Parking

The car park is for staff only and should not be parked in unless you have been issued with a car park permit. Do not park in the area in front of the school is a turning area for vehicles. Please also be considerate to the neighbours of the school when collecting or dropping off children and do not park across driveways or in private bays.

Welcome Back

The children are all settling in well to their new classes and are working hard to impress their new teachers! It is lovely to see them all back, looking smart in their school uniform and enjoying playing with their friends.

Parent/ Carer Open Events

The first event is on the afternoon of **Thursday 29th September**.

These events are a time when you are invited to work with your child/children in their classroom. This is an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you. It is not a time to discuss your child’s progress with the teacher.

You will have the opportunity to help your child design a Christmas card (I apologise for mentioning Christmas in September!) that will then be professionally produced. At a later date, you will have the option to purchase your child’s card.

The main office door will open at 1.30pm to enable parents/carers to enter the hall. Please sign in on arrival. Classroom access will be from 1.50pm -2.50pm. If you have more than one child you can move freely between the classes.

I look forward to seeing you there!

There are three events across the year:

* afternoon of Thursday 29 September
* morning of Wednesday 16 November
* morning of Tuesday 7 March

Whole School Pantomime

This year the whole school is going to see Cinderella in the Motherwell Concert Hall on **Thursday 1st** **December 2022**.

The children will leave the school at am and return by approximately pm. The children will be able to have lunch as usually in the school however they will be unable to go home for lunch.

A small snack can be brought with them for the interval.

The pantomime costs £ and should be paid by .



Entering and Exiting School

The school day starts at 8.55am.

The entrance door (senior/junior door) will be open **from 8.40am**, children should enter the school building on their arrival and head to their designated class base. They should be in their class ready to start their day at 8.55am.

**Children should not be in the playground before 8.40am as there is no supervision.**

Please avoid overcrowding at the gate areas. Please do not stay once you have dropped off/ collected your child. We would also encourage you

to walk, if possible to avoid vehicular congestion at

entry areas.

Remember adults are not allowed in the playground.



Breakfast Club/ School Lunches

There is a daily breakfast club available for all children from 8.15am to 8,45am. The main office door will be opened at 8.15am and children can enter anytime between then and 8.45am. Children have the choice of toast, cereal, a piece of fruit, milk or fruit juice. They may have one of everything or just select the items they would like. As it is a breakfast club, children will be encouraged to take something to eat or drink.

Breakfast Club is free for all P1-5 children and any children in receipt of free school meals. Breakfast is £1 to other pupils per day. If you have more than one child at the school and they go to the till point together the cost is £1 for the 1st child, 50p for the 2nd child and 30p for the third child.

Lunch time is still be from 12.30pm to 1.20pm. The most recent primary school menu can be accessed on <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5594>

If a child is going home for lunch they should be collected from the front gate at 12.30pm.

Flu Immunisation

The NHS Scotland team will be in to vaccinate the children on **day .**

The Flu vaccine helps protect children against flu and reduces the chances of them spreading the virus to others. The majority of children receive the nasal spray which is quick and painless. The vaccine is safe and doesn’t cause the flu.

Consent forms have already been sent out. Please return the completed forms to the school by. If you have any questions or queries please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 303 3229

Dates for your Diary

12 September

Snapshot jotters home

15 September

Parent Council Meeting 7pm

23 & 26 September

Holiday – school closed

29 September

Parent/carer open event 1.30pm

12 October

Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30-5.30pm & 6.30-8.30pm

17-20 October

Holiday – school closed

27 October

Halloween disco

P1-3 6.15-7.15pm

P4-7 7.30-8.30pm

31 October

Snapshot Jotter home

1November

Parent Council Meeting 7pm

Snapshot Jotters

Snapshot Jotters will be sent home for the first time on **Monday 12th September**.

They will contain three pieces of work – one literacy, one numeracy and one other curricular area. This gives you the opportunity to see your child’s work throughout the year and most importantly to discuss their work with them. Please talk to your child about their learning and write a comment in their jotter. Encourage your child to evaluate their work and write a comment also. The children enjoy reading these comments throughout the year. It also helps them to understand their learning journey.

Please send the jotter back to school by the Friday.

Photographer

The Photographer will be in the school on Friday 9th September. This year the photos will be individual and sibling portraits. A class photo will be taken of P1 and P7.

Please ensure children are wearing their school uniform.

Wilson Photographers will contact parents/ carers directly and provide a unique code to access, order and pay for photographs.

Nut Free Zone



Anything that could contain nuts or nut traces should not be brought into school. Please check labels of pre-packed snacks carefully to ensure they do not contain nuts.

Please remind your child not to share their snacks/ lunch with others as some children have allergies so it is important children only eat the food they brought with them.

Twitter

Please follow us! Twitter is used as another form of communication. It lets you see the learning happening in your child’s class. The twitter feed can also be seen on the school blog if you log on using a computer. Our Twitter handle is @AitkenheadS

Parent Council Twitter

Please follow on @APSparents

Email

If your email address has changed, please inform the school.