



Auchinloch News

April 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

I wish to extend a warm welcome back to school on behalf of all the staff. This year has been very challenging for so many, however, through your unwavering support your children continue to surpass my expectations as they demonstrate resilience, perseverance, and a willingness to succeed, despite the chaos of this year. I am incredibly privileged to be a part of this school community. As we celebrate our 90th Anniversary in our current building and begin a fresh term, we are filled with hope and optimism. In the press we read about 'the light at the end of the tunnel' as we emerge from another period of lock-down, I would like to thank you for being the support in that tunnel from which your children can now emerge into the light. Your support this year has been exceptional, and we can now look forward to this term and celebrate all the success our children have achieved and the many hurdles they have cleared.

Kind regards,

Mr Brown and all staff at Auchinloch

Diary Dates



Monday 3rd May: HOLIDAY

Thursday 6th May: INSERVICE DAY (School closed)

Friday 28th – Monday 31st (inclusive): HOLIDAY

Tuesday 1st June: New P1 Parent Transition Evening

Thu 3rd – Fri 4th June: School Photo Days

Tuesday 8th June: Room 1 and 2 Fun Day

Wednesday 9th June: Room 3 and 4 Fun Day

Friday 11th June: Sports Day

Friday 11th June: End of Year Reports to Parents

Tuesday 15th June: P7 Transition Day to Chryston HS
(as yet, we have no dates from Lenzie Academy)

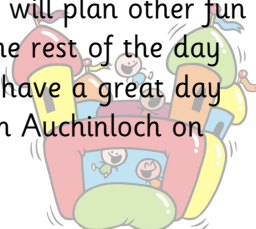
W/C Monday 21st June: P7 Leaver video and photos
emailed home.

Thursday 24th June, 1pm: School Closes for Summer

Monday 16th August, 9am: School reopens for
children.

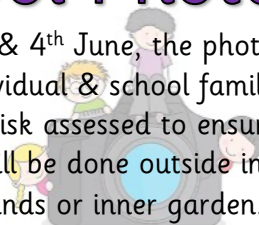
Summer Fun Day

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions and in place of a summer trip, we're going to host a whole school and nursery fun day across the 8th and 9th of June. We have hired a climbing wall and we are so grateful to one of our P3 parents who is providing us with a variety of inflatables to play on. There will be a slide, bouncy castle and a Disco Dome and the children from each class will have time in the day to have sole use of these fun activities. As a special treat, the children will have burgers or hot dogs for lunch and enjoy an ice lolly in the afternoon. The staff will plan other fun summer activities throughout the rest of the day too. We are sure everyone will have a great day and hope that the sun shines on Auchinloch on these days!



School Photo Day

On the 3rd & 4th June, the photographer will be taking individual & school family photos. This has been fully risk assessed to ensure it is fully COVID safe and will be done outside in our beautiful school grounds or inner garden.



Homework

When all pupils returned to school after the period of remote learning and since there were only a few weeks left of the term, we decided to suspend homework (except reading) until the Spring Break. We felt everyone deserved a rest from online learning after the hard work that had been going on at home since January. "Normal" Teams homework has resumed from this week and should be returned using the Class Notebook.

Sports Day

Friday 11th June will be our Sports Day. Unfortunately, we can't invite parents into our playground to watch the activities, but we know our children will still enjoy the day participating in the sports and races with their classmates.

R.S.H.P.

In Health and Wellbeing this term all classes will participate in Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood lessons, known as RSHP. The relationship and friendships aspects are taught throughout the year, but the more sensitive Curriculum experiences and outcomes will be taught this term. Resources that were created by educators and health professionals from the curriculum website, rshp.scot, will be used during the lessons. This website is open and can be accessed by anyone wishing to explore it. Next week you will receive a more detailed letter regarding RSHP lessons and w/c 10th May any parents who wish to, will have the opportunity to attend an online Parent Information session, if you would like further information.

P7 Leavers

On w/c 14th June our P7 Leavers will prepare and film their Leaver celebration. Unfortunately, even with restrictions easing in the coming weeks, we are unable to invite groups of parents into the school building meaning we are unable to invite parents and grandparents to watch the children's performance on stage. Our plan instead is to film the ceremony and take lots of photographs. Afterwards you will be sent a link to view it in the same way as you accessed the Christmas Show. In the absence of a P7 Disco or Leaver Trip, the children have organised with Mr Brown a special day in school just for them. They have planned various activities across the day including getting takeaway food delivered for lunch.

Thank you to our Parent Council who are also buying the P7s their hoodies and other gifts. The children will be delighted with them.

Sunflower Competition

Thank you to the parents who drew this competition to our attention and to Auchinloch Community Council for organising donations of seeds, plants, and compost and to one of the villagers who cleaned and donated 120 plant pots! Next week every child in the school and nursery will plant their sunflower and come home with information on the competition.

Sunny Days

On days where the sun is shining or is forecast to shine, please encourage your child to wear a sunhat to school. Children can bring sun cream in their bag that they can apply before going out to play or for outdoor learning too. Our pile of lost property is growing as children discard pieces of uniform on warmer days. Can we please ask that ALL items of clothing are labelled with your child's name which will make returning these items a little easier?

90th Anniversary



Our school building turned 90 during the spring break and we feel it is important to mark the occasion, albeit in a COVID safe way. The children have been learning about the school building and the village. We are so grateful to one of our parents whose business, **1st Class Trophies and Awards Ltd**, created and gifted every child and member of staff with a pin badge to commemorate the school's 90th anniversary. We hope the children will wear these with pride as we continue our celebrations into next week. Thank you also to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and former pupils from the village who have emailed or dropped in old photographs for the children to see and share. If you have any photos you'd like to share, please email them to Ms McCrossan on gw09mccrossanmegan@glow.sch.uk

THANK YOU

We are overwhelmed and blown away by the generosity, time, and effort that you, our parents, and Parent Council, give to our school for the benefit of the children. Our garden is blooming, our grounds are sparkling, the picnic benches have been painted, our nursery has a new playhouse, and we are in the process of confirming the contract to use an area of woodland at the bottom of the village. There is more to come in the next few weeks too. Thank you. Auchinloch really does rock!

We share lots of photographs and videos on our school Twitter page. Please follow us, @AuchinlochPrim1. If you don't use Twitter you can view our feed through the school webpage. www.auchinloch.n-lanark.sch.uk