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### **Welcome to the Sept/Oct Newsletter**

*We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. It has been lovely to see everyone in their school uniform and happy to be back at school. The children are now well into their school routine and you will see from the homework and reading that we have started the learning journey already.*

*Primary 1 learners have taken starting school in their stride, confidently becoming familiar with all school values and routines. They joined us for their first assembly last week and really impressed the staff with their super listening and engagement.*

*We have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead and look forward to sharing these with you as we progress through the year.*

### **Antonine PS – Senior Leadership Team Remits**

As you are aware Mrs McLaughlin has been appointed interim headteacher at Ladeside Primary School. This is on a temporary basis with Mrs McFarlane and I taking on appointed roles in her absence. Our remits are as follows:

Acting Headteacher	Mrs Casey	ELC, P1, P5, P6, P7
Acting Depute Headteacher	Mrs McFarlane	P2, P3, P4, Additional Support Needs

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 as soon as we can.

### **Meet the Teacher and P1 Curriculum Workshop**

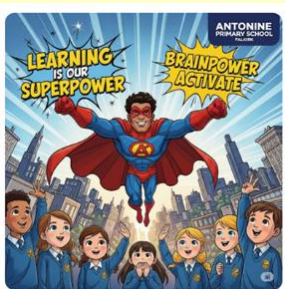
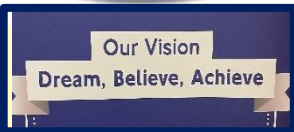
Thank you to all of our families who joined us for these events. It was lovely to see everyone. We hope you enjoyed meeting the staff and seeing the learning environments your children engage with.

### **Parent Council Meeting (Anto PACT)**

#### **Antonine Parents & Community Together**

The first meeting of the new school year is coming up. There are only four Parent Council meetings planned – one per term. The first one is in school. There will be tea/coffee and cakes for everyone.

Our first meeting will be our AGM and held in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7pm. Please 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 children. We need your support to make Antonine what it is. We look forward to seeing you then.



### Antonine's Values, Vision and Aims

Every week at assembly we celebrate the school vision and values. We also discuss why these are important to help everyone in school be respectful and understand boundaries. Our school values are for everyone to be **Respectful**, make others **Happy**, show **Resilience** and be **Nurturing** towards others. Upon returning to school all learners worked together to create their own Class Charter. This charter shows the rules and responsibilities agreed by each class for the session ahead. Learners are very much involved in developing these.

### Antonine's Super Heroes

We are so excited about our Superhero theme for this session: Learning is our Super Power, Brainpower Activate! Through this we will celebrate the unique strengths, culture and 'super powers' of our school community. We have launched this theme at assembly and all learners have been given their first superhero mission: To develop their Growth Mindset through the Power of Yet.

### Leading the Learning Groups

At Antonine, every learner from P1 to P7 takes on a role within the school. This helps to develop their confidence, work alongside different ages and stages of children and develop an understanding of being a leader. Children have been discussing the groups and making their choices in school.

P1 and P2 learners work across 4 groups with Mrs McConkey and the P1/2 staff. P3 – 7 learners work in groups with school staff. The groups happen once a month and were a great hit last session. Wednesday next week is the first group meeting of this session and we can't wait to get started.

### 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 through the session. Primary 6 will be the first class to engage with this on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This event is a highlight in our school calendar and one which raises lots of funds for a very worthwhile charity. We would love to see you all on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September during the morning for a refreshment and some calorie laden cakes. Children will also be able to attend for a juice and a cake. The following class slots have been organised.

Time	Class
9.30am – 10am	Primary 6 and ELC
10am -10.30am	Primary 2 and Primary 5
10.50am – 11.20am	Primary 1 and Primary 7
11.20am – 11.50am	Primary 3 and Primary 4



Raffle prizes and edible donations would be most appreciated and can be handed into the school office. We also require some adult helpers to serve teas and coffees – if you are available to help at this event, even for an hour, please let the school office know at your earliest convenience.

### **Halloween**

Not every pupil and family like to take part in Halloween activities. The Anto PACT plan and organise a disco in the evening, children can then dress up and choose to come along to the Halloween Disco on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. P1-3 will be 5.45pm to 6.45pm and P4-7 will be 7.00pm to 8.15pm We will keep Halloween for the disco – we will not be dressing up or doing Halloween activities during the school day.



### **P7 Tuck Shop**

P7 pupils run their own Tuck Shop to raise funds. The money raised from the Tuck Shop pays for their P7 Hoodies. The first tuck shop of the year will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Prices range from 20p to £1 and they carry lots of options for pupils.

### **Playground**

We take great pride in our playground and love seeing the children engage with all the play equipment we have available. Families are free to access this after school but can we please ask that children are encouraged to return these to where they belong afterwards. Our budget is very tight and does not allow us to replace missing play equipment. Thanks in advance.

### **Parents Consultations**

You will be able to speak to your child's teacher about their progress on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November or Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Emails will be sent out following the October holidays to ask you to book your appointment and we will give you instructions on how to do this. The timing of this event will be from 3.30pm to 6pm and 4.00pm to 7.00pm and appointments will be face to face in the main hall.

### **Communication**

Our main means of communication is the newsletter and the school app. Please subscribe to our school app if you have not already done so, ensuring you have ticked your child's class. All communication via these platforms will ensure you are kept up to date with all school information.

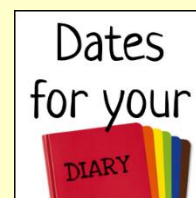


Bluesky is used by classes to show some of what has been going on during the school day. No new information will be shared via Bluesky.

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**

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



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 1 – 2025**

3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Primary 1 Falkirk Herald Photo
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Antonine PACT Inflatable fundraiser
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Holiday – School Closed
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025. 7pm	Parent Council AGM
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	School Photographer
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	MacMillan Coffee Morning
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Harvest Service
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Tuck Shop
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Term 1 ends

### **Term 2 – 2025**

27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Term 2 starts
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Pupil Disco
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parents Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parents Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	ELC Sibling Sing-a-long
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	In-Service Day
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Tuck Shop
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	ELC Fun Day (pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas End of Term Service
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	P6 and P7 Party (am)
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	A Super Christmas – Anto Christmas Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	P1 and P2 Party (am)
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	P3 and P4 Party (pm)
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Term 2 ends