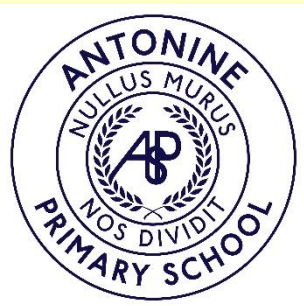


# Antonine Primary School

Nov/Dec 2024

Headteacher: Mrs. J McLaughlin



Welcome to the Nov/Dec Newsletter.

This is one of my favourite terms in the school calendar. We have a number of events planned within school and across the community. The focus in school this term is Anti-Bullying and Anti-Racism teaching in Health & Well-Being, Enterprising classrooms and Christmas celebrations.

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## Thank you

What a positive Term 1 we have had this year. Lots of learning and children settled very quickly to learn. A particular thank you to everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee morning with over £1300 raised for charity and an amazing amount of food items collected by Roots for their winter food boxes. Thank you all for your generosity.

## Parking in and around the building

The school and ELC have had a request to ask that families do not use Harley Gardens (across Broomhill Road) to park. As this car park is intended solely for residents, this situation sometimes makes it difficult for people living there to find parking themselves. Can I remind families once more to avoid using the Harley Gardens car park for school-related drop-offs and pick-ups? The residents there would be very appreciative of this.



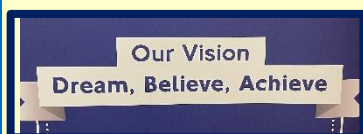
## Parents Consultations

You will be able to speak to your child's teacher about their progress on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November or Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. If you have a TAC meeting in school or are meeting with teacher during the school day, you will not need to book another appointment at night.

Emails will be coming out this week to allow you to book. As always, if you have a problem booking online then please contact us by email or phone and we are happy to do this for you.

## Famous 4 – Forth Valley College

Forth Valley College run a unique STEM initiative that is open to all Primary 5-7 pupils from schools across the region (Falkirk Council, Stirling Council and Clackmannanshire Council). As part of this programme, pupils will work on a range of investigations, experiments and team activities with the Famous Four characters - Suzi the Scientist, Tim the Technologist, Eric the Engineer and Mandy the Mathematician. Topics covered include biodiversity, climate change, green energy, sustainability, planet earth and space, forces, rocket building and engineering challenges. Primary 5, 6 and 7 will all have this STEM experience in their classrooms for a full day in November.



### **Christmas**

(Yes - we have said the word and it's still November)

As always we have a packed schedule of fun and we are looking forward to sharing this with you.



### **Christmas Jumpers**

At Antonine, children can wear Christmas jumpers all through December as part of their school uniform should they wish. It's up to you as a family if you want to do this or wear Christmas jumpers for key dates during December. Either way, we don't mind. The staff will be wearing theirs.

### **Anto Pact Christmas Fayre**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December (6-8pm) is the hottest date in town. All classes are busy planning their Enterprise project and will be selling their goods as part of the fayre. Each class will have their own stall. It is going to be a fun, festive evening.

### **P1 coffee morning singing**

Primary 1 are booked in to entertain the pensioners at a church coffee morning. This will give them a practice in front of an audience. They are sure to be a big hit.

### **Primary 1 & 2 Nativity**

The Nativity will be for P1 and P2 families on the morning of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Primary 2 are the supporting choir with Primary 1 pupils playing the main characters. This year we have "A Midwife Crisis". A letter will be sent out in the next few weeks as this is a ticketed event.

Pupils in school and ELC will get the chance to see the performance the day before.

### **Antonine Christmas Choir P3-7**

Children will be invited to join the Antonine Christmas Choir this week. The choir love a bit of Christmas singing and we have some singing bookings already in place. If your child is keen to join the choir they will come home with a letter this week.

### **Christmas in the Community**

The school Christmas choir will be singing at Bonnybridge St Helens on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm this will be a carol concert with Bonnybridge PS. This is a ticketed event and letters will be sent to the choir singers first. Tickets must be bought in advance. Last year, this was a sold out event with almost 400 tickets sold.

### **Busking for Strathcarron**

The choir will be singing at 10.00am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December in front of the Bonnybridge mural outside the Co-op. We will be taking donations for Strathcarron Hospice.

### **Christmas Parties**

All stages across school and ELC have their Christmas Party dates organised. These dates are at the end of the newsletter and on the school app. Children can come to school dressed in their party outfit and wear all day. As part of the party, children will have a small treat and a drink.





