

November & December 2021

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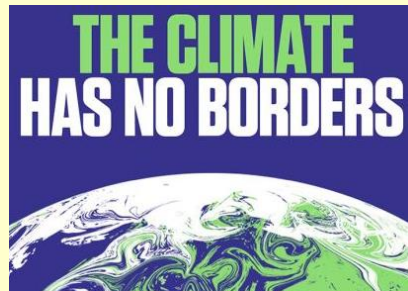
## November 2021

### Parents Consultations

We recently held parents online consultations and phone calls. We had a very positive response for this with over 80% of families engaging with teaching staff. Our next round of consultations will be in March 2022 which will allow you to hear of further progress in learning.

### Class Learning – COP 26

We have a school focus for the next month on learning about Climate Change and choosing what our response as a school is to this. Pupils are taking part in a storyline event which sees them create characters and streets which learn about Global Goals and making small changes in our lives to have big impacts globally. So far pupils are really engaged in their learning as this is something new and different from what we have done previously.



### Rag Bag

Just a reminder that we have a rag bag bin next to the bus shelter outside the school grounds. This charity bin belongs to the school and every time it is emptied the school receives a small amount of money. We use this money to fund our gardening and ECO projects in school.

### Congratulations to our Successful Learners

We recently have had a number of pupils achieving success in the Falkirk community.

Leia McFeat, Primary 6, won a voucher worth £40 for her entry to the "Great Place Falkirk" art competition. Well done Leia.

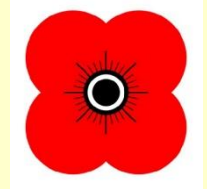
Freya Bellingham and Nathan Winters, both Primary 7, won a prize from the Falkirk Rotary competition. They attended a presentation ceremony at the Helix alongside their teacher, Mrs Ashcroft. Well done to you both.

It's great to be involved in Falkirk wide community competitions and see our pupils achieve success.

## Remembrance Day

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

We will have poppies for sale in school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. House Captains will ensure all classes have the opportunity to purchase a poppy for a donation to "Poppy Scotland". The Bonnybridge Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. House Captains will represent the school and lay a wreath on behalf of everyone at Antonine PS. All families and pupils are more than welcome to attend the remembrance service. Any pupils wishing to join us in the march are more than welcome to come. We will gather at the Community Centre from 12.00 noon. The service should be finished for approx. 1.00pm.



### Miss Ross – DHT

Miss Ross is due to return from Maternity Leave on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November when she will return to her role as Depute Head Teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mr Farrington and Mrs McFarlane for their hard work and dedication in their Acting roles during this time.

### COP 26 – Community Learning Day

A reminder that we are having a "hands on" day where we will be getting on with some practical jobs in the school grounds to help progress our plans to continue to develop our playground environment. We will meet in the playground from 1.00pm to 3.00pm - wear old clothes and bring your tools. The weather may restrict some of the jobs we are able to carry out but let's hope it is a dry day.

### Parent Council Meeting 2

The next meeting is on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.** Please contact the school office if you would like to join this on zoom and haven't previously.



### Antonine Strictly

P6 and P7 year groups will be taking part in a much loved event at Antonine this year. We were unable to do this last year due to restrictions at that point. Pupils will be taking their partners to compete in the "Strictly" Dance Competition – the judging panel are excited to be back once again!



# Antonine Primary School



## December Fun 2021

### Christmas Jumper Day

We love Christmas at Antonine and think Christmas jumpers are too expensive to wear for just one day. If your child has a Christmas jumper or top they can wear this to school or ELC as part of their uniform during the whole month of December if they wish.

### Antonine Charity Group

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December is the launch of our Christmas programme. This day will be a fun fundraising day at Antonine.

Pupils should wear their Christmas jumpers and will be able to take part in a number of fun activities throughout the day. Look out for the Antonine Charity Newsletter with more information.

This will be a fun day for all pupils in school including ELC pupils.



### Antonine PS Christmas Choir

A letter will be coming to all P3-7 pupils who love singing. We have been given a special invite this year to attend a church coffee morning through the wonders of technology. We will be visiting Wheatlands Care home to sing to the residents from the car park and plan on fundraising through a "Sing for Strathcarron" event where the choir will be singing in the Co-op car park and the Tesco car park to raise funds for Strathcarron.

As a school we are proud that our Charity team chose to support Strathcarron Hospice this year. Some of the team at Strathcarron will be joining us for assembly on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November to share, in a pupil friendly way, the amazing work that Strathcarron does.

### Movie Night is back



Slips will be coming home, nearer December, to allow you to sign up for "Christmas Movie Night" for P1 to P7 pupils. Due to current restrictions we will have a limit on numbers this year. Spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis. Pupils can opt to stay after 3.00pm to enjoy a drink and some popcorn/crisps and settle in for a Christmas movie. This will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December straight after school until 5.00pm and will cost £2 per pupil or £5 for a pupil family ticket for families with more than 3 children. This can be handed into the office with your slip.

### Events Committee

Fundraising this year continues to be challenging. We are unable to host a Christmas fayre however the 50:50 raffle will be running which will have a brilliant cash prize. Watch out for further news on All about Antonine.

### Christmas Parties

We love our Christmas parties – please find below, in the dates for your diary section, the day of your child's party. Pupils are welcome to come to school dressed for the party and do not need to bring clothes to change into.



### Pantomime

Last year we signed up to "Panto Live" and enjoyed watching a fun filled pantomime in classrooms. The children and staff said this was a brilliant production and thoroughly enjoyable. We have signed up again this year but we will be able to watch this in the hall which will make it more special on the big screen. The panto will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and it will be "Peter Pan". ELC pupils will watch this in the ELC.

