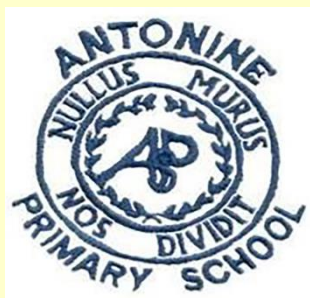


Antonine Primary School

March/April 2021

Headteacher: Mrs J McLaughlin



"Bringing books to Life" reading workshops on Tuesday 2nd March.

We have also planned for "Drop and Read" sessions, book hunts and a chance to take part in "The Masked Reader" – a detective activity with the staff.

We will be joining the Scottish Book Trust "live" to see our school name mentioned as being an official "Reading School".

It's going to be a great week of reading and literacy fun.



Parent Council Meeting

A reminder that the Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 1st March from 7.00-8.00pm. This can be accessed on Zoom. If you have not taken part in this previously but would like to then please phone or email the school to let us know and we will pass on your email details.

Home File Week

We had planned in the yearly planner for "Home Files" to go home the week beginning Monday 8th March.

As we will still have P4-P7 working at home during this time and P1-P3 having had an extended period of time working at home, we feel that all families have had a good opportunity to see their child's work at home for this term. Our next "Home File" date is week beginning 10th May and this will go ahead as usual.

Easter Service

It won't be long until the end of term and the school is holding an Easter service. This will be an online service within the school to all classes this year.

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.

Welcome to the March/April Newsletter. It has been such a positive week in school welcoming back children in our Early Years Room and P1-P3. Everyone has settled back into their normal school routines and we look forward to when P4-P7 can join them in school too.

Mrs J McLaughlin



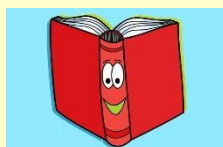
Staffing Update

We have two members of staff who are due to begin maternity leave over the next two months.

Mrs McManus will begin her maternity leave on Monday 8th March 2021. Mrs Finlay, who taught P6 at Antonine PS last year, will be the P6/5 teacher for the remaining part of the year.

Miss Ross is due to begin her maternity leave on Monday 19th April 2021. We will be pursuing the recruitment of an Acting DHT in her absence and will let you know the outcome of this in due course.

We wish both teachers well and can't wait to see the new members of the Anto family.



Antonine Literacy Week – Monday 1st March 2021

Developing a positive reading culture has been an important part of our School Improvement Plan this year.

We are excited to celebrate "Antonine Literacy Focus" week again this year but slightly differently.

Pupils will be exploring and delving into new books and reading/literacy activities. ELC and P1-P3 pupils will be taking part in

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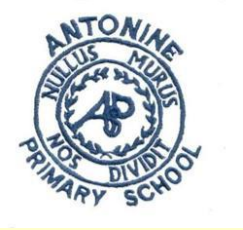
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Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre March/April Newsletter

Welcome Back

After several weeks of national school closures, we are so excited to all be together again at Antonine ELCC. The children have all settled in really well since returning and it has been lovely to see them all. We can't quite believe how much they have all grown! We would like to thank all of our families once again for their support with home learning. Since our return, we have had lots of fun catching up with our friends and exploring the outdoors together. With lots of new resources also being delivered, we have had the chance this week to explore and learn with these too. We have also welcomed some new children and families to our setting this week. Please remember to continue checking out our twitter page @antonineps_nurs to find out more about all the great learning taking place.



Entry and Exit Points

As it is our first week back we have been monitoring the entry and exit points at the start and end of the day. As our families safety is paramount, can we please ask that our families now adhere to the following guidance:

- Zone 2 families who enter through the main ELCC door should now queue round through the gate that leads into to the playground.
- Zone 1 parents continue to enter through the garden gate and queue in the ELCC garden.

We hope that this will help to ease the congestion at drop off and pick up times.

Communication

Just a reminder that if any information about your child has changed including address, phone number, dietary or medical needs can you please ensure that you update staff as soon as possible.

We understand that due to current circumstances, it is very difficult to chat with your child's keyworker. However, if there is anything you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to email or call us. A meeting via telephone can be arranged for a time that is most convenient for you.



Outdoor Programme

As you are aware outdoor experiences are a fundamental part of children's development. The outdoor environment promotes health and wellbeing, literacy, numeracy and science, as well as introducing our children to lifelong skills they will use throughout their life. Exposure to outdoors builds resilience, confidence and independence and supports developing risk assessing skills.



As outdoor experiences are such an important opportunity for our children to participate in we have developed an outdoor learning programme. Our outdoor learning programme will consist of both visits to our fairy garden, which is within the school grounds and visits offsite around the local community. The table below outlines Antonine's Outdoor Programme:

Zone 1 – Green and Yellow Groups
(Belinda and Louise)

Tuesday 23rd Feb
Tuesday 9th March
Tuesday 23rd March

Zone 2 – Blue and Red Groups
(Heather and Laura Jane)

Thursday 25th Feb
Thursday 11th March
Thursday 25th March

Zone 2 – Purple and Red groups
(Violet and Lesley)

Tuesday 2nd March
Tuesday 16th March
Tuesday 30th March

Zone 1 – Orange and Yellow Group
(Sarah and Susan)

Thursday 4th March
Thursday 18th March
Thursday 1st April

Can we please ask that all children attend ELCC with suitable outdoor shoes and jacket that they don't mind getting dirty? If parents wish, these can be left at nursery. We also a really limited supply of spare clothes within ELC and would ask that children please have a few changes in their bags, particularly extra socks and pants



March 2021

- 01.03.21 Literacy Focus Week
- 02.03.21 "Bringing Books to Life" Workshops for ELC, P1-P3
- 04.03.21 World Book Day
- 30.03.21 Easter Service, online for all classes.

April 2021

- 01.04.21 Last day (Thursday) – school and ELC closing normal times 2.45pm/3.00pm
- 02.04.21 Good Friday – ELC and School closed
- 05.04.21 – 16.04.21 Easter Holidays – ELC and School closed
- 19.04.21 Back to School/ELC

May 2021

- 03.05.21 Bank Holiday – ELC and School closed
- 06.05.21 In-Service Day (Election Day) – ELC and School closed to pupils
- 07.05.21 In-Service Day – ELC and School closed to pupils
- 10.05.21 Home File Week
- 17.05.21 Sports Week – (Sports Day this year will look very different, we will communicate details nearer the time)
- 21.05.21 Outdoor Classroom Day

