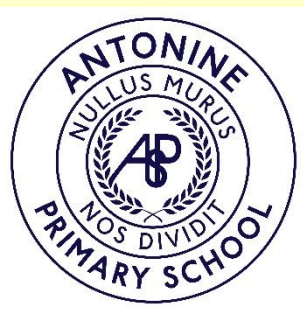


Antonine Primary School

Sep/Oct 2024

Headteacher: Mrs. J McLaughlin



Welcome to the Sep/Oct Newsletter.



We have had a fantastic start to the new school year with a double "Gold" celebration. The achievement is huge and one that will have a lasting impact on the children's learning in school. We are excited to continue to prioritise pupil voice and reading initiatives this coming year. You can hear about our School Improvement Plans at the Parent AGM in September.

The children are now well into their school routine and you will see from homework and reading that we have started the learning journey already. It is fantastic to see everyone in their school and gym uniforms. Please can we ask again for everyone to add names to jumpers/cardigans and jackets specifically. We already have a large pile of unclaimed brand new uniform.

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.

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Mrs J McLaughlin

Antonine PS - Senior Leadership Team Remits

Headteacher	Mrs McLaughlin	P3, P5, P6 & P7
Depute Headteacher	Mrs Casey	ELC, P1, P2, P4
Principal Teacher	Mrs McFarlane	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. Both Mrs Casey and Mrs McFarlane have a class commitment this year and so any return communication may have to wait until the end of the school day.

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. Please note that the email address has changed over the summer holidays.

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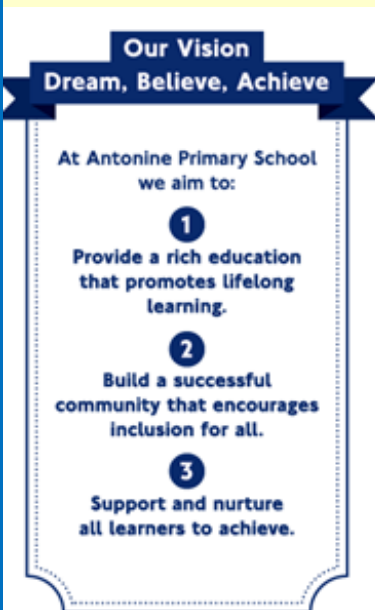
Parent Council Meeting (Anto PACT)

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. This first one is in school. There will be tea/coffee and cakes for everyone.

I would encourage you to 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 the children. We need you and your support to make Antonine what it is.

Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7.00pm in the school building.



Meet the Teacher

We had a very busy Meet the Teacher event and it was lovely to see everyone. We hope you enjoyed meeting the staff and seeing the learning environments in which the children will learn this year.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

This is one of our yearly highlights and raises lots of funds for a very worthwhile charity. We would love to see you on Friday 27th September during the morning for a refreshment and some calorie laden cakes. Children will also be able to get a juice and a cake too. Class slots have been organised. Edible donations can be handed into the school, but we are also looking for raffle prizes too. Please hand in to the school office.

Time	Class
9.30am – 10am	Primary 5 and 2
10am -10.30am	Primary 3 and 4
10.50am – 11.20am	Primary 1s and P7s
11.20am – 11.50am	Primary 6s and ELC

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 29th October.

P1-3 will be 5.45 to 6.45pm

P4-7 will be 7.00-8.15pm

We will keep Halloween for the disco – we will not be dressing up or doing Halloween activities during the school day. There will be letter sent home with more details.

Leading the Learning Groups

At Antonine, every pupil 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 this week.

P1 and 2 children work across 4 groups with Mrs McConkey and the P1/2 staff.

P3-7 children work in groups with school staff. The groups happen once a month and were a big hit last year. Wednesday next week will be the first group of this year and we can't wait to get started. Ask your child about it.

School Support Worker

Lawrence Fletcher will continue in his role for another year. Lawrence is in Antonine PS every Tuesday but available to be contacted at any time. He will be monitoring pupil attendance in school but also working alongside families to signpost and support. Feel free to email or phone into school on a Tuesday.

Lawrence.fletcher@education.falkirk.sch.uk





The School Values, Vision and Aims

Every week we talk about the school vision and values at assembly. We also talk about why they are important to help everyone in school understand respect and boundaries.

