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Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we have taken time as a school to reflect and remember. Our thanks go to P7 who created a virtual presentation for the whole school to watch yesterday.



Anti Bullying Week

The week of Monday 15th 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



Book Week Scotland

Next week sees the Scottish Book Trust Book Week launch. Pupils in P1 will bring home a Book Bug Bag, while those in p2 and P3 classes will bring home a Read, Write, Count bag. Both bags are crammed full of resources to enhance literacy and maths, and so please take time to explore the contents with your child when it comes home. Classes across school and EYC will tap into activities linked to this Book Week, including live author interviews and presentations.



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.

We actively encourage all parents to book an appointment, as it will give you the chance to talk over your child's progress so far this year



Children in Need

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

PIb 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.



Playground Equipment

I am pleased to say that after a long wait, we are finally going to have the outdoor play equipment repaired and replaced next week. The company carrying out the works will be on site on Thursday and Friday next week, and so we will let the children know in school. Please could you give some consideration to this out of school hours as I know that the equipment is used by the community after school and at weekends. The cost of these repairs is quite extensive and is being funded by the school, South Ayrshire Council and the Parent Council, and so our thanks go out to them!



Christmas

Here are our plans so far for Christmas in school. I will also add on our Countdown to Christmas overview for this year.

Parties – each class will have access to the main hall for a party this year. Children are welcome to come to school in party wear or non uniform on their day. We won't be able to have children go home to change or change clothes as we have in the past, and so please have children come to school dressed for the whole day. Parties will consist of games, music, dancing and refreshments. Please see the attached Countdown to Christmas for party dates.

Pantomime – sadly, we will not be going together to The Gaiety this year. Instead, we are supporting 2 local companies. We have bought a production

called Winter Show Toyland 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 Aladdin – 3 Wishes, 2 Vaccines and a Genie 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 Wednesday 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! 😊

Christmas Lunch – Anna and the catering team are planning to have Christmas lunch. Letters are coming home about this today.

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 – activities are planned for children to take part in from Wednesday 1st December. These include Guessing the Polar Bear's birthday for P1-7, and Guess the Artic Fox's birthday for the EYC, guess the sweets in the jar, and an amazing raffle. More details will follow from Parent council soon.

This list is not exhaustive, and so we will keep you posted if things are added or amended.

Mrs Donnelly
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