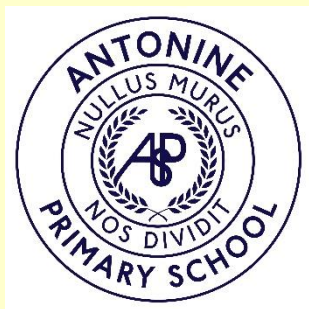


# Antonine Primary School

Sep/Oct 2023

Headteacher: Mrs. J McLaughlin



Welcome to the Sep/Oct Newsletter.

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. 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, encouraging and challenging our pupils. It is fantastic to see everyone in their school and gym uniforms – the hoodies and zip ups have been a huge success.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the year and look forward to sharing these with you.

**Mrs J McLaughlin**

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## Antonine PS - Senior Leadership Team Remits

Headteacher	Mrs McLaughlin	P3, P4, P5, P6
Depute Headteacher	Miss Ross	ELC, P7/6, P7
Principal Teacher	Mrs McFarlane	P1, P2

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 Miss Ross 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.

## Parent Council Meeting

The first meeting of the new school year is on Monday evening. There are only four Parent Council meetings planned – one per term. This first one is in school and it is a very welcome change to be able to meet in person. 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.



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00pm in the school building.

## 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.





### **Meet the Teacher**

We are very excited to be able to welcome everyone back into the building for "Meet the Teacher", the first time in 2 years. Meet the Teacher is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. This is an opportunity for you and your child to visit their classroom and meet this year's teacher. Staff will be there for a general chat but will keep individual progress reports for the Parent's Consultations later in the year.



### **Attendance**

As directed by Scottish Government and Falkirk Council we monitor every pupil's attendance at school each term. Children who have an absence in term 1 will have a low attendance percentage but this will increase over the rest of the school year with no further absence.

This year we are following a traffic light system:-



Pupils with an attendance rate of 95% and above are green.



Pupils with an attendance rate of 90-94% are amber.



Pupils with an attendance rate of below 90% are red.

Pupils who are amber and red will receive a letter at the end of each term informing families of the percentage of their child's attendance. The school will be in contact with these families to discuss absence levels.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

This is one of our highlights and raises lots of funds for a very worthwhile charity. We would love to see you Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Come along anytime from 9.30am to 11.30am.



### **We Need You!**

Do you have a spare morning to come in and run our school library each week? We are looking for 4 volunteers, 2 for one morning and 2 for another morning to support classes borrowing books from our school library and to also help us take care of the library. It can be any morning but the time would be 9.30am to 11.30am. Miss Ross will be putting a letter out next week – please let her know if you are interested.

### **Halloween**

We can have school discos again so this means children can dress up and choose to come along to the Halloween Disco on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Parents Consultations**

You will be able to speak to your child's teacher about their progress on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The first date will be in person in school and the second date will be through the online portal. Emails will be sent out before the October holidays to ask you to book your appointment and will give you instructions on how to do this.



### **Sleeping Beauty Pantomime**

We are delighted to have booked the pantomime at Falkirk Town Hall this year. You will see on Ipay that tickets and transport will cost £12.50. Please pay this on Ipay rather than sending money into school. Children registered with Falkirk Council for free school meals will be fully funded from Pupil Equity Funding.

### **Label everything please**

We have a huge amount of lost property in school – all with no names. P7 prefects are great at helping us to get clothes back to pupils at the end of the week and if items are labelled it speeds this process up. If you have lost anything – please feel free to come in and check lost property for any missing items.



### **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.



# Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



## Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre Sep/Oct Newsletter

### Welcome Back

We have had a very busy start to the term. All of the children have returned to ELC confidently and settled back into their learning and routines well. It has also been lovely welcoming our new families into our setting. The children are settling in well, making new friends and joining in with learning experiences.

### A snap shot of our learning

The children are all busy exploring and developing our environment. We have been doing lots of baking and have made pizza, cakes and cookies, and even apple and parsnip soup, a suggestion that came from the children. We got a great harvest of potatoes and carrots from our vegetable patch and made delicious homemade soup with it. Over the next few weeks we will be continuing to further develop our spaces and environment alongside the children, listening to their interests.



### Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is an integral part of the ELC day. As children are outdoors in all weather, they can, at times, become a bit messy. Can we therefore, please ask that all children bring with them a suitable outdoor jacket, welly boots and a change of clothes please? Can we request that all items of clothing please be clearly labelled with your child's name?



### Outdoor Programme

We will be commencing our outdoor program following the September holiday. This will provide each group with the opportunity to explore the Fairy Garden within our school grounds and participate in walks within the local community, including visits to Bonnybridge Library. A list of dates will be shared with you in due course, detailing when your child's group is due to engage in a woodland/community visit.

### Woodwork

The children's interest in woodwork has really taken off this year. The children are becoming very responsible and confident when using the tools and equipment. There have been lots of fantastic creations being made and we have even used our skills outdoors by upcycling our old fire engine into a quiet area.

### **Resources**

We are looking for some resources to help us develop learning experiences within our ELC. If you have any of the following items and would be willing to donate these to us, it would be most appreciated:

- Adult shoes/hats/shirts/dresses for dressing up
- Bottle tops/corks
- Kitchen utensils for our home corner
- Cardboard tubes
- Wooden Pegs
- Curtain rings



### **Family Events**

We are really excited about now being able to get families into our ELC and intend to hold various family events this session. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a Sibling Sing Along from 2pm – 2.45pm. This is an opportunity for children's siblings to come along to ELC and join in with singing some songs together.

### **Parents Helpers**

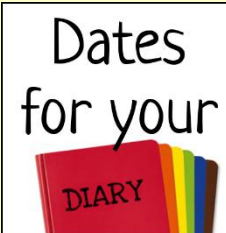
We are keen to get some family helpers into support us with different learning experiences within ELC. This may include helping us with walks in the local community, developing areas within our ELC and setting up a book lending service for our families.

If you are interested in this and would be able to support us even on the odd occasion please feel free to contact Nicola on [nicola.majury@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.majury@falkirk.gov.uk) letting us know what days/times you would be available and what you would be interested in helping with.

### **Absence Procedure**

Can we please ask all parents/carers to inform us if your child will be absent from ELC. This can be done via either email or telephone. [antonineprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:antonineprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk) 01324 503140





## **Term 1 - 2022**

### **September**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting in school – 7.00-8.00pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photography for pupil photos
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher for school families
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Math's Week Scotland Activities in classes
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	MacMillan Coffee morning – 9.30-11.30am

### **October**

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Assembly in school for pupils
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Disco P1-3 – 5.45-6.45pm P4-7 7.00-8.15pm

### **November**

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Consultations in school – 4.00-7.00pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Scotland activities in class
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultations – online
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week – Reach out Campaign
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day – School and ELC closed to pupils

### **December**

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Possible Christmas Fayre
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Homework and Reading stops
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	P1/2 Nativity for families – AM
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	P5 and P6 Christmas Party AM
	Christmas Assembly for pupils
	P7/6 and P7 Christmas Party PM
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime for school pupils - Falkirk Town Hall
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	P3 and P4 Christmas Party AM
	P1 and P2 Christmas Party PM
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ELC Christmas Party AM
	School and ELC close at 1.30pm for the holidays