

# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



*Our vision for Auchnagatt School is a secure, happy place to learn where everyone is encouraged to take pride in themselves, those around them and their work and where everyone's efforts are valued and celebrated.*

Dear Parents/Carers



A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely summer and were able to get outside and enjoy the fabulous weather with your family. It is lovely to have all the children back in school and see how much they have grown over the holidays. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all our new pupils, both in P1 and who have moved to our school over the holidays.

It is lovely to see the new P1s settling into school and already becoming familiar with the class and school routines. The P6 & 7 Buddies have been a fantastic help in this, not only are they supporting their own Buddy but also working as a team to ensure all the P1s are supported and included even if their own Buddy is not around.

We look forward to welcoming the P1s and a parent for their school lunch tomorrow in preparation for starting full days next week. As already communicated to P1 parents, due to the numbers of pupils we have in school, P1s and their parents will have their lunch from 11.45 - 12.30, the P6/7 pupils will go out to play before coming in for lunch at 12.30 and all other pupils will have their lunch as usual at 12.15.

## Learning to Learn

We started the session last week

with our annual Learning to Learn week where each class looked at how we learn, different learning styles and things we need to keep our brain and



## Learning How to Learn

body healthy and help us to learn to the best of our ability. Each class went on to develop their own Class Charter of expectations and linked these to the United Nation's Rights of the Child. This year the children were also able to work in their mixed collaborative groups to refresh our School Charter linked to our School Vision as well as the UN Rights of the Child. It was lovely to be able to do this again and we look forward to more collaborative work over the session. The Rights Respecting School Group are now collating all the work done on our School Charter and will issue this along with each of the Class Charters to parents in their first newsletter of the session.

## Houses

As part of our House System P6/7s are preparing their presentations which they will deliver to their House during Assembly time on Friday of this week. The pupils in each House will then vote for their House Captain and Vice Captain in a secret ballot. Once all votes are counted we will announce the House Captains and Vice Captains



## Staffing

P1/2 - Mrs G Robertson & Mrs B Johnston

P3/4 - Ms L McLachlan & Mrs Johnston

P4/5 - Mrs S McKerrow & Mrs J Thomson

P5-7 - Mr N Redpath

ASL - Mrs C Brooke

PSAs - Miss J Thompson & Mrs C Senior

Administrator - Miss S Crawford

Kitchen Staff:

Cook - Mrs T Matthews

Catering Assistant - Ms C Jolly

Mrs Johnston will be providing some cover in each of the classes on Mondays and Wednesdays with Mrs Robertson providing some cover in P1/2 and P4/5 on Thursdays.

## Office Cover

Please note that as Mrs Crawford is part time there is NO OFFICE COVER on a Tuesday afternoon from 12.30pm or a Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm. Emails and phone messages are not

monitored at these times. Other staff will try to answer phone calls during these times.

### Topics

P1/2 - Senses

P3/4 - Senses

P4/5 - Democracy

P6/7 - Politics

Further information on what each class aims to cover this term will be included in individual class newsletters.



### School Bags

All pupils are issued with a red homework bag which they will keep for the duration of their time in school, this is to keep any homework, reading records/diaries, reading books,

library books and any notes that are required to go home or be returned to school together, easily accessible and protected. All other items should be carried in your child's school bag. In particular tuck and water bottles should never be put in the red homework bag. Red Bags should be brought to school every day. Thank you to the Parent Council who have very kindly funded the Red Bags for the new P1 pupils which feature our school logo on the front. If anyone would like to purchase a new red bag at the cost of £5.50, please contact the school office.

### Pencil Cases

The Parent Council have also provided a wipeable pencil case with the essential items of stationery and coloured pencils for each child. We found this very helpful over the past 2 years so again thank you.

### PE

As we are now back to working more normally, please could all pupils bring a PE kit to school in a bag with their name on which they can leave on their peg in school. PE kit consists of a T-shirt which can be tucked in, standard length shorts/leggings or joggers, socks, gym shoes/trainers. Jewellery is not permitted during PE lessons. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure he/she can remove and replace their own earrings. Any child wearing earrings that cannot do this will be asked to put surgical tape over them for PE lessons and parents should provide a named roll of surgical tape for this purpose. Shoe string strap

tops are also discouraged for safety reasons as they can catch on gym apparatus.

As far as possible this term, weather permitting, PE for all classes will be outdoors.

### Achievements

As part of our work in school to raise pupils' awareness of their own learning, reinforce that learning is a lifelong



process which happens in many places, not solely in school, and that the skills learned in one area can be transferred to activities or problems in another, we have an Achievement Wall to display, share and celebrate achievements out with school.

Achievements can be anything that a pupil has been working towards and is proud of eg. successfully growing plants in the garden or independently riding their bike, not just when they achieve a certificate or medal from a club or competition.

If your child has an out of school achievement they would like to share, please email a photo of them taking part in the activity or showing off the final product to the school office with a short account of what they have done and why they are proud so we can display this on our Achievement Wall.

### Deer Abbey Dig

Next Tuesday, 6 September, the P6/7 class have a visit to Deer Abbey to take part in an archaeological dig run by The Book of Deer Project. The upper stages class have taken part in these digs for a number of years and as well as learning new skills have been fortunate enough to make some exciting finds.

### Annual Data Check

Just a reminder that everyone should have received their Annual Data Check. It is very important that you check these and make sure all information is up to date, this is what we use in school to contact parents, check dietary or medical information. Please complete by **Wednesday 7 September**. If you have any problems please contact Mrs Crawford in the school office.

### Carpark safety

Just a reminder that, **for safety reasons**, parents should **NOT** be using the school carpark at drop off and pick up times. Please use the carpark at the Village Hall, the layby beside the park and, if needed, in the street but avoiding the yellow lines. Please also regularly remind your child/ren of good

road safety practices and reinforce these when dropping off and picking them up.

### Online Safety

I have again included the ThinkUKnow website which has a wealth of trusted information for parents and pupils which is regularly updated as well as advice on where to go for help.



[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=03f521e658-TUK\\_ONLINE\\_SAFETY\\_AT\\_HOME\\_21\\_04\\_20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-03f521e658-54385293](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03f521e658-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_21_04_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03f521e658-54385293)

As well as this Parent Club have a resource to help keep children safe on line - see below for further information:

[Online Safety | Parent Club](#)

### Diary Dates

Wed 31 Aug	P1 Parent Lunch
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	P6/7 Deer Abbey Dig
Wed 7 Sept	Parent Council AGM 7.30pm
Wed 14 Sept	SSPCA Visit
Fri 14 Oct	End of Autumn term
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Holiday
<b>Monday 31st October</b>	<b>Start of Winter Term</b>
Thurs 17 Nov	In Service Day - school closed to pupils
Fri 18 Nov	In Service Day - school closed to pupils
Thurs 22 Dec	End of Winter Term
Fri 23 Dec	Occasional Day Holiday
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Holiday
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>Start of Spring term</b>
Fri 10 Feb	Occasional Day Holiday
Mon 13 Feb	Holiday
Tues 14 Feb	In Service Day
Wed 15 Feb	In Service Day
Fri 31 Mar	End of Spring Term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>
Mon 1 May	Holiday
Mon 5 June	Occasional Day Holiday

Fri 7 July	End of Summer Term
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July - Fri 18 Aug	Holiday
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	New School Year Starts

Yours sincerely

Jill Thomson  
Head Teacher