



Auchengray Primary Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents,

It has been an extremely quick few weeks since returning from the Christmas break. The unpredictable weather certainly hasn't helped. However the good work in the school has continued. Everyone enjoyed performing in the Scottish Afternoon in the ACC, again the talents of all our pupils were on display. Primary 4 to 7 have started training for the Small School Cross Country event which takes place in March - Good Luck to all of them.

The school calendar contains a number of up-coming events, you will receive further information about these in due course.

Carol Pennock

Contract: Market Cars

We are very keen to see your child's journey to and from school is happy and safe. Please let the driver know if your child is absent or if they will not be returning home by school transport.

Pupil behaviour is the responsibility of the parent/carer whilst travelling on school transport. If your child is having problems on the bus. Please let the school know and we will do all we can to sort things out.

Contacts;

Education Support Services 01698 454102 South Lanarkshire council Education Resources Council Offices Almada Street Hamilton ML3 0AE

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) 0141 333 3360 131 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5JF

Complaints can be recorded online at :-
<http://www.spt.co.uk/corporate/about/our-services/subsidised-busservices/schools-transport-complaint-form/>

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th February

Thursday 1st March

Swimming—Whole school

Monday 5th March

Cross-country P4—7

Tuesday 6th March

YMI P4—7

Rugby afterschool club

Thursday 8th March

P4—7 Small schools Cross-Country event

Tuesday 13th March

YMI P4—7

Rugby afterschool club

Thursday 15th March

Numeracy afternoon—details to follow

Tuesday 20th March

YMI P4—7

Thursday 22nd March

Parent consultations and topic afternoon—details to follow

Tuesday 27th March

Whole school trip to Almondvalley Farm Park

Thursday 29th March

Easter Service—ACC 1.15pm

School Closes 2.30pm

Monday April 16th

School reopens 9am.

Contact Details

If your number, or any of your child's emergency contact's numbers change, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

This is to ensure we can verify absences and in the event of an accident/ emergency we can get a hold of someone immediately.

As per council guidelines, any absence longer than 3 days without contact from the parent/ carer gets referred to the Social Work department.

School App

Our App is now live in the Apple and Google Play Stores. You can keep in touch with our events, news and receive important messages from us!

To download the app, search 'PSA' or 'PSA primaryschoolapp' in the Apple or Google Play app stores. Once you have opened the app, just search for Auchengray Primary School. Before your initial sign-in you will need to use the code and password, on the attached leaflet which will only be required to be entered the first time you use the app.

Closures due to Weather

Occasionally pupils may need to be sent home due to emergency circumstances. This will usually be because of severe weather. It is essential that emergency contacts are up to date. If you are concerned about your child returning home safely please remember you can call the school and arrange to pick them up.

Points to note:-

1. Decisions are made to ensure pupil safety and it is essential for the school and parents to work together to make this happen.
2. The final responsibility for the safety of children walking to and from school or bus pick-up and drop-off points rests with the parents/carers.
3. In the case of severe weather overnight, bus operators take the decision whether or not to operate routes about 7.30am.
4. If a member of staff has managed to get into school then you will receive a text. If this is not possible please check school website, South Lanarkshire Council website and South Lanarkshire twitter for information. We will endeavour to ring parents as soon as possible to inform them of the decision not to open the school.
5. Pupils should wait no more than 15 minutes for a bus.
6. Please consider weather before sending your child for the bus. You should also consider what to do if a bus does not arrive.
7. It is essential that your child knows where they will go if school has to close.

Parent Council News

Thank you to all those who supported the ceilidh organized by the Parent Council back in November. It was well attended and a great evening was had by all. This is just one of the events the Parent Council has organized to help raise funds for the school. So far this year the Parent Council have bought the school an additional laptop and funded the fee for the school app (see above). More recently they have made an application to the Woodland Trust for trees to be planted in the school grounds—volunteers will be required to help plant should this application be successful—Watch this space.

Next meeting: Wednesday 2nd May at 7pm—If you can spare an hour or so a term, please come along and support your Parent Council in the valuable work they do.

Chairperson: Moria Marshall, Secretary: Susan Peter,

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.

ALJ Work and Leisurewear of Lanark now have the school logo and are able to provide uniform items. We have been informed by the company that items aren't in stock but they are available to order in the shop and will be on line soon. Their website is www.aljonline.co.uk or visit their shop at 18 Bloomgate Lanark.

However we still have some new items of uniform available in the school to buy, currently at a reduced price.

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

THANK YOU

Clothing Grant/Free School meals Applications can be accessed at:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk or by calling: Operation Services on 01698 454375