



Auchengray Primary Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents,

Once again, we have had a very busy time in school. Our Primary 1 pupils settled very well and are now firmly part of our school community.

The children have been involved with lots of interesting learning activities with themes of farming and renewable energy. They are enjoying their learning and making very good progress in the key areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.

Primary 1—3 have been learning more about the journey of food through their cooking afternoons with Marnie. They cooked Spanish Potato Omelet using potatoes and herbs grown in the school grounds.

Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the tennis coaching they have been receiving at the afterschool club. Thank-you to Sam at WATIF and Derek Howett from Active Schools for facilitating this.

As many of you will be aware, ground works are taking place at Auchengray Church Centre. The pupils will be getting involved in the landscaping by planting bulbs and shrubs.

We are beginning to plan ahead for transition of our current P6 and P7 pupils to Biggar High School. There is an information evening for P7 parents next month at the High School and early in the new year, P6s and P7s will have opportunities to visit the High School to take part in a work skills development event and STEM Challenge day.

The pupils will be very busy in the run up to Christmas. P6 and 7 pupils are heading to Hexham for their residential, whilst Primary 5 will learn more about the world of farming at the RHET food and farming day at Lanark Agricultural Center. We also have some sports events planned in partnership with Active Schools, these include the Benchball/ Netball Festivals and Skipping. We are also going to the Pantomime at Lanark Memorial Hall and our very own performance will take place on Tuesday 19th December — keep an eye on the school bag post for more information.

Walston Parent Council have invited all pupils to their film night in Biggar Corn Exchange on Friday 10th November—save the date as more details will follow.

Carol Pennock

Dates for your diary

Please check the school website for details of up and coming events

Thursday 26th October 2017

P4—P7 Benchball and Netball Festival

Wednesday 1st November 2017

Open evening at Biggar High School for P7 parents

Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November 2017

P6 and P7 Residential

Wednesday 8th November 2017

P5 (along with P5 from Walston) visit to Lanark Agricultural Centre

Friday 10th November 2017

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Walston Parent Council Film Night—all invited.

Monday 20th November 2017

In-service—Pupils do not attend

Tuesday 21st November 2017

Rotary Quiz for P7

Thursday 30th November 2017

Swimming starts—whole school

Friday 1st December 2017

Ceilidh—Tarbrax Village Hall

Friday 8th December 2017

Visit to Lanark Panto

Tuesday 19th December 2017

School Show—6.30pm

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Christmas Party 1—3pm

Canteen

The price for lunches remains at £1.60 for P4-7. All of our P1-3 children will have a free lunch. Milk can be purchased for 20p, otherwise, chilled water is available both at lunchtime and during the day.

Mrs Yuill runs a Tuck-shop at morning break with toast and a selection of items, depending on availability for 10p per item. Milk can also be purchased at break and lunchtime for 20p. Please try to give your child the appropriate change whenever possible.



Thank you to all who attended our recent Harvest Festival in Auchengray Church Centre. Also, our thanks go to Alex Kelly and Campbell Fischer for helping to organise and lead the service.

On the day, the community café served refreshments for a donation and we gratefully received the £60.34 proceeds as donation — thank you once again. This money will go into school funds to help towards activities and resources for all pupils—thank-you once again.

Swimming Lessons

On Thursday 30th November all children will start a 12 week block of swimming lessons at Lanark Lifestyles centre. We will leave school at 9am sharp and return 10.40am.

This block of swimming lessons has been made possible by a very generous grant of £800 from WATIF to cover the cost of transport. Transport costs for school activities is a real issue for us and this grant will ensure that we are able to give the pupils opportunities to take part in other events within the learning community so THANK-YOU to WATIF for enabling this.

The school, along with a small donation from parents will cover the cost of the lessons and the swimming coach.

Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who continues to use our Clothing Bank; £25.20 has been raised since August. Please also continue to use.

www.easyfundraising.org

It is amazing how much we can raise without costing you anything and with Christmas just around the corner, Please consider going through this website. Please visit the school website for the link All monies raised go to help provide additional activities and resources for your children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

To help strengthen the sense of community within the school and to promote a feeling of belonging we encourage the wearing of school uniform.

We have organised for the provision of school uniforms to Auchengray Primary School with ALJ Work and Leisurewear of Lanark. This will enable you to purchase items of uniform from them direct at a time that suits you. You can view their range on their website www.aljonline.co.uk or visit their shop at 18 Bloomgate Lanark

Please help your child to ensure that they don't lose their uniform by clearly labelling **all** items, including gym kit.

The Parent Council held their AGM on the 20th September where two long-standing members of the Parent Council and current office holders stood down. We are very fortunate that Mr Stuart Crighton continues as **treasurer and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Moria Marshall as Chairperson. There are however still vacancies, firstly for a secretary and secondly for a vice-chair. Please, if you have a spare hour or two, once a term, please consider helping out**—I know you will be made very welcome. The members of the parent council work hard to fund raise and support school events and activities which all children benefit from.

FUTURE PARENT COUNCIL EVENT

Friday 1st December 2017—Ceilidh—details to follow.