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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Friday to you all! It has been lovely to see lots of fireworks clips and art work around the school this week, making up a little from not being able to attend organised events this year!



I would like to take the opportunity to remind families that it is very important that children do not attend school if any member of the household is symptomatic or having to be tested as a result of track and trace communication. If test results are negative, children may return to school. A positive result within the household will mean a period of self-isolation for the entire household as directed by Public Health. Staying home at the symptomatic point or when someone is being tested will help spread the risk of infection greatly. Full guidance can be found here:

www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect



Thanks to all parents for adhering to new Government guidance around wearing face coverings within the school grounds, and to all staff for wearing them in all communal areas of school. Sadly, this seems to be the new norm in our society, but great to see we are all playing our part at keeping each other safe.



Flu immunisations will take place in school on Friday 13th November for those pupils in P1-7 who have returned the forms.



Exciting news about a Dance After School club starting soon. We are delighted that Laurin Campbell has approached us about leading a dance club on Teams – once for P1-3 and one for P4-7 pupils. The idea would be that Laurin will film a series of lessons which will be uploaded to Teams on a Wednesday. Children will then access the lessons through Teams. They can upload video of themselves which will then form a showcase at the end of the block of lessons. Mrs Burns is going to be the technical support here in school and so information on joining will come out to classes soon. We hope to start on Wednesday 18th November for 4 weeks!!!



Well done to those parents who have already phoned and booked in Parental telephone appointments with class teachers for Thursday 19th November. If you haven't done so yet, please call 01292 612491 to make your appointments.



The week of Monday 16th November is Anti Bullying week. This is always a week that Coylton Primary work hard to raise awareness of as we are a zero tolerance school when it comes of Bullying. All classes will take part in a series of activities, and we will feed back to parents via Twitter so check that out during the awareness raising week.



I will leave plans for Christmas on this round up for families in order to remind you of the events!

Pantomime – obviously, we will not be going together to The Gaiety this year. Instead, we are supporting 2 local companies. We have bought a production called Tales From Toytown for all EYC -P3 pupils. This is a live, interactive show with the children accessing it via the interactive panels in their classrooms. We have also purchased a production of Robin Hood from The Takeaway Theatre company for all children in P1-7, and again, children will access this through the interactive panels in their classrooms.

Movie afternoons – all classes will choose a Christmas movie to watch and children will be provided with movies snacks for the afternoon. Ssshhh...we are also hoping that a special visitor might get in touch with the children at some point too!!!!

Christmas Jumper – instead of wearing a Christmas jumper for one day in December to support a charity, we have decided to make it Christmas Jumper December! Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school sweatshirt from Tuesday 1st December until the end of term! Please note, this is not compulsory and some children may not want to – that is totally fine too! 😊

Nativity – both groups within the EYC WILL perform a nativity this year. This will be recorded and will be made available to parents via Seesaw and Twitter.

Christmas Lunch – Anna and the catering team are planning to have Christmas lunch. We will circulate information regarding this nearer the time.

Christmas Crafts – obviously we won't be able to have our Christmas Bazaar but all classes are going to have an afternoon of Christmas craft, so look out for something wonderfully creative coming home.

Parent Council are also looking to have Coylton Primary tea towels made with all pupils from EYC to P7 creating their own portrait, Coylton Primary aprons with the school badge on and calendars as we usually do. Order forms have now been sent electronically and pupils in school and EYC are busy preparing for these items to be created. Here is the

link to the order form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CoyltonPrimaryParentCouncil/ChristmasGiftOrderForm2020>

PLEASE NOTE, ORDER CUT OFF DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2020



Children in Need this year takes place on Friday 13th November. We will have a non-uniform day on this date and children are invited to make a donation to Children in Need. The event this year will have a mental health focus and so classes will be involved in Five to Thrive activities during the week of November 9th November, led by Joe Wicks.



Our thanks go to Mrs McClurg for organising a week of Dyslexia awareness activities! Check Twitter for examples of some of the work carried out in classes this week! Great to see lots of shades of blue being worn by staff and pupils too! Thank you for any donations sent into school. These will be used to purchase some new Dyslexia friendly resources such as fidget toys which all pupils will benefit from in classes.



With the weather turning colder, and potentially wetter, we would advise that all pupils come to school wearing suitable footwear and waterproof jackets. Guidance on PE has changed to allow some PE activities to take place indoors. We are working on amending timetables in school to allow all classes the chance to have one indoor PE slot per week so we will let you know when we have that ready. So long as the weather is OK, pupils will also be going outside for PE once weekly, and all classes have daily outdoor learning slots too. If you wish, your child would be able to bring a pair of waterproof trousers to wear over their sports trousers. These trousers can be put on and taken off at the doors as classes are heading out for PE.



Can we also urge parents and carers to always let the school know if your child is going to be absent from school. You can call on 01292 612491, email in to Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or send a text using Groupcall. This is particularly important if children are self-isolating as a result of their own COVID test, or because of a family member being tested. We also ask that you share with us the results of any COVID testing as the Scottish Government are carefully monitoring this data.



Please ensure that you follow us on Twitter @CoyltonPS and @CoyltonEYC for updates and photos of learning across all classes.



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