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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to September!

Lots of great things happening across school and EYC this week, and what a fantastic turn out we had at our Meet and Greet on Wednesday evening. It was so lovely to have you share our school and EYC with us, so many thanks to all who were able to attend! Special thanks go to our amazing P7 pupils who showed great leadership in their ability to escort families around. The pride they have in their school was evident, so very well done!

Just a reminder that until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Coffee Afternoon

We are delighted to say that we will be holding a Coffee Afternoon to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. This will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September in our main hall between 2pm and 4pm. This will give families the chance to come along and have a coffee and cake before collecting their children, or the children could join parents when school finishes at 3pm. Tickets for this event will be £1.50 for adults, and 50p for children. Under 3's are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. More information will follow, but for now save the date!



### Science Request

Mrs Wilcox has asked for any donations of sports bottle tops that she will use in science activities over the next few weeks. Please send any you can to the main office.



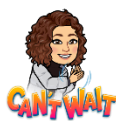
### Parent Council AGM

Thank you to those who stayed on after the Meet and Greet to attend the Parent council AGM. Normally, meetings are held online, but it was nice to have a face to face meeting. Moving forward this year, we will continue to hold most meetings online, with a couple which will be better face to face. Look out for the PC newsletter coming out soon which will highlight meeting dates and events.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Read Hour

Reading is a focus of our School Improvement Planning this year. From time to time, we will send out suggested activities that are organised nationally for you to take part in. here is an example of such an activity.

### What is Read Hour?

Read Hour is a brilliant initiative that aims to spark the joy of reading in young people and foster a lifelong appreciation for the written word.

Its objective is simple, fun and accessible – motivate people to set aside just one hour after school on 8<sup>th</sup> September or at any time over that weekend to sit down and read, whether that be a book, magazine or comic book – everything is encouraged!

### Why is it important?

A love of reading and writing helps us live better and more fulfilling lives – it quite simply makes us happier people!

Being able to express yourself through words is one of the most important ways to connect with others. It allows you to empathise, understand different cultures and relate to the world around you.

Remember to share the fact that you're taking part by posting on social media with the hashtag #ReadHourUK. Let us know what you're reading, or – even better – post a photo of yourself taking part to encourage others to join in!



### 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.

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

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

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

Mrs Donnelly  
Head Teacher