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Dear Parents and Carers

What a great first week we have had! A massive well done goes to all pupils, although special wishes go to our P1 pupils who have taken to school like ducks to water! I would like to thank the staff teams for working hard to ensure that the school was welcoming for all pupils. Everyone is feeling a little bit tired today so hopefully the weekend will give the chance to relax and refresh!

Pupils across the EYC and school are making the transition to their new classes well. That said, change can be difficult for some and so we are on hand to support those children who are finding things a bit strange. In no time at all, their new classroom, classmates and teachers will become the norm for them. Please get in touch via email Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or by phoning into the man office on 01292 612491 and we will be there to support!

Just a reminder that until Thursday 21st September, P1 children should come to school from 8:50am, and be collected in the playground at 2:50pm. Thereafter, P1 pupils will finish at 3pm in line with the rest of the school.



Meet and Greet

We are so happy to be able to welcome families back into school for a Meet and Greet session again this year. The date for this event will be Wednesday 30th August from 5:30pm till 6:30pm. Come along and meet the staff from EYC-P7, and take the chance to have a look around the school. Please come to the main entrance where pupils from P7 will welcome you and show you to classes. Children are welcome to come along if you wish. Please note, you can come along at any time during this hour, however staff will be finishing at 6:30 so please ensure you arrive in time to chat before they finish. Parent Council AGM follows in school at 7pm and so it would be great if parents could stay on for this event too 😊



Parent Council AGM

The AGM for Parent Council will follow the Meet and Greet event. Please see the flyer below, and we look forward to welcoming current members and new families to Parent Council

Coylton Primary Parent Council

AGM

Wednesday 30th August 2023

At Coylton Primary School, 7pm

Everyone Welcome, come along and get involved!

Come along and be part of Parent Council. We are a welcoming, inclusive and productive group of parents/carers and teachers. Come along and get involved to support your school. Activities you can get involved in include fundraising, school developments, improvements and consultations.

You can contact Parent Council via email at coyltonparentcouncil@yahoo.com



Rag Bag

Just a reminder that we have a Rag Bag bin in the school playground. This helps our fundraising efforts for the year with Rag Bag paying the school for every kilo recycled. They will accept wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. This won't be for other items such as towels and bedding!! So, if you are planning a clear out of clothes, please bring bags along. This will be available 24 hours so no need to use during school hours



South Ayrshire Reads

South Ayrshire Reads is an authority wide programme being rolled out across all schools and Early Years Centre's this session. It allows staff the opportunity to work together to gain a better understanding of the science of reading, and how the foundations of phonics and fluency underpin all areas of literacy. Please have a look at the launch video using the link below, and look out for opportunities for parents and carers to get involved!

https://youtu.be/asLWegcn9dQ?si=Xe_DTeolxZjYDKPt

We are delighted that Ayr United are involved in South Ayrshire Reads, and that they donated tickets for this Saturday's home game to our school!



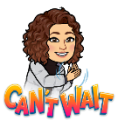
Swimming

The block of 10 swimming lessons for P5 pupils starts on Friday 1st September. Letters have already gone out to P5 parents, and so please ensure that all permission forms are complete and sent in as soon as possible. Pupils are permitted to wear sports clothes on swimming days as this allows for an easier change before returning to school. Friday swimming will count as one PE session for the 10 weeks.



Homework

Homework is part and parcel of school life here at Coylton Primary. We do understand that work commitments and busy family lives can be factors which can impact on homework tasks, and there is no obligation that tasks are completed, however if we can ask that as a minimum, all children have access to reading or having a story read to them daily at home - we absolutely see the positive impact of this in literacy activities back in school. P1 pupils will receive log in details for Teams soon, but we will keep you posted. Homework tasks start on Monday 4th September – please get in touch if you are struggling to get onto Teams. Remember, it will take a bit of time for our P1 pupils to get Glow accounts set up, so we will be in touch with P1 parents as soon as we can.



