



# Auchengray Primary Newsletter

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy time here in school. We have welcomed two new pupils into school—Ayva (P4) and Tyler (P3), this means that we are now at capacity with 19 pupils.

We were visited in October by the Levenseat Committee and we presented to them our work on Our Engagement with our Community. We eagerly await the results on the 22nd November.

Along with all the excellent work that has been going on in school, our pupils have been busy outside school. Our **Awesome Auchengray Achievers** board is filling up nicely, Achievement covers learning in other areas of the life of the school, and in the variety of activities children and young people are involved in. Pupils have been competing in trail runs; gaining badges at cubs; attending camps; taking dance exams; taking part in reading challenges set by the library service; joining the villages' litter pick and submitting entries to the Auchengray Flower Show. Through these activities, they develop important skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work that can be of real value to them as they grow up.



I would like to thank everyone who attended our Harvest Festival in Auchengray Church, it's wonderful to see so many parents and members of the community supporting our school. Our Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday 13th December, 6pm until 8pm in the school, so save the date.

I would also like to thank all those that have bought bags of rice from the school. We are keen to take 'real-life' opportunities to develop in our pupils' global citizenship which supports young people to explore and question the world around them. It promotes critical thinking, advocates social justice; how we live together in a multicultural society and encourages learners to apply their learning to real-world issues. This month we will be once again supporting Children in Need with a dress down day and selling tickets for their virtual Duck Race—more details to follow.

Carol Pennock

### Dates for your diary

#### November 2018

Thursday 1st—P7 Parent's Information evening @BHS

Wednesday 7th—P1 –3 Skipping Festival @BHS

Thursday 15th—Library Van visit

Friday 16th—Children in Need, dress down day and virtual duck race. Plus fluoride varnish.

Monday 19th—In-service—school closed to pupils.

Thursday 22nd—Levenseat Winners Presentation

Tuesday 27th—P7 Rotary Quiz (P6 & 7 attending)

#### December 2018

Friday 7th—School visit to Lanark Memorial Hall for the Panto.

Thursday 13th December—Christmas Lunch at School and Christmas Concert 6pm—8pm

Tuesday 18th—Christmas Assembly for pupils by Rev MacLean

Thursday 20th—Pupils Christmas party

Friday 21st 2.30pm—school closes.

#### January 2019

Monday 7th 9am—school reopens.

Monday 14th—Friday 18th—Enrolment week for new P1's

Thursday 17th—P7 STEM day at BHS

Friday 18th—P6 Enterprise day at BHS

Thursday 24th—Burns recital at Auchengray Church Café.

Wednesday 30th—P4—7 Benchball/Netball Festival at BHS

Thursday 31st—Reflective Spaces Assembly with Rev MacLean

### ParentPay

There have been some teething problems with the introduction of ParentPay, however we all seem to be getting there and we are well on our way to becoming a 'cashless' school. A couple of points to note:

- Once you have put money into your account, this needs to be allocated to meals.
- If your child requires milk, this needs to be booked and accounted for separately to meals.
- Please do not hesitate to call into the school office if you require any assistance.

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

## Fundraising

[www.easyfundraising.org](http://www.easyfundraising.org)

As Christmas is approaching and many of us will be doing on-line shopping, please consider going through the Easy Fundraising website. This does not cost you any more, but raises valuable funds for the school. Visit the school website for the link or you can download an app for your phone or tablet. All monies raised go to help provide additional activities and resources for your children.

## Clothing Bank

Thank-you to everyone who continues to use our Clothing Bank, which is situated in the school grounds. We recently received £16.80 from this.

**Please continue to use as this continually 'tops up' our school fund.**

The Parent Council held their AGM on Wednesday 26th September and the following members were elected:

Chairperson—Moria Marshall

Vice Chairperson—Susan Peter

Secretary—Jen Crighton

Treasurer—Stuart Crighton

The members of the parent council work hard to support the school in a variety of ways as well as raising funds and supporting school events and activities which all children benefit from.

The Parent Council has recently taken delivery of 420 trees for planting around the school grounds in order to create a windbreak for the playground. We ask if you could spare a hour or two on **Saturday 8th December, anytime between 10am and 2pm**, to come along and help plant these. Refreshments will be provided. Remember, many hands make light work.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7pm in the School**

Please support your parent council in their support of our school. See attached leaflet.

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