



### School Procedures and Organisation (continued)

We will host an Open Afternoon in term one, alongside Parent/Carer meetings in terms two and three with a final written Pupil Progress report in term four. Please ensure that the office have your most update contact details and if there are any changes, please contact the school office to let them know.

**Attendance:** Attendance plays a key role in supporting your child's progress with their learning. This year we will have a specific focus on attendance as part of our school improvement plan and will be targeting support to improve attendance across the school. We do also recognise that from time to time children become unwell and are unable to come to school. It is important that if your child is unable to attend then you contact the centralised absence reporting **line on 0141 287 0039**. If you are unable to get through on this number, then please contact the school office on 0141 944 6923.

**Uniform:** We are delighted to see our pupils dressed in full school uniform. Pupils wearing uniform helps to promote a sense of community and togetherness. As restrictions have now eased, pupils should now bring their P.E kits and get changed in school on their P.E days. **A reminder that no jewellery should be worn to P.E. and it is easier for pupils no to wear jewellery on days they have gym.** A letter with P.E days etc. was issued at the start of the term. Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with the child's name and class. This makes it easier to locate belongings should they be lost in school.

### Homework

We have issued a Glow Survey to all parents and carers to gather your views on homework. Homework is an important opportunity to share learning and practise/consolidate learning that has taken place in school. Whilst we have mainly used a digital approach since the pandemic, we are keen to see greater engagement with homework and so it is important that your views are taken into account with regards to homework format and paper copies being given. This will help to ensure homework is as easy as possible for all families to access.

**Homework should be issued by all classes from week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

### Flu Immunisation Programme

The annual flu immunisation programme will take place in school for pupils on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Forms were issued last week and we ask that all forms are returned as soon as possible. Only pupils with returned forms will receive the treatment which is a nasal drop and not an injection.

### Healthy Eating

We aim to promote healthy lifestyles and as such encourage all pupils to bring healthy snacks to school. Pupils are only allowed to drink water in class. We also have water coolers, so they can refill in school. **A reminder that fizzy drinks, including energy drinks (prime etc.) are not permitted in school. We are a nut-free school: snacks containing nuts are not allowed.** Thank you for your support with this.



### Mobile Phones

A reminder that children should not bring their mobile phones into school. If a mobile phone is brought in, it should be handed into the school office and collected at the end of the school day. Pupils should not be using their mobile phones during the school day. We appreciate your co-operation with this.



### Afterschool Clubs and Activities

Mrs Peffers and Mrs Campbell have met with our Active School Co-ordinator and planned a range of Afterschool clubs for our children across P2 -P7. Letters have already been issued and should be returned as soon as possible. Due to restricted numbers, not all children may get a place in the first instance. If a child does not attend the club for three consecutive weeks, their place will be offered out to another pupil on the list.

### School Improvement Priorities 2023-24

Our school will work on the following priorities this session:

1. Raising Attainment by improving learning and teaching with a specific focus on writing attainment.
2. Raising Attainment by improving attendance, parental engagement and approaches to family learning.
3. Improving our curriculum with a focus on Social Studies/Science and learning across different contexts.



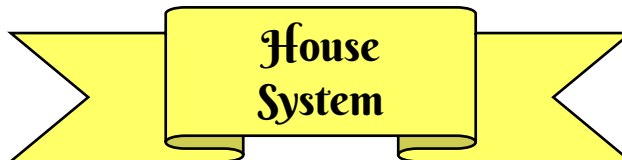
### Life and Ethos of the school and Opportunities for Personal Achievement

**House System :** Our House System is an important initiative to help promote our school values and allow greater opportunity for both pupil leadership and pupil voice. Our four houses are: Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Topaz. Elections for House Captains and Vice Captains will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. There is already a great buzz around the school and we have been impressed with the efforts and positive attitudes of our potential captains and vice captains. Good luck to all candidates.

**Celebrating Achievement:** Within school, we regularly celebrate achievement and success. Weekly certificates are issued at assembly including: Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. Children also gain certificates for displaying our values, having a positive Maths Mindset and achieving Writer of the Month. Alongside certificates, we are delighted to hear about our pupils' success outside of school. If your child has won any awards or been able to achieve success in a club or activity then please encourage them to share that with us. We will promote this through use of our school Twitter(X) page.

