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Dear Parents and Carers

Hope everyone has had a good week this week. It has been nice to see the sunshine, although we have had a few frosty starts! Please remember that we have to have all windows in school open for ventilation, and so an extra layer may be a good idea as the weather turns colder.



Massive Thanks

All children in school and EYC left last Friday with a Trick or Treat bag for Hallowe'en. Our sincere thanks go to Ross at Coylton Day to Day for gifting us the contents of all our bags! We really do appreciate this community spirit, and I know from talking to our pupils that many popped in to the shop over Hallowe'en!!



Hallowe'en Winner

.....and the winner of the Parent Council Hallowe'en Scavenger Hunt is Chloe Dempster in P4/5 Well done, a Hallowe'en Hamper will make its way to you soon!



School Photographs

I am pleased to say that we are able to have school photographers in this year to take individual pupil photographs. Dates have been confirmed as Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November. We have been advised that orders placed should be ready before Christmas. Due to continuing Covid mitigations in school, family groups will not be taken this year.

Here is the proposed schedule for photographs being taken:

Monday	EYC Room A, P1a, P2, P4, P4/5, P3, P6/7
Tuesday	EYC 2-3 Room, EYC Room B, P1b, P2/3, P5, P6, P7



Thank you to those who have already called to book a parents appointment. The date for these appointments will be Thursday 18th November. Call the school office on 01292 612491 to make an appointment.



COP 26

All classes across school and EYC are having a focus right now on COP 26 and Climate Change. We are creating a display in school from many activities being carried out in class. We are delighted to have received a large banner made up of the poster that some of our pupils created before the summer. Their poster design was one of 12 chosen across Scotland to be displayed at various locations during COP 26, and we now have it displayed on the end of the EYC garden wall. Please take a minute to have a look if you are passing, and well done again to all involved in its creation.





P7 Transition

Many thanks to those families across P6, P6/7 and P7 who joined us for the Ayr Academy virtual event on Tuesday evening. This event outlined the school day, gave a virtual tour, and also gave information about the support for learning facilities in place for young people making the transition to secondary. The presentation was recorded and the link has been sent to families across P6 and 7 via Teams and Groupcall.

Our thanks to Ayr Academy staff, and look out for another event coming before Christmas hopefully.



Children in Need

This year, Children in Need is on Friday 19th November. The theme this year is. Together we can.....

Plb and Miss McFarlane have asked if they can be responsible for planning our Children in Need day. The children have chosen Together We Can....SHINE bright for Coylton, and ask that on this date, pupils come to school wearing the brightest/sparkliest things they can, or just non uniform if they prefer.



Friday 5th November

Dyslexia Awareness Week will be next week, 1st-5th November. Mrs McClurg has been working hard with staff to plan and deliver a whole programme of activities to raise awareness of this way of learning. Each class in school has a Dyslexia Friendly Toolkits which, under non covid times is accessible to all. At the moment, children who need these resources absolutely have access to them – staff just ensure that resources are wiped clean between uses.

It's great to see so many pupils and staff wearing blue today, and thank you to all who made a donation!!



Christmas

Please don't panic – I know it is only October, but already staff are putting plans in place for Christmas activities. We are going to be able to have class parties of a sort this year where children will be given a date where they can come into school in either party clothes or non uniform and have the main hall for a block of time for games and activities. We also anticipate having Christmas jumper month once again, where children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers as often as they wish from Monday 6th December until we finish on Wednesday 22nd December. We will ensure that all plans and dates are sent home to you in plenty of time.

Deliveries of Christmas Cards and other items, arranged by Parent Council have started to arrive in school. Clerical staff are starting to pull together these orders, and so they should come out to you next week some time. We will send a text message to let you know when they are being sent home.



Wishing all families, a lovely weekend, and hope that everyone takes time to recharge the batteries before another full week at school and EYC next week

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher