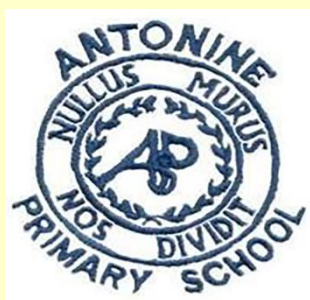


Antonine Primary School

January/February 2022

Headteacher: Mrs J McLaughlin



Happy New Year 2022

It's great to be back at school and we are excited for what this term will bring. The staff and children have come back ready to learn and have been working hard on new areas and activities already. There is a great atmosphere in school.

Mrs McLaughlin

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Rights Respecting Schools

We currently have a Bronze award for Rights Respecting Schools and this term we are putting together our evidence to work towards a "Silver" award. We have been teaching and sharing learning based on children's rights and this term we are focusing on "Our right to have an identity". We will be exploring our families and heritage.



Scottish Focus Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Scotland in our focus over the next few weeks. All classes will have a Scottish focus and will be learning some Scottish poetry. Two winners from each class will be chosen to share their poetry at the assembly in school. There will also be two art winners from each class to celebrate our Scottish Art designs. We will share this with you at home as part of the P7 Burns Supper.

P7 Burns Celebration

We hope to share a special celebration with you to showcase our P7 Burns Celebration this year. P7 are putting together a celebration of Scotland. This will be shared with all families in school online, we will send a video link by email and we will also be watching this as part of the Scotland assembly.

Pupil Consultations

The next set of parent's evenings will take place online or by telephone call again. This first will be at the end of Feb. We will send out the usual link to book an appointment. Look out for it at the end of January 2022.

P7 Transition

The transition to Denny HS is well under way. P7 pupils have already taken part in transition

activities online and in the classroom and have met key staff from Denny HS. Further visits to Antonine by Denny HS staff will take place over this term.

P6 Buddy Training

Transition for our youngest school new starts begins. P6 pupils have started their "Buddy Training Programme" and will be paired with ELC pupils. They will visit the ELC and play/read stories together over the next 6 months. This transition process is a great support and one that we find ensures a good transition into P1. The P6 buddies are very excited. One of them said "I have waited all my life for this".



Central Demolition

We received a very kind donation of £250 from Central Demolition. We have put this aside for a summer treat for the pupils. We will let you nearer the time what this will be.

Christmas Jumpers

The Christmas Jumper swap shop was a huge success. Thank you for supporting this. Please keep your jumpers and tops for next year or if you need them out of the house just hand into school and they will be stored.

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.



Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Warm Welcome Back

The children have all settled well into ELC life after the Christmas break. We are all so excited to be back and ready to learn new things and engage in new experiences. This week we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the ice and frost we found in and around the ELC garden. Please follow our Twitter page @antonineps to keep up to date with ELC news, including further information about our learning. Session times for this term continue to be from 8.45am to 2.45pm.



Staffing

We are delighted to share the news that Nicole gave birth to a baby girl in December 2021 and that both her and baby are doing well. Huge congratulations to Nicole and her family from everyone at Antonine ELC. We would also like to express a warm welcome to Abby, who has joined Antonine ELC to cover Nicole's maternity leave.

All children continue to have their own keyworker. Please see below for a quick reminder of group's allocated key workers:

Orange – Laura

Green – Abby

Purple – Violet

Yellow – Louise and Susan

Red – Laura Jane and Debbie

Outdoor Weather

We love to learn outdoors, regardless of the weather, so please ensure that all children come to ELC dressed appropriately for the weather with suitable footwear and a change of clothing. In addition to learning within our ELC garden, we also access our Fairy Garden and go on environmental walks around the local community.



What Matters to Me

At Antonine ELC, we take a holistic approach to a child's development, valuing each child as an individual. As a team, we gather information about what your child needs and what matters to them, ensuring our environment is always nurturing and supportive. Some of our families are due to review and update their child's What Matters to Me booklet. These will be sent home next week for you to update as required and return.

Can we please remind all families that they can email or call the ELC to update staff about any important changes as they occur? This is extremely beneficial in helping staff with supporting your child with any new experiences or situations.

Absence Procedure

Can we please ask all parents/carers to inform us if your child will be absent from ELC? This can be done via either email or telephone.

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Lost Property

At the end of term, we had a variety of children's items left in the cloakroom. Could we please ask that your child's name is on all of their belongings as this makes it easier for staff to return misplaced items? Thanks in advance.



Dates for your Diary

Term 3 – 2022

January

Wednesday 5th Jan

Back to school and ELC

Monday 10th Jan

Homework and Reading starts

Monday 24th Jan

Week beginning – P7 Burns Supper

Monday 31st Jan

Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 4th

February

Monday 7th to Friday 11th Feb

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th Feb

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 10th Feb

P7 Tuck Shop

Friday 11th Feb

School and ELC closed

Monday 14th Feb

School and ELC closed

Tuesday 15th Feb

In-Service Day – school and ELC closed to pupils

March

Wednesday 2nd Mar

Parents Consultations for school – online/telephone

Thursday 3rd Mar

World Book Day

Tuesday 8th Mar

Parents Consultations for school – online/telephone

Wednesday 9th Mar

Scholastic Book Fayre in school

Monday 21st March

Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 25th

Tues 22nd March

P7 Residential Trip to Broomlee until Friday 25th March

Monday 28th March

Easter Assembly

April

Friday 1st April

P7 Tuck Shop

Monday 4th Apr to Mon 18th Apr

Easter Holidays

Term 4

Monday 18th April

Holiday – Easter Monday

Tuesday 19th Apr

Back to School and ELC

Homework and Reading starts

May

Thursday 5th May

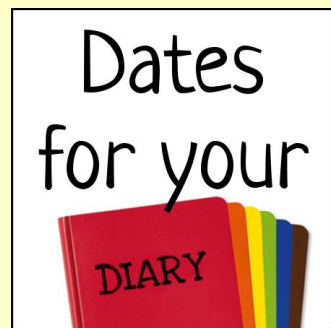
In-service day – School and ELC closed

Monday 16th May

Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 20th

Wednesday 25th May

ELC Sports Day



Thursday 26th May

P1-3 Sports Day

Friday 27th May

P4-7 Sports Day

June

Friday 16th June

Reports out to ELC and School Pupils

Monday 20th June

P1-6 Celebration of Achievement – AM

P7 Leavers Assembly – PM

Tuesday 21st June

ELC Graduation and Celebration AM

Meet my new teacher – PM

Friday 24th June

School and ELC close at 1.30pm.

