primary 7D and Primary 7M
10am -10.30am	Primary 2 and Primary 5
10.50am – 11.20am	Primary 3 and Primary 4
11.20am – 11.50am	Primary 6
2pm – 2.30pm	Nursery

Halloween

We have planned to host the Halloween Disco on Tuesday 24th October. This will be in the evening as it allows families to make the decision on whether their child will attend or not. We know some children don't enjoy Halloween.

P1-3 will be 5.45 to 6.45pm

P4-7 will be 7.00-8.15pm

We will keep Halloween for the disco – we will not be dressing up or doing Halloween activities during the school day.

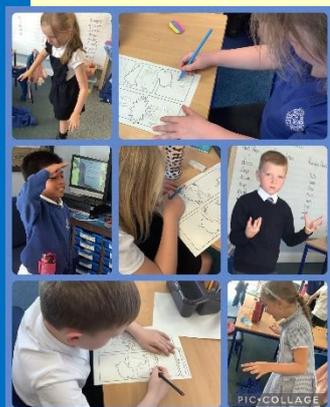
Parent Council Meeting

The first meeting of the new school year is on Monday 25th September at 7.00pm. I would encourage you to come along to hear from our new pupil House Captains about the work we will be focusing on this year in our School Improvement Plan. Parent Council meetings are also an opportunity for you to support the discussion on how fundraising money is spent on the children.

We are keen to continue to grow this team, the numbers have increased over the past year but the more support there is the better. This group plays a vital role in supporting the school and the children.

Parents Consultations

You will be able to speak to your child's teacher about their progress on Wednesday 8th or Thursday 23rd November. Emails will be sent out following the October holidays to ask you to book your appointment and will give you instructions on how to do this. The timing of this event will be from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.



Label everything please

Lost property is looking much better this year but we still have a number of jumpers and cardigans with no names. We have P7 prefects who are the Lost Property Managers – help them do their job well and please label all of your children's belongings.

P7 Tuck Shop

P7 pupils run their own Tuck Shop usually the Thursday prior to a school holiday. The money raised from the Tuck Shop pays for their P7 Hoodies. The first tuck shop of the year will be Thursday 5th October. Prices range from 20p to £1 and they carry lots of options for pupils. We do not allow younger children (P1-2) to eat their snack in school but encourage them to enjoy this treat after school, older children have absolutely no willpower and their snack disappears by the time they get back to class!

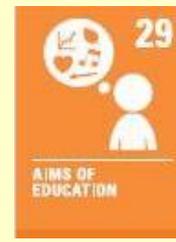
STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

The school is continuing its focus on developing STEM learning and teaching as well as STEM experiences for all pupils. This year following the October holiday the whole school is learning about Space. We are very excited for this project – we have never had a whole school focus like this previously. You will be able to see what the children have been learning on Wednesday 1st November during the Open Afternoon which will run from 1.45pm to 2.45pm.

As part of the STEM focus we will be working alongside Denny High School Stem Ambassadors and Forth Valley College to deliver STEM lessons in school.

Rights Respecting Schools

Over Term 1 children are learning about the following rights as part of their Health & Well-Being lessons.

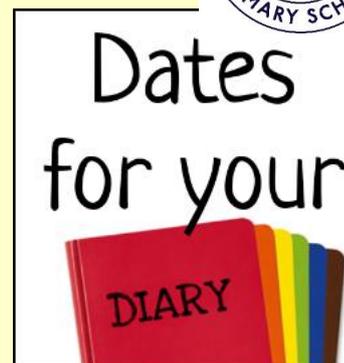


Communication

Our main means of communication is the newsletter and the school app – please check over carefully to ensure you are fully informed of news from school.

Twitter is used by classes to show some of what has been going on during the school day. No new information will be shared by Twitter.

You can phone or email at any time. If nobody answers the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



Term 1 - 2023

September

Monday 5 th	Tempest Photography for pupil photos
Monday 11 th	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Mon 18 th	Homefile Week – Home files home Fri
Tues 19 th	Tempest Photographs for individual and sibling photos
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th	Math's Week Scotland Activities in classes
Mon 25 th	Parent Council Meeting in school – 7.00pm
Fri 28 th	MacMillan Coffee/Cake Fundraiser – see timetable

October

Tues 3 rd	Harvest Assembly in Bonnybridge St Helens at 9.30am
Thurs 5 th	Tuck Shop in school
Friday 6 th	Last day of Term 1 – 3.00pm finish as normal
Mon 10 th to Fri 21 st	Holiday – School and ELC closed

Term 2 – 2023

Mon 23 rd to Fri 3 rd Nov	Whole school STEM focus - Space
Tues 24 th	Halloween Disco P1-3 – 5.45-6.45pm P4-7 7.00-8.15pm

November

Wed 1 st	STEM Open afternoon for all families 1.45-2.45pm
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Book Week Scotland activities in class
Wed 8 th	Parent's Consultations in school – 4.00-7.00pm
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th	Book Week Scotland and Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 20 th	Flu vaccinations for all pupils in school who have returned the consent forms
Thurs 23 rd	Parent's Consultations in school – 4.00-7.00pm
Fri 24 th	In-Service Day – School and ELC closed to pupils

December

Mon 4 th	Homefile Week – Home files home Fri
Fri 8 th	Homework and Reading stops
Wed 13 th	P1/2 Nativity for families – AM
Mon 18 th	P7M and P7D Christmas Party AM P6 and P5 Christmas Party PM
Tues 19 th	Christmas Service in Bonnybridge St Helens – 9.30am P1ME, P1Y and P2 Christmas Party PM
Wed 20 th	P3 and P4 Christmas Party PM
Wed 20 th	Tuck Shop in school
Thurs 21 st	Christmas Concert – afternoon and evening shows, more info to follow
Fri 22 nd	ELC Christmas Party AM School and ELC close at 1.30pm for the holidays