



# Auchinloch News

September 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

I wish to extend a warm welcome back to school on behalf of all the staff and thank you for the welcome I have received from everyone on my return to the school. The children have settled into the term beautifully and our new pupil leadership team have taken on their responsibilities with gusto. We have lots planned for the year and look forward to a great year of working together for the benefit of our children.

Kind regards,

Ms McCrossan and all staff at Auchinloch

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](http://www.auchinloch.n-lanark.sch.uk)

## Diary Dates



**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sep:** School Closed for Bank Holiday

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Holiday Weekend

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Flu Vaccinations

Meet the Teacher Evening 3.30-5pm

Parent Forum Meeting 4.30-5pm

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parent Consultations

**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Holiday Week

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Halloween Day

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov:** P7 Outdoor Education Week

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Inservice Day

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Pantomime

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Photo Day

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Show – Afternoon Performance

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Show – Evening Performance

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** P3-5 Christmas Party

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** P6-7 Christmas Party

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** P1-2 Christmas Party

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** School closes at 2.30pm for holiday

## School Uniform

We are really pleased with the uptake in ordering the new fleeces and look forward to seeing the children wearing them when they arrive.

We already have lots of jumpers and cardigans gathering in our lost property box and unfortunately can't return these to children as they are not labelled with the child's name. Our captains have taken them to every class, but no child is claiming them.

Please label every item of school clothing with your child's name in order that lost items can easily be returned either in school or if they are accidentally taken home by another pupil. Miss Bain is going to lay out the lost property one Friday a fortnight for parents to look through and collect. Any items left at the end of each month that are not labelled with a name or claimed will be added to the rag bag bin.

## School Photo Day

The school photographer has been booked for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Individual, family groups and class photos will be taken.

## P7 Outdoor Education Week

Our P7 pupils have the opportunity to attend a week of outdoor education at Strathclyde Park again this year. A letter will be emailed home this week describing the activities the children will participate in. We are timetabled to go from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and cost is £108 which includes transport to and from school and lunch at the park. A payment has been set up on iPay which can be made in instalments and can be paid up until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. P7s will bring home a paper consent form this week. Please return this as soon as possible.

# Parent Council & Parent Forum

Auchinloch Primary and Nursery are so grateful for and rely on our Parent Council and Parent Forum. As a small school, we have a small budget so without parents' fundraising efforts, there are many activities and resources we simply couldn't pay for. Our Parent Council has had a solid membership for several years but as children have moved up through the school and in some cases on to high school, we have lost many of our stalwart members. Covid restrictions have also meant the opportunities for events have been so few that most of our P1-3 parents will barely have set foot in the building. This year we want to reenergise our Parent Council and are looking for new members to fill the office bearer vacancies. Did you also know that all parents are automatically members of the wider parent forum so can attend any Parent Council meeting and volunteer to help with the Parent Council without holding an office bearer position? As part of our 'meet the teacher' evening' we are hosting a Parent Forum evening. This is an opportunity to share the school improvement plan and how we are going to drive that forward this year.

## Halloween

We are planning a Halloween day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Children can come to school in fancy dress or Halloween themed clothes if they choose to. There will be lots of Halloween themed literacy and maths activities in the morning, a Halloween party in class in the afternoon and possibly a spooky movie to during the day. As well as a costume parade for anyone who wants to join in. A winner will be chosen from each stage from nursery – P7.

## Meet the Teacher

We are hosting a 'meet the teacher' evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30-5pm. This is an informal event where your child can take you in and show off their classroom. You will have a chance to look at their jotter work and meet their class teacher. You are free to drop in at any point between 3.30 and 4.30 but would love if you stayed for the Parent Forum meeting (and a cuppa) at 4.30pm. Our formal Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October and this will be your chance to speak to the class teacher about your child's progress in learning.

## Parent Portal + iPay

Thank you to those who have already set up iPay through the Parent Portal. Increasingly, we will use this platform to allow you to pay for trips and other activities online. It is important that we have all parents set up so if you are having any difficulty, please contact the school office or email [enquiries-at-auchinloch@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-auchinloch@northlan.org.uk) and we will do our best to help.

## Christmas

It may only be September, but we are already excited about Christmas and are planning a Christmas extravaganza of a school show, the likes of which Auchinloch has never seen!  
The important Christmas dates are in the diary dates section of this newsletter, but we will send out information on everything nearer the time. We ho ho hope it is going to be a great festive season.

## Parent Helpers

Now that all COVID restrictions are well and truly behind us in school, we are keen to get parents back into the building.  
Please complete this survey to let us know if you would like to help in school. We are looking for parents who can join us on trips as adult helpers; parents to come in and support learning, working with small groups and individuals on their tasks; and parents to help at events such as school shows, tea parties etc.  
<https://forms.office.com/r/BEEnkGs05c>

## Play Based Pedagogy

If you have a child in P1/2, they may have come home talking about some changes to the classroom. Miss McLean has been researching the Play Based Pedagogy and is moving towards a more play-based classroom. This allows children to learn in a style that suits them best, there are more opportunities to develop learning in areas of interest but most importantly allow more time for Miss McLean to meet each individual's needs in literacy and numeracy. We will be sharing more on this as the year progresses.