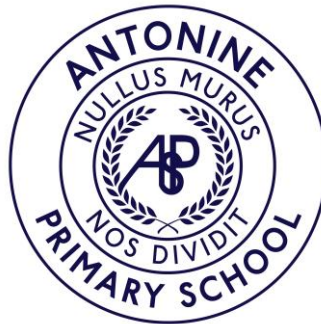


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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer with your family and friends. It was lovely welcoming everyone back to Antonine Primary School and ELC yesterday. Throughout the day, there was a positive buzz around school and ELC. We are very proud of how well everyone settled into their new classrooms, especially our Primary 1 children. All ELC children returned happy and eager to continue with their learning journey.

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. As a whole staff team we are excited to be commencing this session with a new whole school theme; *Learning is our Superpower*.

Please find below some reminders which we hope you find useful for starting school.

Breakfast Club for school children

Breakfast Club will open from 8.30am to 9.00am. Mrs McConkey and Mrs Stirling will be ready with your breakfast. Any pupils who are registered for free school meals are welcome to eat for free. Breakfast club costs £2.40 and should be paid on the day. Children do not need to book in for this, they can come in on any day.

Primary 1

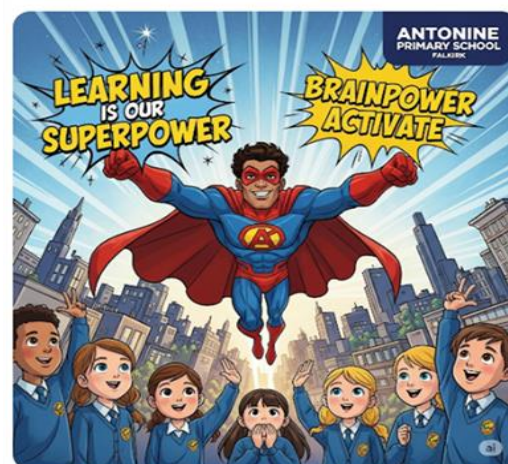
A soft start has been in operation this week, however from tomorrow normal school hours will be in operation (9am start). Our school playground is often congested at the end of the school day so to ensure all children's safety we will be opening the Primary 1 door from 2.50pm for the first few weeks. This will allow staff to safely reunite you with your child in the playground before all other children exit the building.

Scooters and Bikes

We encourage the children to come to school on scooters and bikes as long as they are wearing a helmet for safety. Please can we ask that children do not scoot or ride before the 9.00am bell as the playground is very busy at this time? All children on bikes entering or leaving the playground should walk their bike through the playground to avoid any accidents.

Toys in school and ELC

We know some children enjoy having a comforting toy with them from home, however, can we ask that personal toys are kept for home. We have lots of cuddly toys in school for children to use. Toys can get lost, broken or misplaced which can cause great upset.



Communication – Save the date

The school app is being updated with all of the new term dates and a newsletter will be shared soon with the highlights for Term 1. Meet the teacher will be on Friday 22nd August from 2.00pm to 2.50pm for P2 to P7 families. All families are welcome to come into school to see their children's classrooms and meet their teacher. Primary 1 families are invited to meet their children's teacher at a curriculum workshop on Wednesday 20th August 2.30 to 3.30pm. Mrs Casey and Mrs McFarlane will look after the P1 children in their classroom.

Medication in School

The school can support you in administering medication during the school day if your child requires this. This includes paracetamol/ibuprofen, prescription medication or piriton. Parental permission is required for staff to administer medicine - please see Mrs McConkey who will support you with completing a permission form. All medication must have a dispensing label from the chemist and should be dropped off and picked up by an adult. Any children who have new medication or health updates, please let us know as soon as possible.

Antonine Primary School is an egg, lentils and nut free zone

We have a number of children in school and ELC allergic to various foods which is well managed by catering services. We now have several children with **SEVERE** allergies which require medication and an emergency response to an allergic reaction. These allergies are airborne which means we have had to enforce an egg, lentils and nut free zone across the school and ELC building.

School Uniform

A reminder letter was sent in June highlighting no football clothes, no acrylic or false nails and no jewellery especially on P.E. days.

Primary 6 and 7 Devices

All Primary 6 and 7 pupils will soon receive an iPad from Connected Falkirk. These can be taken home to support children's learning but must return to school every day fully charged. A contract/permission slip was given out to all P6 and 7 learners yesterday to ensure safe use of these devices both within school and home. Could these please be completed and returned to school by end of day Monday so that all learners can bring their devices home next week?

Emergency Contacts

Please ensure that you update the school office of any changes of address, phone numbers and emergency contact details. We use these details to share all our school information with you.

We are here for you and happy to speak to you at any time. Please feel free to email or call and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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