

Antonine Primary School

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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.

It's Term 4 – how did that happen?

There are quite a few school events happening over the next few weeks. All the dates are already in the app but there is a list of dates at the end of the newsletter to help you plan for everything coming up. We wouldn't want you to miss out!

Mrs J McLaughlin

A successful "Health Fortnight"

Last year when using a self-evaluation tool with the pupils they told us that they were keen to try new skills and sports in Health & Well-Being. Pupils also told staff that they didn't know as much about Mental Health and wanted to learn more. This focus then linked into the Rights Respecting Journey we are on as a school and "Health Fortnight" was imagined.

La2rence Fletcher, family support worker, managed to receive a successful bid of £1000 from Cash for Kids which we were able to use to fund the "Health Fortnight" experiences for the children and keep everything free.

Over the course of the two weeks, every single pupil in school took part in multiple workshops, skills-based learning and health activities all delivered from a very wide range of providers. Pupils were building resilience and challenging themselves.

Pupil and parent feedback has been extremely positive and there has been a positive impact on the children's knowledge and learning around their own Health & Well-Being.

It was a fantastic learning initiative to start Term 4 and we will continue to build on this learning.



Next Steps for our school

The pupil council has been devising a questionnaire for pupils and collecting responses. We are asking children about their learning, what they see as a priority for them and what they want to work on for our School Improvement Plan next year. The results from this will be shared at the next parent council meeting and will help to inform the school's next steps.

A parent questionnaire will also be shared. We need your feedback and input to inform our plans. It will only take a few minutes; we would be grateful if you scanned the QR code below or clicked the link below and gave us a few answers to our questions.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hDrPpG3msw?origin=lprLink>



Class Teachers 2024-2025

The council is in the planning stages of allocating staffing to all schools. This process is lengthy and there are lots of factors to consider. We expect to be able to share next year's class teachers for each stage in June. You will receive a letter with this information for your child.

We do however always identify the P1 teachers earlier to allow for effective transition from our own ELC and other ELCs across Falkirk.

For August 2024 there will be two P1 classes and the teachers will be: -
P1ME Mrs. McGuire (Mon-Wed) and Mrs. Easton (Thurs-Fri)
P1Y Mrs. Young

Car Park

I am delighted to tell you that we have received notification that the school car park will be worked on during the summer holidays. There are plans for new drainage channels and the replacement of some areas of mono-blocking. This will make such a difference over the next year to the flooding and access.

Rights Respecting Schools

Everyone across the school has been working hard on "Rights" initiatives over the past few years. We have applied to be audited for a Gold Award in our work towards being a Gold Rights Respecting School. We will be visited on Thursday 23rd May by a team from the Rights Respecting group to audit our work and speak to children, staff, and parents. This would be a huge achievement for the school and one the children would be proud of. Watch this space!

Sports days 2024

Save the date.

P1-3 sports day will be Thursday 30th May.

P4-7 sports day will be Friday 31st May.

Pupils will be working in House Teams from 9.30-10.30am on the grass, there will be an indoor break for pupils and then races will commence approx. 11.00am on the grass. Bring your camping chairs and watch the fun.



Parent Council Meetings in Term 4

There will be a Parent Council Meeting on Monday 13th May at 7.00pm in the school. The purpose of this meeting is to share a presentation of the proposed change to the learning week.

Save the date - Monday 10th June will be the final Parent Council of the 23-24 year. We will be evaluating the school's journey this year and looking at feedback to support planning the school's next steps.

School Trips

Linking our learning to real life experiences we have booked two STEM trips for the pupils.

P1-3 are going to Almond Valley and P4-7 will be going to Dynamic Earth.

Slips will come home with the children at the end of May looking for adult volunteers to help supervise. We are looking forward to a great day together.





Sharing the learning sessions – P3

The final class sharing the learning session will be for P3 on Monday 13th May. Please take a note of the dates and times below for an opportunity to come in and see your child and their class and what they have been learning about.
Primary 3 – Monday 13th May at 2.00pm



Spring Fayre

Antonine's first Spring Fayre is on Wednesday 29th May. Lots of fab stalls, animals, bouncy castles and of course class enterprise stalls. This is sure to be a fantastic event. We are looking for volunteers to help set up in the afternoon, after school and man stalls as well as help to tidy up. You can let us know what you can do – even an hour is a great to us. The school is accepting donations for the raffle, hampers, bottle stall etc. Feel free to hand anything into the main entrance.



Summer Disco

A summer disco has been organised by the Parent Committee. This will be on Thursday 27th June at the usual times for P1-3 and P4-7. Slips with more information will be coming in June.



End of Term Celebrations

At the most recent Parent Council there was a discussion about the end of term celebrations that are organised for pupils and families. For the past 2 years, Primary 7 have presented their own Leaver's assembly to their families in the hall. This is staying the same and this year this will be on Tuesday 25th June in the afternoon. This is a ticketed event, and slips will be out at the start of June.

We also discussed what was traditionally called the "Celebration of Achievement". The pupils are very involved in school and share many successes. We enjoy celebrating individual success and recognising hard work and commitment. This year the school has developed "Leading the Learning" groups where every pupil in school has had the opportunity to be part of a group of their choosing. Pupil feedback is that these groups have been great, and we want to recognise their success. This year all pupils will receive a certificate from their "Leading the Learning" staff member alongside our range of achievement certificates for pupils at each stage. As all pupils will receive at least one certificate we are unable to host pupil families in the hall.

We will host this as an end of year Celebration Assembly for the pupils in school on Monday 24th June.

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 4 – 2024

May

Fri 3 rd	In-service day – School and ELC closed to pupils
Mon 6 th	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Mon 13 th – Fri 24 th	Enterprise Fortnight for pupils
Mon 13 th	P3 Sharing the Learning – 2.00pm
Mon 13 th	Parent Council Meeting – 7.00pm
Thurs 23 rd	Antonine Gold Accreditation Visit Day for Rights Respecting Schools
Sun 26 th	Minerva Cup Football festival, Denny PS
Wed 29 th	Summer Fayre – 6.00-8.00pm
Wed 29 th	ELC Sports Day - AM
Thurs 30 th	P1-3 Sports Day – AM
Fri 31 st	P4-7 Sports Day – AM

June

Tues 4 th	Primary 1 Induction for families in school (Children do not need to attend)
Thur 6 th and Fri 7 th	Denny HS – P7 Transition Days
Fri 7 th	Homework and reading stops
Fri 7 th	ELC end of year statements and school reports out to families
Sun 9 th	Connell Cup Football League, St Joseph's PS
Mon 10 th	Parent Council Meeting – 7.00pm
Wed 12 th	P1-P3 Trip to Almond Valley (please pay on Ipay - £15)
Wed 12 th	ELC fun day in school
Thurs 13 th	P4-7 Trip to Dynamic Earth (please pay on Ipay - £15)
Wed 19 th	Meet my new teacher morning
Fri 21 st	P7 Leavers event – 4-7pm
Sun 23 rd	Bonny Cup Football Competition – Bonnybridge PS
Tues 25 th	P7 Leavers Assembly – 1.45-2.45pm
Wed 25 th	ELC Celebration
Thur 27 th	Pupil Disco – P1-3 5.45pm P4-7 7.00pm
Fri 28 th	School closes at 1.30pm

Dates for your

