



Dress down Day

Friday 13th October, the last day of term, will be dress down Friday. Wear as you please and donate £1 to our school fund. No football colours/strips or crop tops please.

Parking

The safety of our children is of the utmost importance to us. Please do not park on the zig zag lines outside the school.

School Absences

Please contact the school before 9.30am by phone (01292 612493) or email (mail@annbank.south-ayrshire.gov.uk) if your child is going to be absent. This procedure is in place to ensure your child's safety. If we do not hear from you by 9.30am we will call to check your child is at home.

Holidays for Term 1

The school will be closed for holidays on the following dates this term:

*Friday 22nd September and Monday 25th September

*Close at 3pm on Friday 13th October for our October break and reopens on Wednesday 25th October at 9am



Thank you for your continued support.

Karen Butchart

Head Teacher



ANNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM ONE NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

EFFORT INCLUSION EQUALITY
TRUTH/HONESTY RESPECT

A huge welcome back to everyone! It has been great to see everyone back after the summer break and to welcome our new children and new staff to the school.

I cant believe it's been a year since I started at Annbank and Early Years Centre and what a year it was! I am so looking forward to seeing what achievements we have this year.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter, Annbank Primary and Early Years Centre is a very busy place with lots to look forward to! Please complete the form on the back if you have any further ideas to improve communication between home and school or have any ideas you would like to discuss.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of school life, or have any concerns, I am always willing to meet. Please pop into school or call to find a mutually convenient time.

Karen Butchart
Head Teacher



Calling all Parents !!!

In Annbank Primary School we offer a wide range of Extra-Curricular activities to all children throughout the school year. If you have an interest in a particular sport/ activity and would like to deliver or support an after-school club in Annbank Primary School/ work with children during term time please email Mrs Tonner at caroline.toner@south-ayrshire.gov.uk to discuss this further.

Meet our new P2017/18 Primary 7

House Captains and Vice Captains

A huge congratulations to all pupils who completed an application form and went through the interview process for House Captains and Vice Captains.

The pupils were all super and it made our job very difficult. A huge congratulations to the following pupils who were successful after this process

Blue - Afton	
Captain: Carly McMaster	Vice-Captain: Danielle McLaughlin
Green - Auchincruive	
Captain: Aidyn Houston	Vice-Captain: Abbie Lynch
Red - Enterkine	
Captain: Sophie Bradley	Vice-Captain: Cara Grier
Yellow - Gadgirth	
Captain: Amber McNair	Vice-Captain: Lewis Latona



Early Years Building

The work for our fantastic new Early Years Centre is well underway. The Early Years Centre have moved to the classrooms at the other end of the building and our two new P1 classes have moved into the main school building. The work is due to be completed by the New Year.

We apologise for any inconvenience during the build but I am sure you agree it will be worth it!

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our after schools clubs and lunchtime clubs have started. Please check your child's schoolbag for letters informing you about clubs available as many of these can be over subscribed.



MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday 29th September in the Community Hall from 9.30am—11.00am. Mr Campbell and P7 will be hosting as part of their focus on 'World Of Work'. All family, friends and neighbours are very welcome to come along and support this very important charity. Donations of home baking on the day or the evening before would be most welcome.

Maths Workshop

We will be holding a maths workshop on Wednesday 4th October (time to be confirmed) to share with you how maths is taught in the school and how you can best support your child's learning. A particular focus will be on the recently implemented 'Number Talks' approach.



Sportshall Athletics

P7 and P6 pupils will attend the annual Sportshall Athletics qualifiers on Monday 9th October. Good luck to everyone competing.

Dyslexia Friendly Schools (DFS)

We are proud to be a Dyslexia Friendly School and look forward to continuing our journey towards Gold Accreditation. We are continuing to raise awareness in school and our new DFS Pupil Committee will be introduced at assembly very soon. Smiley Boxes are available in all classrooms to give pupils access to resources and supports which may help. Our class representatives make sure that these boxes contain useful resources for each stage and remind all pupils of how they can help. If you would like to become involved in our DFS work and find out more, please contact the school office.



Osiligi Masai Warriors

On Wednesday 13th September the Masai Warriors will visit the school. The seven-piece group comes from the village of Oleopolos and surrounding communities in southern Kenya, around thirty miles south of Nairobi. They perform authentic and exciting Maasai tribal song and dance plus the world-famous Maasai jumping

Meet and Greet

Please join us in classrooms from 2.30pm on Tuesday 12th September to allow us to share your child's learning with you.

P1 parents are invited at 2.00pm for a P1 curriculum event followed by their meet and greet.



Sponsored Walk



A sponsored walk is being held on Friday 15th September to raise money for our school funds. All our school funds are used to enhance the children's experiences at school. The money raised will help buy playground toys/equipment for the children to use in their new playground.

Ayr Academy Open Day

Ayr Academy are holding an open day on Saturday 16th September between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome to pop along and see the newly opened building.

Coffee and Chat

Our first 'Coffee and Chat' will be on Monday 18th September at 9.00am. Please join me for an informal chat (with cake) and to discuss any ideas you have for the school and Early Years Centre



Parent Council AGM

Our Parent Council AGM will be held in the staffroom at 9.15am on Tuesday 26th September. We would be delighted to welcome new members to the group who do a fantastic job for the school and EYC.



Playground

As you will be aware, our playground had 'a makeover' over the summer break. The pupils and staff are delighted with the new look playground and are excited to gain access to all areas of it. Once the turf has had time to settle the heras fencing will be removed and children can use the whole area. Unfortunately during out of school hours children are ignoring the heras fencing and playing on the grass, often causing damage. This is delaying the completion of the project.



The school plan to continue improving the playground over the next session and our up coming sponsored walk will help fund this.



As part of the project a new fence has been installed around the perimeter of the school. On completion we will be locking the gates, for the safety of the children, during the school day. This will not impact on you bringing and collecting your child from school or Early Years Centre.



Travelling to School

We encourage children to, where possible, walk to school or come on their bikes. However to ensure the safety of all our children we ask that children do not ride their bikes in the school playground. It is also very important that children always wear their helmet when riding their bikes. Children can not ride their bike to school unless they wear a helmet. This is South Ayrshire Council Policy. We have lovely new bike racks installed in the playground which the children can padlock their bikes to.

JRSO

Our new Junior Road Safety Committee has been chosen. Congratulations to Kayleigh Wheeler, Paige Murdoch and Mia Compton who, with Mrs Yair, will attend their JRSO seminar at County Buildings this week. The girls will begin their work looking at 'and helping all the children with a 'Safe Travel To School'