School Photographs

I am pleased to say that we are able to have school photographers in to take individual and family photographs. Dates have been confirmed as Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September. All children from EYC to P7 will have photographs taken, and a sample will come home. There is no obligation to purchase any. Because family groups will be taken, we are unable to guarantee which of the 2 days your children will be photographed. We would ask that school uniform is worn. If your child normally has PE on these days, please don't send them in sportswear. Lessons will be planned to take this into account.



Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park should not be used by parents for pick up or drop off of pupils from school or EYC, unless an arrangement has been made with the school.



Diary Dates

We will try and give as much advance notice of school events as we can to help fit in with your family plans. This list is subject to change, and is not exhaustive.

Tuesday 29 th August	P6 Bikeability 1
Wednesday 30 th August	Meet and Greet, EYC – P7 from 5:30 till 6:30 Parent Council AGM at 7pm
Friday 1 st September	P5 swimming week 1
Monday 4 th September	School photographer taking individual and family groups – EYC-P7
Tuesday 5 th September	School photographer taking individual and family groups – EYC-P7 Sense over Sectarianism workshop for P7 P6 Bikeability 2
Tuesday 12 th September	6 Bikeability 3
Friday 8 th September	P5 swimming week 2
Friday 15 th September	P5 swimming week 3
Tuesday 19 th September	P6 Bikeability 4
Wednesday 20 th September	P1 and P7 Dental Checks
Friday 22 nd September	Holiday
Monday 25 th September	Holiday
Tuesday 26 th September	P6 Bikeability 5
Friday 29 th September	P5 swimming week 4
Tuesday 3 rd October	P6 Bikeability 6
Friday 6 th October	P5 swimming week 5
Tuesday 10 th October	P6 Bikeability 7
Thursday 12 th October	P6 Bikeability 8
Friday 13 th October	P5 swimming week 6 STOP AT 3PM FOR HOLIDAY WEEK
Monday 23 rd October	In Service – school and EYC closed
Tuesday 24 th October	School and EYC re open
Friday 27 th October	P5 swimming week 7
Tuesday 31 st October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Friday 3 rd November	P5 swimming week 8
Friday 10 th November	P5 swimming week 9
Monday 13 th November	Book Week Scotland Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th November	Flu Immunisations P1-P7
Thursday 16 th November	Parent Appointments
Friday 17 th November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL SESSION Children In Need Day
Monday 20 th November	Road Safety Week
Monday 11 th December	EYC Nativity
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13 th December	Cinderella Panto at The Gaiety P1-P7 EYC Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	P5 Christmas Party
Friday 15 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service P1-4 9:15-10:15 and P5-7 10:45-11:45 P6 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco - evening
Friday 22 nd December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 8 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Tuesday 30 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Friday 2 nd February	Scots Verse Competition
Monday 12 th February	Holiday
Tuesday 13 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Monday 19 th Feb – Thursday 22 nd Feb	Dolphin House Week 1
Monday 26 th Feb – Thursday 29 th Feb	Dolphin House Week 2
Tuesday 27 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Wednesday 20 th March	Annual Reports to parents
Wednesday 27 th March	Parent Appointments
Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 15 th April	School Reopens
Friday 19 th April	P5 Bike Checks
Friday 26 th April	P5 Bikeability 1
Friday 3 rd May	P5 Bikeability 2
Thursday 2 nd May	Inservice – School and EYC closed
Monday 6 th May	Holiday
Friday 10 th May	P5 Bikeability 3
Friday 17 th May	P5 Bikeability 4
Thursday 23 rd May	P5 Bikeability 5
Friday 24 th May	Holiday
Monday 27 th May	Holiday
Thursday 30 th May	P5 Bikeability 6
Wednesday 29 th May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Friday 31 st May	School Sports Morning
Thursday 6 th June	P5 Bikeability 7
Wednesday 5 th June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Friday 7 th June	P4-7 Sports Championship Events
Monday 10 th June	Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Tuesday 11 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 12 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Thursday 13 th June	P5 Bikeability 8
Tuesday 18 th June	House Netball
Thursday 20 th June	House Football
Monday 24 th June	Potted Sports
Wednesday 26 th June	P7 Leavers service P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Thursday 27 th June	P7 Treat day
Friday 28 th June	Close for holidays at 1pm

Have a great weekend, and see you all on Monday!

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher