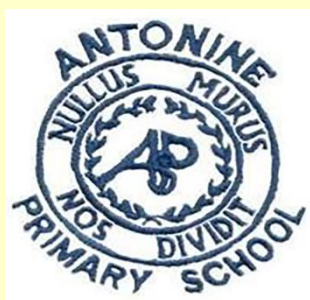


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January/February 2021

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I delayed putting the newsletter out this month until we had news about whether schools were re-opening on 1st Feb. We have now had confirmation that remote learning will continue until the Feb break for the moment. None of us would choose for this to be in place however we need to try to make the best of the situation. I hope the information in the newsletter reassures you that we are doing the best we can at this point in time for our families.

Mrs McLaughlin

Remote Learning

We are online!

Teaching staff have been preparing lessons, powerpoints, assignments etc and we are delighted at the positive response so far.

We have a high number of pupils engaging in activities everyday which is fantastic.

Each teacher is focusing on their own class so the work is tailored to what would have been planned if we were all in school.

Over the next week we will be looking at the levels of engagement for each class. If your child/children has not been accessing work online and you have not already had a conversation with us then we will be giving you a call to offer our support.

The "live" check ins have been popular and it's a fantastic opportunity for the class to meet. Do try to log on to these.

We have put out a questionnaire with this newsletter to ask for feedback on how we are doing so far and to ask how we can improve – please try to fill thi out for us.



Parent Council

The Parent Council is due to meet again on **Monday 1st March** at 7.00pm.

All parents from School and ELCC are welcome to attend this. We are using Zoom and meetings are 1 hour. Please email the school if you would like to join with this and haven't previously.

Scottish Focus Week

This week pupils have been taking part in a Scottish focus in their remote learning plans. We would like to thank families with their support for this. It has been great to see the range of work and also the pupil entries for the poetry and art competitions.

P7 Burns Celebration

We hope to share a special celebration with you to showcase our P7 Burns Celebration this year. This will be out on the class teams pages on Monday 25th January.



Express Yourself

The week beginning Monday 1st February starts a new focus week for Antonine. We are combining a literacy and a health & well-being focus and calling it "Express Yourself".

We will be celebrating storytelling through literacy and also focusing on supporting pupil mental health and well-being.

Pupil tasks online will reflect this.

Parents Evenings

We were due to hold parents consultations in February – these will not go ahead for the moment. We will review how we report to parents in the coming weeks once we have more information on the likely return of all pupils in school.

P7 Transition

Denny HS are currently revising their transition programme to reflect the new restrictions. They are planning an online "Crystal Maze" type event which sounds fantastic.

We are fortunate to have already had our first few transition events with Mr. Beer in school.

As soon as I have further information I will pass this on.

Term Dates

The term dates are more brief than usual – we are restricted in how far in advance we can plan at this moment. I know you will understand this.

Antonine Early Learning and ChildCare Centre

From everyone at Antonine ELCC, we hope that you and your family are safe and well. Whilst school closures remain in place, staff at Antonine ELCC will continue to develop home learning packs for your child to engage with on a weekly basis. The focus of these will be around favourite stories, with a range of related learning activities promoting children's health and wellbeing, literacy and numeracy skills. These home learning packs will continue to be emailed to all families every Friday and shared daily via our ELCC Twitter page (@antops_nurs). Staff will also continue to share additional family challenges every Wednesday through Twitter.

As always, we love to see the children engaging in their learning so please continue to share these with us via the email: gw09rossclare2@glow.sch.uk or our ELCC Twitter page.

At present, staff are working on developing home learning kits which will contain a variety of resources to support you and your child with engaging in fun learning activities. Further details regarding how to collect these will follow as soon as these are complete.

The week beginning 1st of February 2021 nationally celebrates both Children's Mental Health Week and National Storytelling Week. As a whole school, we are pleased to announce that we will be engaging in both of these through our very own focus week titled, 'Express Yourself'. The aim of this week will be to encourage our learners and their families to explore the different ways we can express our feelings, thoughts and ideas, whilst developing their literacy skills through the magic of storytelling. Further information regarding this will be emailed out to all families in due course.

January 2021

11.01.21	Remote learning begins
18.01.21	Scottish Focus Week
25.01.21	P7 Burns Celebration – Teams presentation

February 2021

01.02.21	Focus Week – Express Yourself.
12.02.21	Mid-Term Holiday – school and ELCC closed
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16.02.21	In-Service Day - School and ELCC closed to pupils.

March 2021

01.03.21	Focus Week – Focus Week
22.03.21	Focus Week – Developing the Young Workforce – Career Week
29.03.21	Easter Assembly

April 2021

01.04.21	Thursday – last day – finish at 3.00pm (ELCC – 2.45pm)
02.04.21	Easter Friday - Holiday
05.04.21	Easter Monday – Holiday

Term 3

19.04.21	Back to School and ELCC!
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