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### Important Dates

Parent Council Meeting - 18.1.17

P7 Burns Night - 2.2.17

Parents' Evening - 8.2.17

In-service Day 10.2.17

February Weekend School closed - 13.2.17 & 14.2.17

Valentine Disco 16.2.17

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

### **Happy New Year!**

On behalf of everyone at Auchenlodment we would like to wish all of our families a very happy and healthy New Year. We are all very excited at what lies ahead in 2017 and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure your child receives the best education at Auchenlodment.

### **BE PREPARED!**

Please ensure your child is prepared for school. This includes having the correct stationery, for example, pencil, ruler and rubber. Children should also be dressed appropriately for the cold weather with warm jackets, scarves and gloves. Children should also have sandshoes/ indoor shoes to change into before entering their classroom. The majority of children took their PE kit home to wash before the Christmas holidays. If they haven't done so already please ensure they have their kit back in school next week. Most classes are doing gymnastics this term and it is very important that children are dressed appropriately to be able to take part safely.

### **Healthy Eating**

The start of a new year is the perfect opportunity to set goals, stop bad habits and to get healthier. Our goal is to make Auchenlodment a more healthier and more positive place to work and learn. The majority of our children bring a healthy snack to school, however, there are a number of children who bring bars of chocolate, numerous bags of crisps and sweets and the occasional can/ bottle of fizzy juice. Please try to encourage your child to eat more healthily at school. Children perform better in class when they have eaten a breakfast and when they are properly hydrated. Children also behave better when they eat a healthy diet.

### **Vandalism**

Unfortunately just before Christmas two areas in the school grounds were vandalised. Considerable damage was done to the bottle greenhouse and the numeracy garden. The police have been investigating and Renfrewshire's Youth Offenders Team will be working closely with the school and the surrounding high schools. We are deeply disappointed about the damage as the greenhouse was only re-built last year after being vandalised a year ago. Our Numeracy Garden was built after receiving a £5000 grant from Education Scotland. At the moment neither areas are fit for purpose. The police have asked the local community to be vigilant about any suspicious activity in and around the school and nursery grounds.

### **Parent Council Meeting - Wednesday 1 January**

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 January at 7pm. All parents are welcome.

### **After School and Lunchtime Clubs**

Active Schools clubs will start next week. These include drama, football and guitar club. Further information on Active Schools Clubs can be found on the school website.

### **Charity Success**

Well done to P6 for raising £195.65 at the carol singing event at the Paisley Centre in December. Thank you also to everyone who donated money to both our collections at the Nativity and the Christmas service. We raised £280 altogether, which means St Vincent's Hospice and the NSPCC will each receive £140.

### **Pupil Council Representatives**

We are delighted to announce the pupils who have successfully been elected as their class

representatives for the Pupil Council. Please see the list below. The role of the Pupil Council is a very important one; they will have regular meetings with Mr Carlton and will help make improvements to the school by being the voice of the pupil body. We wish them luck in their new role.

**Gold Cubs**

Gold Clubs return next week. The clubs this term are: P1-3 - Active (yoga, karate, dance), Craft, Cooking and Technology. The P4-7 clubs are Glee, Stop Motion, Reading Café, Scottish Art Club, Sports and Table Tennis. All of the pupils will get to make their choice on Friday. If there are parents who are available on a Friday afternoon, 2pm - 3pm and would be able to help out at a club please contact the school on 01505 321464.

Thank you

*Gerry Carlton*  
Head Teacher

Class	Girl Representative	Boy Representative
Primary 1	Carly Tobin	Jay Wilkie
Primary 2E	Iona McAllister	Ashton Lomas
Primary 2S	Chloe Watson	Rhys McNally
Primary 3	Megan Sloan	Callum Patrick
Primary 4	Madison Gillespie	Kyle Perry
Primary 5	Mikaela Hughes	Jayden McGinn
Primary 6	Robyn Elliott	Adam White
Primary 7	Aliyah Hendry	Josh McMillan

## Pupil of the Week

**P1**  
**Daria Chira**

For settling well  
in P1.

**P2E**  
**Tania Chira**

For being part of  
her new class  
and making lots,  
of new friends.  
Well done!

**P2S**  
**Alfie Burnett**

For showing good  
leadership in a  
group maths task.

**P3**  
**Maciej Brycki**

For making a  
**HUGE**  
improvement in the  
knowledge of his  
times tables facts.

**P4**  
**Tyler Doran**

For  
demonstrating  
excellent  
technique in  
gymnastics.

**P5**  
**Ellie Fraser**

For producing a  
lovely piece of  
writing in her news  
jotter independently.

**P6**  
**Robyn  
Elliott**

For always  
being  
attentive and  
focused in  
class.

**P7**  
**Sarah Wilson McLelland**

For excellent effort in  
learning her poems for the  
Burns Supper.