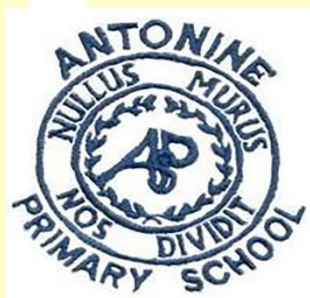


# Antonine Primary School

September & October 2020

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### Back into the new routines

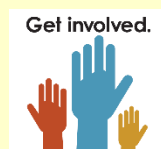
The school has been back for 3 weeks now and the pupils and staff are into a good routine. The changes and safety guidelines have ensured that handwashing and social distancing are in place throughout the day and everyone's safety has been a positive success so far.

*Mrs J McLaughlin*

### Breakfast Club

At the moment we still do not have any further information about when the Breakfast Club will start up again.

The decision is still that these clubs across Falkirk Council remain closed. As soon as I hear any additional information I will share this with you.



### Parent Council AGM

We would love to have more parents involved both in the Parent Council and with the Events Committee. Our AGM is on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.**

This will be in the form of a zoom meeting. Please contact the school if you would like to be part of this meeting. Your details will be sent to Yvonne O'Rourke, Chairperson and she will send you an invite.

This will be a good opportunity to hear about how school is running and the priorities for learning and teaching this coming year.



### Meet the Teacher

This will take a slightly different form this year. Each teacher is making a short video to introduce themselves to you and let you see your child's classroom. These videos will be uploaded to the class Microsoft Teams page for you to see on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### Maths Focus Week

We are excited to be hosting a Maths Focus week from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sep to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. During this week every pupil will be focusing on maths games, activities and challenges to inspire, excite and motivate them to enjoy maths in everyday life.

This was huge success last year and we are looking forward to sharing our photographs and experiences with you.

### Home Files

This was a new initiative launched last year and one that we will continue. We have made changes to how this will work to ensure that everyone stays safe and we stick to the advised guidelines.

Home files will come home on a Friday this year:

6<sup>th</sup> Nov

11<sup>th</sup> Dec

29<sup>th</sup> Jan

12<sup>th</sup> Mar

14<sup>th</sup> May

Home files should be kept at home for the full week and brought back the following Friday. We will put the home files into a box for 72 hours and leave them there to ensure there is no cross-contamination from home to school.

Home files are a lovely way for you to see your child's classroom work and for them to discuss a little of what they have been learning.



### Money into School

Thank you for your support in joining the online dinner payments. As a school we are unable to accept cash at the moment due to the risk of cross-contamination and as such all payments will be online.



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## Class Assemblies

We have planned for class assemblies – these will be videoed and shared on Microsoft Teams to enable families to share the learning at home. We are looking forward to trying out this new approach.

## Communication

Our main means of communication is through email 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.

## Homework

Homework guidance is being issued along with this newsletter. Feedback from families during lockdown has led us to move to using Microsoft Teams to communicate the homework grids. Denny HS is now using Microsoft Teams exclusively and it is good training for moving on.

Teaching staff are working hard to train the pupils in how to use this but there will be teething problems until everyone feels confident with the system. All we ask that you try to access the work over the next 4 weeks and practice at using the system.

Paper copies of homework will be sent home until the end of September. A reminder – no homework will be brought back to school. Pupils are being issued with a learning pack and jotters to keep at home to enable them to do their work.

## Parents Evening

At this point in time we will be unable to hold a Parents Consultation in the school. I am seeking advice and looking to see if there is a system we can use for online meetings.

We have planned the dates for parents evening but we may have no choice but to delay this depending on how we can manage this. I will continue to keep you informed.



On behalf of the staff we would like to extend our gratitude and thanks once again to the Antonine Community for your endless and unquestionable support in ensuring that our children are back to school safely.

There are lots of new rules, procedures and guidelines in place to keep everyone safe and these are being followed very well by staff, pupils and families. The children of Antonine are at the heart of everything we plan for and do.

Mrs McLaughlin



# Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



## Antonine Early Learning Childcare Centre (ELCC)



Welcome to all our families returning for another year and a special welcome to those joining us for the first time. We hope that you will feel part of our ELCC very soon.

### Social Bubbles

In line with national guidance the ELCC playroom has now been divided into two separate zones to support social bubbles. All children have adapted really well to these changes and continue to enjoy exploring lots of different experiences both indoors and outside. The grid below is a reminder of current Entry and Exit points for all children.

Week beginning: 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2020, 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020, 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020, 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2020			
Group	Entry and Exit Point	Zone 1 (Left Hand side of playroom and cloakroom. Outdoor Learning Week)	Zone 2 (Right hand side of playroom and outdoors)
Red, Blue and Purple	Main ELCC door		✓
Yellow, Green and Orange	Door at ELCC Garden	✓	
Week beginning: 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020, 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020, 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020, 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020			
Group	Entry and Exit Point	Zone 1 (Left Hand side of playroom and cloakroom. Outdoor Learning Week)	Zone 2 (Right hand side of playroom and outdoors)
Red, Blue and Purple	Main ELCC door	✓	
Yellow, Green and Orange	Door at ELCC Garden	✓	✓

### Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is an integral part of the ELCC 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 all items of clothing please be clearly labelled with your child's name?

### Children's Interests

At present the children have been experimenting with different tools and enjoying taking things apart. Some children are also showing an interest in volcanoes and have been finding out information from books and the internet. We plan to carry out our own volcano experiment very soon.

### Absence

If your child will be absent from the ELCC, please call the school office on 01324 503140 and ask to speak to a member of ELCC staff. This greatly supports us with our daily provision and also enables us to monitor any illness.

### Information

Please note that you can follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Staff regularly post pictures showing what the children are learning in nursery. You can also find information on the school website [www.antonine.falkirk.sch.uk](http://www.antonine.falkirk.sch.uk)

## Dates for your diary

### Term 1 - 2020

Homework and reading starts	Week beginning 31st August 2020
September holiday	Monday 7th September 2020 – School and ELCC closed
Meet the Teacher	Wednesday 2nd September – online video
Maths Focus Week	Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October 2020
Parents Evening	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October – more info to follow
Harvest Service	Monday 5th October 2020
October Holiday	Monday 12th October 2019 to Friday 23rd October 2019

### Term 2 – 2020

Back to school	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
P6/5 Class Assembly	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – video shared with home
Home File Home	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Outdoor Classroom Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
World Kindness Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Rights Respecting Schools/ Anti-Bullying Week	Week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
P7/6 Class Assembly	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – video shared with home
Homework and Reading stops	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Home file Home	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Christmas Assembly	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020
School closes at 1.30pm	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020 to Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Term 3 – 2020

Back to school	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
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