### **Pantomime for P1 to P7 pupils**

Thank you to Antonine Pact who have generously funded the pantomime this year. We are very much looking forward to “Gie’s a break” productions sharing “Sleeping Beauty” with us on the morning of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Antonine Christmas Dinner**

Pupils will be having a traditional roast dinner this year on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Ipay will be updated in the next few weeks. All Christmas dinner options must be ordered by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Any dinner chosen after this date will not be processed.



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| Festive Quorn Roast (V,VE) | Quorn mini fillet in gravy, baby carrots, button brussel sprouts and roast potatoes.                    |
| Festive Turkey Dinner      | Roast Turkey Breast in gravy with baby carrots, button brussel sprouts, roast potatoes, and a chipolata |
| Festive Steak Pie Dinner   | Traditional Steak Pie with baby carrots, button brussel sprouts and roast potatoes.                     |

### **Staffing News**

Mrs Young (P1Y) is expecting her second baby in January 2025. She will finish at the Christmas holidays and her last day will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We wish her all the best for this time and have warned her not to have “A Midwife Crisis” prior to the holidays.

The school will welcome Mrs Flannigan who will replace Mrs Young from January to June 2025.



The last newsletter went out prior to some other baby news in school. Mrs Todd has had a lovely baby girl called Nina in September. Both Nina and Mum are doing very well.

### **Dates for your Diary**

At the end of this newsletter there is list of event dates coming up over the next two terms.

Please subscribe to our school app if you have not already done so. The dates we have for the year are on the app. We continue to add to this as the year goes on depending on what we have planned. We share relevant, up to date events in every newsletter also.



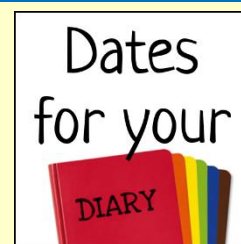
### **Communication**

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.





We try to be as organised as possible, we rarely change any dates however sometimes we are impacted by events out with our control. We will highlight any changes through email, this newsletter and the app.

## **Term 2 - 2024**

### **November**

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| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>                         | Outdoor Learning – P4  |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>                          | Home files sent home   |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> | Anti-Bullying Week – Choose Respect  |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>                        | Outdoor Learning – P4  |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | Outdoor Learning – P7  |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | Parents Consultations in school – 4.00-7.00pm (book online)                        |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>                         | Learning Theme - Enterprise focus in school for two weeks<br>Famous 4 STEM in P7   |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>                        | Outdoor Learning – P7<br>Famous 4 STEM in P5                                       |
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>                         | Parents Consultations in school – 4.00-7.00pm (book online)<br>Famous 4 STEM in P6 |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>                       | Home and Reading stops   |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>                         | In-Service Day – school and ELC closed for pupils                                  |

### **December**

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| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Outdoor Learning P7<br>P1 classes to Church Christmas coffee morning                                      |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas Fayre in school (6.00-8.00pm)   |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Pantomime in school AM – Sleeping Beauty  |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>   | P1 and P2 Nativity in school 9.30am (letter to follow)<br>Outdoor Learning P7                             |
| Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> | P7 Tuck Shop for pupils   |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Flu Vaccinations in school for registered pupils in P1-P7<br>Pupil Christmas Lunch from Catering Services |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>   | P7 and P6 Christmas Party AM  |

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| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>                           | P5 and P4 Christmas Party PM   |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | School Christmas Service at Bonnybridge St Helens 1.30pm –all welcome<br>Christmas in the Community – Bonnybridge St Helens – 7pm (tickets only) |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>                           | P3 Christmas Party AM  |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>                         | P1ME, P1Y & P2 Party AM<br>Anto Christmas Choir busking in Bonnybridge Main Street – 10.00am   |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>                           | ELC Christmas Party AM<br>School and ELC close at 1.30pm for the holidays  |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan | School and ELC – Christmas Holidays  |

### Term 3 – 2025

#### **January**

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| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> | Whole school focus on heritage and culture                |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>                        | Outdoor Learning P6                                       |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>                        | Homework and Reading starts                               |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | Outdoor Learning P6                                       |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | Outdoor Learning P6                                       |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>                        | P6 and P7 Burns Supper<br>Anto PACT Online Meeting 7.00pm |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>                       | Outdoor Learning P6                                       |
| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>                        | Burns Celebration assembly in school for pupils           |

#### **February**

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| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Internet Safety Day<br>Outdoor Learning P5       |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Outdoor Learning P5                              |
| Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> | P7 Tuck Shop                                     |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>   | HOLIDAY School and ELC closed                    |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>   | HOLIDAY School and ELC closed                    |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>  | In-Service Day – School and ELC closed to pupils |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Outdoor Learning P5                              |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Parent Evening 4-7pm                             |

