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Good morning,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope that everyone had a fantastic October break. It was lovely to catch up with the children and hear all their stories!



### Outdoor Learning – ‘Wellie and waterproof Drive’

I know this went out before the holidays, but we feel it’s important to continue to highlight it. With the weather becoming a bit colder and a whole lot wetter, we are still keen to have the children experience learning outdoors. It is so important that they come to school on outdoor learning days with appropriate footwear and jackets. Wellies and waterproofs are ideal, although we do not expect all families to rush out and buy new items for this.

Instead, we are going to hold a ‘Wellie and Waterproof Drive’ where we ask for donations of preloved wellies/waterproof jackets/ waterproof trousers etc that families may have outgrown and are taking up space in cupboards at home. These would then be available to borrow if someone forgets on the class outdoor learning day. We are also happy to accept donations of preloved socks as wet feet have been a bit of an issue this week!! As a reminder, the timetable for outdoor learning is:

Class	Day
P1	Friday
P1/2	Monday and Friday
P2/3	Friday
P3	Wednesday
P3/4	Wednesday
P4	Wednesday
P5	Tuesday
P5/6	Monday
P6	Thursday
P7C	Thursday
P7E	Thursday

We will have our wellie and waterproof drive from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. All donations gratefully received 😊 thank you to those who have donated so far.....Keep them coming.

P7 pupils are looking at Remembrance as part of their learning this term, and have contacted Poppy Scotland. As a result, they will have poppies for sale from 6<sup>th</sup> November with donations going to the Poppy Scotland appeal. P7 pupils will also lead the learning across all classes to raise awareness of Remembrance in our country.



### Ayr Academy

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.

In addition, Mr Sloss from Ayr Academy's PE department is coming up to school to deliver some PE sessions with P7 as part of transition. The skills they will develop over their time with Mr Sloss will set them up nicely to join in PE lessons and clubs at Ayr Academy with confidence.



### 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

Today is Mrs Bell's last day with us! We will miss her very much, especially her inventive Christmas jumpers, and we hope that she won't be a stranger.



## Online Activity

As parents, are you confident about what your child is accessing or posting online? We have had some concerning information this week about some messaging on social media platforms between some of our senior pupils and so we are re-visiting online safety lessons in school. Please could we ask that you are vigilant about your child's online activity?



## 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 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 S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 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