### Primary 1/2 Nativity

Primary 1 take centre stage again this year for their super nativity performance of "It's A Party!". Supported by Primary 2 pupils who will have a roles such as narrators and the choir.

At the moment we plan to perform this to the pupils in school and record for families to watch at home. Scottish Government guidelines do not allow us to have families in school in large numbers as yet however should this guidance change before this date we will be delighted to have our families in school.

Primary 1 and 2 will perform the nativity for school pupils on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



### End of Term Christmas Service

This year we will host this in school for pupils on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December where we will enjoy singing carols and celebrating together.





# Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



## Children's Interests

We have had a busy few weeks. We are enjoying exploring our outdoor environment, we have been developing our loose parts area and have been challenging ourselves in exploring different ways that we can move our bodies. We have been experimenting with different materials to mark make including chalk, water and paint. Our Clay station has been a great success in our outdoor hut we have been exploring ways that we can use the clay.



We have been chatting about volcanoes and exploring them through books and videos. We decided to make our own volcano we experimented with different materials to see it erupt! Have a look at our video on Twitter to see our experiment in action! We have been experimenting with different recipes making our playdough and making our own snacks and lemonade.



## October Week Home link

Thank you to all our families who participated in our October week home link. We have loved seeing all your photos and the children have really enjoyed sharing their adventures with their friends. Thank you to everyone who brought in autumn treasures. We have been exploring these through our play and at our interest area.

## Parent Telephone Consultations

Staff will begin to give you a call over the next two weeks. We have less interaction with you than previously due to the current restrictions around adults in school so we just want to have a catch up with you, let you know how Term 1 has been for your child and share any info around their progress in ELC.

# Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



## December Events

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Fun Day Fundraiser, Christmas Jumpers on – more info to follow.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Sing-a-Long – we are planning on filming this to share with families online.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Panto Live in ELC – Peter Pan

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – ELC Christmas Party

## ELC Hours – Dec 2021

The ELC will close on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 1.30pm.

To accommodate this early finish the ELC will be open slightly longer on the following days:-

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.45am to 3.15pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.45am to 3.15pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 8.30am to 1.30pm



Please see information regarding school enrolment for any child starting P1 in August 2022.

## Primary 1 School Enrolment

Parents / Carers have a duty to provide an education for their children. To carry out this duty, parents are permitted to enrol their children at their:

- catchment non-denominational school
- catchment denominational school if they are baptised Roman Catholic (RC baptismal certificate must be provided)

You can find your catchment school on the council's website:

<https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/schools-education/find-nearest-school.aspx>

You **MUST** enrol your child at the catchment school for your address **in addition** to any placing request for a non-catchment school you may choose to submit.

You can enrol your child for Primary 1 online at [www.falkirk.gov.uk/schoolenrolmentform](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/schoolenrolmentform)

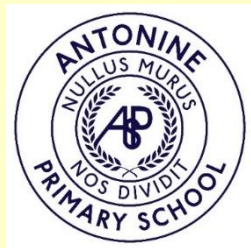
Enrolment requests will be accepted from **1<sup>st</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021** for entry to Primary 1 in August 2022.

## **What you need to know:**

- To enrol online you will be required to register for a 'My Falkirk' account.
- Your address will be checked against Council Tax records for verification.
- A copy of your child's RC Baptism certificate is required to support enrolment at a RC school.

If your child does not already attend a Falkirk Council or Partner nursery you will be asked to submit their birth certificate or passport as proof of identification.

## Dates for your diary



### Term 2 – 2021

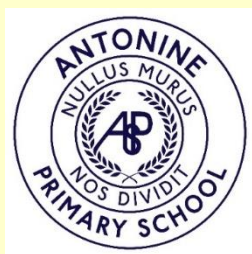
#### November

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	COP 26 – Climate Change assembly – protecting marine life.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Pupil Health & Well-Being Assembly – “Achieving”
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Antonine Digital Leaders – Coding Event
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Antonine Community Learning Day 1.00-3.00pm – Playground
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P6 and P7 - Connected Falkirk Pupil Ipad Deployment Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Local Councillors meeting with Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors and Pupil Voice from P4-7 to discuss impact of COP 26
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Global Goals Street Party for P1 to P7 pupils – launching our Commitment.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pupil Health & Well-Being Assembly – “Included” Antonine Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P6 and P7 Strictly Come Dancing event
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Strathcarron Hospice Assembly
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Council Meeting – 7.00pm Zoom.



#### December

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Antonine Fundraiser Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Antonine Choir singing in Bonnybridge main street – afternoon
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Homework and reading stops
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Movie Night 3.00-5.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Antonine Choir singing at Wheatlands Care Home Car Park
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary 1/2 Nativity to school pupils.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary 6/5 and Primary 5 Christmas Party – AM
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary 7 and Primary 6 Christmas Party – PM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	ELC Christmas Sing-a-long
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	“Panto Live” for all pupils – Peter Pan
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary 3 and Primary 4 Christmas Party – AM
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary 1B, Primary 1M and Primary 2 Christmas Party – PM
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas End of Term Assembly – 11.15am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	ELC Christmas Party – AM
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	School and ELC close at 1.30pm.



### **Term 3 – 2022**

#### **January**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan

Back to school and ELC

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan

Homework and Reading starts

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **February**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

School and ELC closed

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

School and ELC closed

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

In-Service Day

#### **March**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar

Parents Consultations - School

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar

Parents Consultations – School

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar

Scholastic Book Fayre in school

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **April**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Apr to Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Apr

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Apr

Back to School and ELC