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Dear Parents and Carers



Good morning

Hoping that this round up finds all families well, and getting excited for Christmas. It has been great hearing stories from the children about trips to see Santa over the past week or so. In school, we are still working hard on our learning, and balancing that with all the other exciting things going on.



Covid cases in school and EYC remain low at the moment I am glad to say. I want to thank all families for sticking to the guidance with regards to having children remain at home if a member of the household is symptomatic, and for alerting us to the results of any subsequent tests. Hopefully, if we can all continue to follow this guidance, we will have a clear run up to Christmas, and families will be able to enjoy time being healthy and happy. With news circulating of the new Omicron variant of the virus, let's all double our efforts around face coverings in and around school and EYC, and regular handwashing and sanitising. Staff in school and EYC will continue to social distance from all other adults.



Ayr Academy

Our thanks go out to the staff from Ayr Academy who held another online presentation this week for pupils in P6 and P7. They provided fantastic videos about their school, led by the pupils and it was wonderful to see so many former Coylton pupils and hearing about their amazing achievements!!

I have asked staff from P5-7 to send home the recorded presentations so as families can get the chance to have a look at all Ayr Academy has to offer, however if your child is younger than P5 and you are interested, please contact the school office and we can arrange for you to access the presentation too.



P7-SI transfer

Information has come out via Groupcall to P7 parents regarding SI transfer. This is an online process, and a link was included in the text. It has also been attached below: This link is live until 12th December.

www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools/

Please call the school office if you need any more information. Letters from Ayr Academy have also been sent to all P7 parents.



Christmas Lunch

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 all our lovely catering team! Thanks also to the other staff for waitressing as each pupil had lunch served to them – delicious!!!



Christmas Tree

We were delighted to be gifted a large, real Christmas tree from Garrocher Tree Farm this year. Kirsten and Megan from P7 went along with Mrs Bell from our school office to select our tree. It is a beauty, and is so lovely taking pride of place in the main hall





Christmas

So far this week, we have had Christmas parties in the main hall in the afternoons for P2/3, P3, P4 and P5, with P1a today. It has been magical to hear music again and to see dancing and fun games going on!

Remaining parties are:

Monday 13th December P6

Tuesday 14th December P4/5

Wednesday 15th December P6/7

Thursday 16th December P7

Friday 17th December P1b

Monday 20th December P2

Tuesday 21st December EYC



Story Telling

We have also had fantastic storytelling in the hall, with hot chocolate and our twinkling curtain as a backdrop. Storm Barra and the subsequent wet and windy weather meant we couldn't have the outdoor firepit storytelling, but if weather improves, we will try that before Christmas. Massive thanks go to our P7 storytellers, and to Mrs Falconer in our kitchen for making our hot chocolate!!



Panto

Next week is panto week!. 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.

Christmas Crafts are well underway in all classes, so look out for something special coming home before the holidays.

Parent Council

Just a reminder that all raffle ticket stubs and payment should be in school by Monday 13th December. This is to allow for quarantine before the draw is made on Friday in school. Some fantastic prizes up for grabs again this year, so don't miss out!

All other in school activities will continue until next Friday, so children can still bring 50p and have a go at guessing the birthday of the polar bear(school) and arctic fox (EYC), guessing the sweets in the jar, or buying candy canes or reindeer dust until then.

Our sincere thanks go to Parent Council who have been providing refreshments for all children in school, and EYC for their Christmas parties.



December Kindness

Throughout December, we will encourage children to consider the gift of giving. All staff will have a bundle of wooden tree decorations and these will be given out where random acts of kindness are observed. These can be hung on class Christmas trees, and the class with the highest number of decorations will select a charity to gift £100 to this Christmas. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE HAD TO ORDER MORE DECORATIONS AS ACTS OF KINDNESS ARE IN ABUNDANCE!!!



Christmas Cards

In terms of Christmas cards, pupils are permitted to bring in Christmas cards to give to pupils in their class. All classes will have a box to store cards in, and they will ALL be distributed to pupils on Monday 20th December. Last day to bring in Christmas cards will be Friday 17th December!

As always, please get in touch with us if you have any queries or questions!

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher