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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week. We are sad to be missing Plb at the moment due to self-isolation along with a number of members of staff. There is no rhyme nor reason with this virus, and more than ever we are hearing of asymptomatic testing coming back positive. Again, we are thankful that due to our robust systems and mitigations in school, no transmitted cases have developed so far.

I have heard from a small number of families already who are not intending to have their children attend school right up to the 22nd Dec. I have said that for those not attending due to parental choice, we can still support learning online. Our teaching staff will not be able to be on Teams throughout the day as they will still be with their classes, but they will check in and support through Teams and email/phonecalls during the period of absence.

Just a reminder that 23rd December is now an In Service Day and so children should not attend school and EYC that day.



Hopefully, you all received the link via groupcall yesterday to this Term's COVID Parent Survey. I have included the link again below, and would encourage families to take a few minutes to complete it before Wednesday 16th December. Results of this survey will help us plan ahead for Term 3.

<https://bit.ly/37PRvAx>



Well done to all those who took part in the Parent Council competitions. I am delighted to announce the winners below:



Guess the number of sweets in a jar

Class	Amount	Winner	Winner's guess
Pla	75	Leo Shimmons	70
Plb	72	Charlie Watson	100
P2	68	Arlo Sabatini	70
P2/3	76	Oliver Gilmour	95
P3	66	Rafe McLeod	62
P4	69	Lottie Parkinson	72
P4/5	74	Emma Wilson	74 SPOT ON!
P5	70	Holly Beth Daubney	68
P6	78	Jamie Dunlop	80
P6/7	71	James McCormack	71 SPOT ON!
P7	77	Innes Hamilton	77

The EYC winner will be announced on SeeSaw next week.



Guess the Polar Bear's Birthday – WINNER IS SOPHIE GRAY P2 with a winning guess of January 26th!!
(sponsored by Visuplan)



Design a Christmas jumper - WINNER IS HANNAH MURRAY P6
(sponsored by IM Prints)

The amount raised by these competitions is an amazing £368.50 so thank you all so much for participating. EYC money has yet to be added to this amount!

The Parent Council raffle will be drawn on 18th December, with over 40 great prizes up for grabs. YOU CAN STILL SEND ENVELOPES IN ON MONDAY 14th WHICH IS THE DEADLINE NOW



Well done to pupils in P4, P4/5, P5 and P6! They saw a request on Twitter from the charity IAmScotland who were looking for schools to make and send Christmas cards to be shared among residents in care homes! IAmScotland were so impressed that they are sending a Kindness Box down to the school!



Just a reminder that we are asking for donations to support the South Ayrshire Foodbank, especially at this time of year and given the year we have had! There will be a box at each of the entrances including the EYC on Friday 18th December prior to 9am for children to pop any donation in. I am hopeful that we can have our donations uplifted that day, to help families in our local community.



Could any EYC parents who have not yet booked a Care Plan meeting with EYC staff please do so via SeeSaw before the end of term.



Massive thanks go to Mrs Falconer and the catering team for a hugely successful Christmas lunch, served over 2 days this week. All pupils in EYC-P7 who opted to have lunch were treated to delicious food and so well done to the team!



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



Just a reminder, that due to Covid restrictions, we are not going to have children bring in Christmas cards to exchange with friends.



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.

Can I also add that due to COVID guidance, we are still having to have windows remaining open to ensure good ventilation. It's important that children come to school with warm clothing with the outside temperatures dropping.



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. We have been having a few technical issues with our iPads, meaning we haven't been uploading the same volume of photos to Twitter. We hope to remedy that very soon



Mrs Donnelly