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Newsletter - 31st August 2020

It's been another great week at Auchenlodment with lots of quality learning taking place in all of our classes. We can't wait to share the learning with you on our digital platforms. The children continue to work hard and we are delighted with their progress so far.

Farewell Jim Williamson

This week we said farewell to our amazing Home-link worker, Mr Jim Williamson who has retired. Jim has been working with children and families at Auchenlodment for over 30 years. He has always approached his role in a positive manner and has provided vital support to our pupils at Auchenlodment and as they've moved up to high school. We were delighted to get the opportunity to thank Jim at our online assembly on Friday. When we're able to, we're going to invite Jim back to give the children, families and staff the chance to give him a proper send off. Good luck with your retirement Jim!

COVID Guidance Update

Please follow advice from Renfrewshire Council and the NHS which is stated below:

If a pupil develops Covid19 symptoms while at school -

We will:

- keep the pupil in an isolated room away from other pupils and staff
- contact their parent or carer and arrange for the pupil to be collected (they should not use school or public transport)

You should:

- keep them at home and self-isolate as a household, including siblings and adults
- book a test via [Test and Protect](#)
- inform the school of your test results

What happens if my child has symptoms but I don't get them tested?

If your child has symptoms, we strongly advise you get them tested. If you don't, you must not send your child to school for ten days from the day their symptoms first show.

Can I send my child to school while we are waiting for a test or results?

No. Please keep your child off school until you have received your test results and inform the school when you have them.

We understand parents may find the guidance frustrating at times but at this point we must continue to follow all guidance given. Please be reassured that we will work hard to support your child's learning while they are at home.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/10536/Coronavirus-cases-in-schools-or-nurseries>

Outdoor Learning

As part of the guidance classes are being encouraged to take part in more outdoor learning. Pupils need to come to school with a waterproof jacket and suitable footwear as pupils will be heading outside frequently. To support outdoor learning, we would like all our **P1 and P2 children to keep a pair of wellies permanently in their classroom if possible**. Please name your child's wellies and they will be kept in school for the year or until your child grows out of them.

Furthermore, it is now a requirement for classrooms to be ventilated at all times, which means the windows will be open in your child's class. Please ensure your child has a jumper so they feel comfortable while learning.

Homework

Homework will begin on **Monday 31st August**. This week homework will consist of a reading book or a phonics activity as we want to introduce homework gradually. Reading books will be given out on Monday and should be returned by Thursday. On the week beginning **Monday 7th September** we will introduce all homework activities which are usually reading, spelling and numeracy. This week your child will receive a homework pack. It will include a homework jotter which should stay at home. Pupils can complete their homework in their jotter and upload it to SEESAW/Google Classroom for their teacher to check. They may also have some digital based homework to complete as well. Your child's homework will be posted either through SEESAW or Google Classroom. The homework pack will contain all the relevant logins.

Mr Carlton

Mr Carlton is still on adoption leave. His approximate return date is the end of September. Until then Ms Newlove is Acting HT, Mrs Scott Acting DHT and Ms Cameron Acting PT. If you would like to speak to us, please don't hesitate to phone the school on **0300 300 0145**. The School Office hours are 8:30am - 4pm. Alternatively you can also email the school on auchenlodmentenquiries@renfrewshire.sch.uk.

Parking

We are continuing to work with Engie and the builders at the new housing development to ensure traffic and parking does not become an issue at Auchenlodment. You can help by walking your child to school and avoid parking on the zig-zag lines or at a junction. The driveway should not be used as a drop off zone as we have regular deliveries to the school. They need to use the driveway and parked cars make this a difficult task. Parking is a matter which can upset people quickly so everyone's efforts to park sensibly or avoid parking near the school would be much appreciated.

Parent Pay and Parents Portal

We are currently in the process of setting up the Parents Portal. You should've received a text link to assist with this. Parents should follow the link on the Parents Portal Comms for Schools document. When trying to link a child to your account please only use the child's forename and surname, no middle names. Also, parents may have a change of surname/change of address that they have advised us of after they set up their MyAccount so this has to be taken into account. If parents are having difficulty in linking with their child, they can call the office on 0300 300 0145.

This is the last year of Annual Data Checks being sent out in paper form so it would be great if we could be all signed up to the Parents Portal as soon as possible.

Active Schools

Most schools have been allocated an Active Schools coach who must remain just with that school. Our Active Schools coach is Kerry and she is delighted to be working at Auchenlodment. This term our Active Schools coach has been timetabled to work with our P2 class on Mondays and our P3 class on Fridays.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council is an extremely well organised, active group that works hard to support the school. If you would like to join the Parent Council please contact Sandra Devine, our Parent Council Chairperson. She will be posting details on the Parent Facebook group. Due to the current situation meetings are held online in the evenings. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17th September at 7:30pm.

Assembly

Our online assembly this week was a huge success so we will continue to hold them every Friday at 10am. Classes are able to login and see each other on the class smartboards. During the assembly we will award Pupil of the Week. This week our school value focus is **Respect**.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 31 August	Reading/phonics homework begins
Monday 7 th September	All homework begins
Thursday 17 th September 7:30pm	Parent Council Meeting
Friday 25 th September - Monday 28 th September	September weekend
Tuesday 29 th September	Return to school

Thank you

**Denise Newlove
Acting Head Teacher**