

January/February 2023

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Welcome to the latest newsletter. This term we have lots of opportunities for family engagement with events in school and another opportunities to hear about the progress your child is making. The dates for all our events are at the end of this newsletter and are added to the dates section in the school app.



Mrs McLaughlin

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.

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P6, 7/6 & 7 Burns Celebration – Thursday 26th January 2023

We are looking forward to an afternoon of singing, dancing and poetry led by the pupils in P6, P7/6 and P7 for their families. This event is part of our assembly programme and a chance to share class learning in a fun way.

P3, 4 and 5 Café Assemblies

P1 and 2 presented the Nativity to their audience and P6 to P7 are celebrating Scotland so P3, P4 and P5 would like their chance to share their learning too.

Primary 3 – Monday 27th February 2023 – 2.00-3.00pm

Primary 4 – Monday 13th March 2023 – 2.00-3.00pm

Primary 5 – Monday 20th March 2023 – 2.00-3.00pm



Each class will share an assembly based on something they are currently learning and the pupils will be involved in deciding what this will be and how they will present this. There will be a chance to watch a presentation, share work and have a refreshment in the main hall.

Car Park Posters

Our school car park continues to be a very busy place. It works well when drivers do not double park or block a clear route around the central road section. In working alongside the Parent Council the Pupil Council have designed safe driving and parking posters to be displayed around the car park. These have been funded by the Parent Council. These will be displayed in the coming weeks once they have been printed.

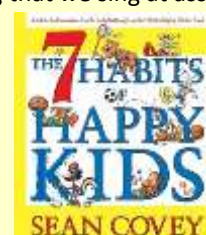
There is a particularly large poster which has been designed for the main gates. There are consistent complaints about cars/vans/trucks blocking pedestrian access through the main gate. Children need to walk around parked cars at the gate entrance to gain entry to the playground from the car park which is extremely dangerous. Please keep the entrance area of the gate clear for everyone's safety.

The 7 Habits of Happy Children

As part of our schools Health & Well-Being approach the assembly programme has been encouraging P3-P7 pupils to learn healthy habits to make their learning more effective. The key to this approach is encouraging pupils to take more responsibility for their own work ethic and drive. Pupils have been very positive so far and we even have a fantastic song that we sing at assembly to remind us.

We have covered 4 habits so far:-

1. Be pro-active
2. Begin with the end in mind
3. Put first things first
4. Think win-win



A copy of the habits are at the end of the newsletter for you to look at and encourage your child too.



Antonine Primary School



P7 Transition

The transition to Denny HS is well under way. P7 pupils have already taken part in transition activities and have met key staff from Denny HS. Further visits to Antonine by Mrs Parsons will take place over this term and the pupils will have a chance to start their Denny HS Question box where they can ask anything that worries them.

Pre-loved school uniform

We have a new pre-loved section within our main entrance. There are drawers of cardigans and jumpers available. These have been freshly washed and are available to take at any time, free of charge. Not only does this save you money but it also counts towards our focus on recycling and becoming a "greener" school.

We are happy to also accept donations of good condition clothing – we particularly need t-shirts, trousers and skirts.



Ready to Learn posters

In all classes across Antonine Primary, we use consistent language around being "Ready to Learn". The positive behaviour ladder has been in place for almost 4 years. This has been refreshed and displayed in every learning environment. These posters are used to encourage all learners and reward positive choices and decisions.



Positive Mental Health Week

During the week beginning 6th February, as part of the Health & Well-Being programme, all classes will be thinking about positive mental awareness and focusing on digital well-being on Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

Coming up in Term 4

Keep an eye on the dates below and on the app. We have tried to give you as much advance notice as possible. We rarely change the dates of events but please be aware that when circumstances are out with our control we may have to make some changes.

- Current P6 – Residential Info Evening for trip in P7
- STEM open day
- Sports Day
- School Concert
- End of Term 4 celebration events

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.