On returning to school all classes took part in lessons revisiting the school values and pupils worked together to create their own class charters. Class charters are the classes agreed rules and responsibilities for the year and the children are very much part of the discussion when these are being drawn up. The school values are for everyone to be **Respectful**, make others **Happy**, show **Resilience** and be **Nurturing** towards others.

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.

Parents Consultations

You will be able to speak to your child's teacher about their progress on Thursday 21st November or Wednesday 27th November. 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 4.00pm to 7.00pm and appointments will be face to face in the main hall.

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 Thursday 3rd October. Prices range from 20p to £1 and they carry lots of options for pupils. We do not allow younger children (P1-2) to eat their snack in school but encourage them to enjoy this treat after school, older children have absolutely no willpower and their snack disappears sometimes by the time they get back to class!

Communication

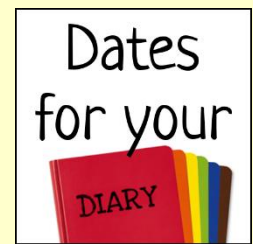
Our main means of communication is the newsletter and the school app – please check over carefully to ensure you are fully informed of news from school.

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.

Please follow your child's twitter account, it can be found at the bottom of the class info sheet which has been sent out to all families this week.





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 - 2024

September

Tues 2 nd	Outdoor Learning – P2
Fri 6 th	Antonine PACT Inflatable Fundraiser event in school
Mon 9 th	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Tues 10 th	Outdoor Learning – P2
Thurs 12 th	Swifite Party 6-8pm
Tues 17 th	Outdoor Learning – P2
Fri 20 th	Homefiles sent home
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	Learning Theme - Maths Week Scotland activities for pupils
Mon 23 rd	Tempest photos in school – individual and with school or ELC siblings
Tues 24 th	Outdoor Learning – P2
Wed 25 th	Antonine PACT AGM Meeting in school – 7.00-8.00pm
Fri 27 th	MacMillan Coffee morning – 9.30-11.30am, all welcome
Mon 30 th	Learning Theme – Scottish Digital Literacy Week

October

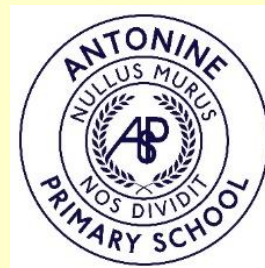
Tues 1 st	Outdoor Learning – P4 Antonine Cross Country Team to Camelon
Thurs 3 rd	P7 Tuckshop for pupils
Mon 7 th	Harvest Food Collection for Roots Charity all week
Tues 8 th	Outdoor Learning – P4 Harvest Assembly
Fri 11 th	Last day – normal finish times
Mon 14 th to Fri 25 th	October Holiday – School and ELC closed

Term 2

Monday 28th Shoebox appeal launch – more info to follow
Tues 29th Halloween Disco P1-3 – 5.45-6.45pm P4-7 7.00-8.15pm

November

Tues 5th Outdoor Learning – P4
Fri 8th Home files sent home
Tues 12th Outdoor Learning – P4
Tues 19th Outdoor Learning – P7
Thurs 21st Parents Consultations in school – 4.00-7.00pm
Mon 25th Learning Theme - Enterprise focus in school for two weeks
Tues 26th Outdoor Learning – P7
Wed 27th Parents Consultations in school – 4.00-7.00pm
Thurs 28th Home and Reading stops
Fri 29th In-Service Day – school and ELC closed for pupils



December

Tues 3rd Outdoor Learning P7
Wed 4th Christmas Fayre in school (evening)
Tues 10th Pantomime in school AM – Sleeping Beauty
Wed 11th P1 and P2 Nativity in school 9.30am
Outdoor Learning P7
Thurs 12th P7 Tuck Shop for pupils
Mon 16th P7 and P6 Christmas Party AM
P5 and P4 Christmas Party PM
Tues 17th School Christmas Service
Wed 18th P3 Christmas Party AM
Thurs 19th P1ME, P1Y & P2 Party AM
Fri 20th ELC Christmas Party AM
School and ELC close at 1.30pm for the holidays
Mon 23rd – Fri 3rd Jan School and ELC – Christmas Holidays