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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that everyone is well and looking forward to the weekend. Last weekend, we had to isolate Room B in our EYC due to a positive Covid case. I have been very impressed by the way the staff who are also isolating have been supporting families via seesaw and through online learning ideas. My thanks go to Ali Watkins, EYC Depute Manager for coordinating this online support, and also to the staff and families of Room A for staying working with us to ensure some sense of normality within our centre! We look forward to having everyone back together again by next Friday!



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.



Big thanks to the NHS team who have been in school carrying out Flu Immunisations with those who has sent in the completed forms. I was very impressed by the mature attitude from our pupils! Well done!



We are looking forward to our first After School club starting up on Wednesday 18th November. Mrs Burns will be sending out letters including joining instructions to those who have signed up! We look forward to the showcase after the 4 week block! Again, thanks go to Laurin Campbell for organising this for us!



BIG REMINDER about Parental telephone appointments with class teachers on Thursday 19th November. If you haven't done so yet, please call 01292 612491 to make your appointments. This is a really good opportunity for you to find out more about your child's progress and development in school!



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. Sssshhhh...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 – PLEASE NOTE, given we have lost 2 full weeks of Room B children in EYC, we have decided that instead of having a Nativity which takes a lot of rehearsing, the staff and children will create a Christmas video, full of music, dance and fun!!!

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.cognitofirms.com/CoyltonPrimaryParentCouncil/ChristmasGiftOrderForm2020>

PLEASE NOTE, ORDER CUT OFF DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2020 SO TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERING!!!

We have our next Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm via Zoom. If you have not already participated in one of these online meetings and you wish to join in this time, please email Parent Council on coyltonparentcouncil@yahoo.com



Thanks to everyone for entering into the Pudsey spirit today in school and EYC, and for donations sent in. Once the money has been quarantined, we will let you know our final amount!



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! An amazing £215.83 was raised by your generous donations so many thanks from all of us here in school.



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. We hope to have this ready to start on Monday 23rd November, with a focus on different types of dance (apart from social dancing given current restrictions). 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.

LET ME KNOW



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.

HAVE A GOOD



WEEKEND!

Mrs Donnelly