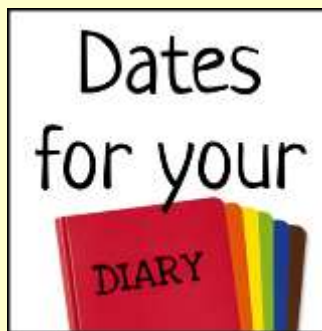


Dates for your diary

Term 3 – 2023

January 2023

Mon 9 th	School and ELC back.
Mon 16 th	Homework and Reading starts.
Tues 24 th	Parent Council Meeting in school – 7.00pm
Thurs 26 th	P6, P7/6 and P7 Burns Celebration – 1.30pm
Fri 27 th	Possible strike day – school and ELC possibly closed
Mon 30 th	School Burns Poetry Celebration Assembly – pupils only. Languages Week Scotland



February 2023

Mon 6 th	Positive Mental Health Week
Tues 7 th	Safer Internet Day
Fri 10 th	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Mon 13 th	Holiday – school and ELC closed
Tues 14 th	In-Service Day – school and ELC closed to pupils
Mon 27 th	P3 Assembly – 2-3.00pm, families welcome

March 2023

Thurs 2 nd	Parents Consultations 4-7pm in school World Book Day – info to follow
Mon 6 th	Developing the Young Workforce Week Future Me Day – info to follow
Tues 7 th	Careers Fayre in school
Mon 13 th	P4 Assembly – 2-3.00pm, families welcome
Wed 15 th	Parent's Consultations 4-7pm in school
Sun 19 th to Wed 22 nd	P7 Residential Trip to Dalguise
Mon 20 th	World Storytelling Day P5 Assembly, 2-3.00pm, families welcome
Fri 24 th	P7 Fun Day out
Mon 27 th	Easter Assembly at Bonnybridge St Helens Church 1.30pm

Tues 28th P1-3 Disco 6.00-7.00pm
P4-7 Disco 7.15-8.30pm

Fri 31st Last day of ELC and school for Term 3 – 2.45/3.00pm finish

April 2023

Mon 3rd to Fri 14th Easter Holidays

Term 4

April 2023

Mon 17th Back to ELC and School

Mon 24th Health Fortnight

Tues 25th P7 Residential - Information evening for current P6 group – 6.30pm

Fri 28th In-Service Day – School and ELC closed to pupils

May 2023

Mon 1st Holiday

Health Fortnight for pupils

Tues 23rd STEM open day in school, families welcome

Wed 24th P6 Athletics at Grangemouth Stadium – all day

Wed 31st ELC Sports Day - AM

June 2023

Thurs 1st P1-3 Sports Day - AM

Fri 2nd P4-7 Sports Day - AM

Wed 7th Possible school trip

Fri 9th Homework and Reading stops

School and ELC Reports out to families

Wed 14th Whole school concert – AM and Evening

Wed 21st Meet my new teacher and class day

Fri 23rd P7 Leavers event – 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Mon 26th P1-P6 Celebration of Achievement 9.30am

P7 Leavers Assembly 1.45pm


Tues 27th ELC End of year celebration 1.30pm

Tues 27th Disco P1-3 – 6-7pm, P4-7 7.17-8.30pm

Fri 30th School and ELC close at 1.30pm

Habit #1
BE PROACTIVE
 You're in charge of yourself

- I have a "can do" attitude and always try my best at everything I do.
- I follow directions and do the right things without being asked, even when nobody is looking.
- I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods and don't blame others for my wrongdoing.



Habit #2
BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND
 Have a Plan

- I plan ahead and set goals for myself.
- I am prepared at all times.
- I think about how the choices I make now will affect my future.
- I think about the positive or negative consequences of my actions before I act.



Habit #3
PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST
 Work first, then play

- I do the things that I have to do before I do the things that I want to do.
- I stay focused on what I'm doing. I try to minimize distractions and regroup if I get off task.
- I spend my time on the things that are the most important.



Habit #4
THINK WIN WIN
 Everybody can win!

- I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person.
- I think about what other people want and not just what I want.
- I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help everyone to be happy.

