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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to October! It has been lovely to have all children and staff back in school after the long weekend and school closure. What hasn't been so lovely is the weather – it has turned into autumn very quickly this week and although it remains fairly mild, it has been very wet and windy. To that end, can we ask that children come to school dressed for the weather as we have noticed a high number coming without an outdoor jacket. Unless stormy, the children do go outside at break and lunch, as well as for outdoor learning and Bikeability and it's extremely important that they come prepared for wet weather! Your support in this is welcome.



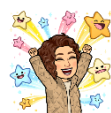
Coffee Afternoon

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support our coffee afternoon last week. It was fantastic to see the school hall so busy. Thanks also to the staff who provided almost all the delicious cakes. P3/4 and P4 were buzzing with their key ring sales – they even took orders to make more!! Through entry fees and keyring sales, we have raised £349.60 to send to Macmillan Cancer Research ☺ which is amazing!! A fantastic way to welcome our community into school, whilst allowing us to explore aspects of Rights Respecting Schools, Developing the Young Workforce and the curriculum!!



P7 Request

Both P7 classes are asking for donations of shoe boxes in order to complete a project which will enhance their learning within their current book study. However, the shoe boxes have to be fairly large in size, and so their request is for MEN'S shoe boxes if possible. If you have any men's shoe boxes that you would be able to donate, please send them into the school office.



Ayr Academy Challenge Days

Pupils in P7 will join pupils from cluster schools at the first challenge day at Ayr Academy on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. A letter will come home with P7 pupils today with more information. Ayr Academy is our associated secondary school and so ALL P7 pupils should attend the challenge days in order to experience secondary school transition.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November there is an opportunity for Parents/Carers and upper primary pupils to visit Ayr Academy after the school day to meet staff and see the facilities across the school. I would encourage as many families as possible to go along to Ayr Academy and have a look around, check out the fantastic facilities and chat to staff. It is

important that you visit before making a decision about secondary school for your child. Families with pupils from P5 – P7 are welcome to go along.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Ayr Academy are hosting a Welcome to Ayr family night for S1 families, however parents/carers of upper primary pupils are also invited to attend the event. Details of times for this event will follow.

There will be a marketplace of supports that Ayr have on offer for pupils, and opportunities for family workshops including fun activities and family supports.



### Staged Intervention

Staged Intervention is the assessment and planning framework used both in South Ayrshire and widely across Scotland to identify and plan interventions for children to ensure that they receive the earliest, most inclusive and least intrusive response to their needs. Staged Intervention is a way of ensuring children receive support at the right level to meet their needs.

The Inclusion Team, within Educational Services at South Ayrshire Council, have amended the Staged Intervention paperwork and guidelines for the Staged Intervention process. Paperwork will now be issued twice each year, rather than previously being three times each year.

The Staged Intervention model has also changed and is now as follows: -

- Stage 1 - Where additional supports are delivered through class-based strategies / interventions.
- Stage 2 – Where a pupil will access support from the Additional Support for Learning Teacher Mrs Connor, Mon-Wed or Mrs Cox (Group Support Teacher) – Wed, or School Assistants through Targeted Interventions outwith the classroom, e.g. Plus 1, Power of 2, phonics, comprehension, decoding.
- Stage 3 – When a child's needs cannot be fully met within the school and ONE service is involved, e.g. Speech and Language, School Nurse, Barnardo's, Occupational Therapy.
- Stage 4 – Care Experienced / Looked After children, Social Work intervention OR direct regular support from MORE THAN ONE service.

Pupils who are currently requiring additional support for their learning will receive Block 1 Staged Intervention paperwork next week. Any child who is new to this process, then parents/carers should have received a telephone call from the class teacher.

This paperwork will run from September-January 2024. Please could we ask that parents and carers take time to read over the paperwork, and sign and return one copy to school so we can retain a copy in pupil files.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE COPIES RETURNED BEFORE WE BREAK FOR THE OCTOBER HOLIDAYS.



## Christmas Cards

Just a reminder that orders must be placed online using the QR code on your order form before October 18<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the best deal. All instructions for ordering are on the sample we sent home.



## Halloween

Looking ahead, we will hold Halloween in school and EYC on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October with all classes having the opportunity to take part in lots of activities. Children can come in costumes if they wish, although we do ask that no masks are worn. We are working with Ross from Costcutter Coylton to supply all children with a trick or treat bag to take home on the day.



## Mrs Bell

Mrs Bell in our school office is a very busy lady. As well as working in our office 3 days a week, she also runs her family businesses. The businesses are busier than ever and so sadly, Mrs Bell has made the decision to leave her post with us to give more of her time to the family. Mrs Bell has been with us for 2 years now and I am sure you will have been swept up in her energy and positive attitude if you have had the good fortune to meet her. We will miss her very much in school and EYC, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best as she moves on! Her last day with us will be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.



## October break

Just a reminder that school closes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm for the October break. EYC remains open for all children who attend on 52 week attendance patterns. School and EYC will be closed on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for staff In Service training.

School and EYC re-open on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.



## 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.

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	P5 swimming week 5
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	P6 Bikeability 7 P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 1
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
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	P5-7 families visit Ayr Academy- end of school day
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
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 2
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	P5-7 families can attend Ayr Academy Family Night
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 16 <sup>th</sup> January	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 3
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
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 4
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 PI 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 PI 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 SI Transition 1
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to SI Transition 2 EYC to PI 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  
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