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Dear Parents and Carers

Today is a good day! Today we have all classes back in school who were self-isolating. We now only have a few children across the school who are still having to work from home due to self-isolation within their households and staff in school will continue to reach out to them via Teams and email. As we move into Tier 4 restrictions later today, I just want to thank families for supporting us to keep our school safe and ready for learning. Adults maintaining social distancing in the playground and wearing face coverings, contacting school via telephone or email, and children adhering to the rules in and around school all adds up to us doing our bit to reduce the positive cases of this virus.



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



Last night, we had parent/teacher calls for all classes with the exception of P7. We found this to be a very positive experience and hope you did too! Almost all families were able to make the calls, and staff are ready to contact those who didn't manage at a later date. We are in the process of organising appointments now for P7 families so look out for a letter to parents in this class very soon.



Big thanks go to Laurin Campbell and Charlotte Burns for organising the first week of Teams Dance Club, and to all those who signed up! This is a 4 week block so make sure you follow instructions and send in your videos in order that we can showcase them at the end!

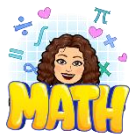


Miss Shimmons and I spent a long time last night organising December in school, trying to ensure that there is an element of fun to the learning and progression. We will send out our plans next week, but just a couple of things to remember:

- We are allowing Christmas jumpers to be worn with uniform from Tuesday 1st December until we finish at 2:30pm on Tuesday 22nd December.
- We are not having a Nativity in the EYC as outlined last week but look out for a video coming at the end of term full of Christmas fun in the EYC
- Due to Covid restrictions, we are not going to have children bring in Christmas cards to exchange with friends



We raised the sum of £317 for Children in Need last week so many thanks to all who donated to this national charity.



Pupils across the school have been working both in and out of school this week on the South Ayrshire Sumdog Challenge. P5 at our school finished 8th which is fantastic, given that they were sitting in 40th position yesterday! Fantastic job P5, and well done to everyone who participated.



With the weather turning colder, and potentially wetter, we would advise that all pupils come to school wearing suitable footwear and waterproof jackets. You will have seen that Tier 4 restrictions mean we are not able to have PE indoors as planned. 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.



This week, we have observed a larger number of parents and carers using our carpark for drop off and pick up purposes. This had improved but we must return to the regular reminders about the car park not being in use to anyone other than staff. We were horrified to see a pupil being dropped off at the top of the car park this morning and then running through it whilst cars were still moving around. We have staff supervising the playgrounds in the morning but it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child arrives in school safely. We urge you to support us in this matter.



Can we also urge parents and carers to always let the school know if you 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.



Mrs Donnelly