### Other Curriculum Updates

- ✚ P1 and P2/1 will be receiving fortnightly Music sessions from our YMI Instructor throughout the whole of this academic year.
- ✚ P2, P3/2 and P3 have participated in a visit from Zoolab to meet some animals as part of their Science learning.
- ✚ P4 are planning a trip to the Art Gallery as to supplement their work in Expressive Arts.
- ✚ P5/4 will be visiting the Glasgow Museum and Resource Centre to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians as part of their Social studies focus this term.
- ✚ P5 and P6 are currently receiving a five week programme called Bridges and Barriers that looks at fairness, equalities and general Health and Wellbeing.
- ✚ Both P7 classes are working with Sense Over Sectarism (SOS) as part of their work on the novel, Divided City. Also, both classes will visit the City Chambers at the end of September, supporting their topic work on Glagsow
- ✚ Groups of pupils will also benefit from weekly cycling lessons provided by the local Drumchapel Cycle Hub.



### Term 1 Upcoming Diary Dates August – October 2023

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September House Captain and Vice -Captain Elections
  - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September P2 –P7 Afterschool Clubs begin.
  - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September Parent Council Meeting via Zoom 6.30 pm.
  - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Evening Times photographer in school for P1 classes First Year at School photographs.
  - Thursday 21<sup>nd</sup> September P1 – P7 Open Afternoon/Meet the Teacher event 1.45pm -2.30 pm. Due to Health and Safety, a maximum of **two adults** to attend for each pupil.
  - Friday 22<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September weekend, school closed. School will re-open on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
  - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Flu immunisation programme for pupils.
  - Friday 13<sup>h</sup> October Inset Day 3. No pupils in school.
  - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>st</sup> October School holiday. Pupils return on Monday 23<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Advance Notice Term 2**
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 6.00 – 8.30 pm and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 -6.00 pm Parent/Carer(s) Evenings. Appointment letters will be issued after October break.



# Antonine Primary Term 1 Newsletter Session: 2023/24

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### Head Teacher Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer(s)  
Welcome to our first newsletter of session 2023/24. We are delighted to welcome back all of our children, staff and families, with a special welcome to all new members of our school community that have joined us this session, including our wonderful new Primary 1 children. I have been so impressed to see how quickly the children have settled and are reconnecting with their friends and school staff. As always, if you wish to speak with myself or a member of the Leadership Team please make contact via the school office or at drop off/pick up.  
Best wishes,  
**Mr G S Byrne** (Head Teacher)



### Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome three new members of teaching staff this session. Miss Lamont is our P2 class teacher sharing the class with Mrs Campbell. At P5 we welcome Mrs Allinson who will be working with Miss Jamieson. We are also delighted that Mrs Lang has joined our teaching team and will teach P7b, sharing with Miss Storer. I have attached a copy of our staff list for this session. Please see below key contacts within the leadership team:  
P1: Mrs Peffers Principal Teacher  
P2- P4: Mr Byrne (HT) and Mrs Campbell Principal Teacher  
P5 – P7: Mrs Harrigan (DHT) and Mrs McIntosh Principal Teacher.  
Mrs Harrigan is also our ASN Co-ordinator across P1 – P7.



## Our Values

**RESPECT**

**TEAM  
PLAYER**

**KINDNESS**

**PUPIL  
VOICE**

**AIM  
HIGH**

### School Procedures and Organisation

As we begin a new session, I have included some reminders of school procedures.

**Pick Up and Drop Off:** School starts at 9.00 a.m and there is an adult presence in the playground from 8.45 onwards. Pupils should not be in the playground before this time. This year for P1 pupils we are trialling a soft start with them coming into school from 8.45 and being dismissed at 2.55 pm. Parents and carers should drop children off at the school gates and not come into the playground. **Can I ask that all parents/carers respect the yellow zig-zags and please do not park on them at either drop off and collection.** Let's work together to keep everyone safe by parking responsibly. At home time pupils in P1- P3 are released from the infant gate. Teachers only release a child when they have identified the adult that is picking them up. I appreciate this can take time but it is important that the safety of the children is the main priority. Thank you for your continued co-operation with this.

**Communication:** Our main method of communication is through the use of Group Call (E-mail). We also use text messages, school Twitter feed and our Parent Council Facebook page. In order to promote sustainability, we will now rarely send paper copies of letters etc. home but are happy to issue paper copies if required. A newsletter, along with a 'Class Curriculum News' is also issued each term.