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Good afternoon,



Parent Appointments

Parent appointments will take place on Thursday 16th November. At the moment, I am delighted that 92% of families have booked appointments with class teachers. You still have time to do so using the following link

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/coylton>

Travelling Book Fair will be available on the night, and all classes will have the chance to browse the books in advance of the 16th November. School and EYC earn rewards from this book sale, which we can then use to enhance our library and Accelerated Reading books.



Sportshall Athletics

Well done to the P7 pupils who represented Coylton Primary at the South Ayrshire Sporthall Athletics event yesterday.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week runs from 13th – 17th November this year. Our P5 class are the Pupil Council, and they will be organising the week for all classes in school and EYC. They ask that as part of the awareness raising, all children come to school wearing odd socks on Friday 17th November.



Children in Need

Friday 17th November also happens to be Children in Need day. Primary I have asked if we can have a dress down day or wear spots day to take part in this national event.....just ensure that you have Odd Socks on too! We are always aware that we don't want to be asking families for donations all the time, but any donations received will be sent off to Children in Need.



Ayr Academy

On Thursday 23rd 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 this event have been sent out to families of P5-7 pupils via Group Call.

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. The first session with Mr Sloss will be 16th November.

JRSO

Our JRSO Committee is now up and running! Congratulations to the following pupils who submitted excellent applications stating why they would be an excellent candidate for the group. The 23/24 JRSO committee includes 9 representatives from P5 and P6 - Euan, Sophie, Cameron, Robbie, Ella, Kirsty, Khloe, Cameron and Eve.



Trailblazers

Our school was selected to take part in the pilot of Trailblazers, an active school travel initiative. The pilot is funded by Transport Scotland and will be independently evaluated by Aecom in December. The initiative involves signs being placed along popular routes to school highlighting the time it takes to walk to school from that point. This will either be 5 or 10 minutes. If you live a significant distance from the school you can still drive to a safe location near a sign and walk, cycle or scoot from there. Along the route, parents/carers can scan the Trailblazer QR code on lamp post stickers which will take you to a daily message from the character Blaze, the pony.

The signs have been up on the lampposts since the beginning of the new term and for the next few weeks our newly formed JRSO Committee (Junior Road Safety Officers) from P5 and P6 will be encouraging more people to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school and the

Early Years Centre. The JRSO's shared more information about Trailblazers at our assembly today.

From Monday 13th November until Friday 8th December, the JRSO's will be issuing prizes to pupils who are walking, scooting or cycling to school regularly each week. We are very aware that 10% of our pupils travel to school in a taxi/minibus and are therefore at an unfair advantage. Our JRSO Committee plan to feed this back to Aecom during the evaluation visit in December. But don't worry, we are planning a special Christmas activity which will allow ALL learners in the school to have the opportunity to win a Trailblazer prize!



News from the EYC

We were thrilled to witness the enthusiastic participation of so many parents in our family learning and stay-and play events. Your feedback from our self-evaluation is immensely appreciated. We noted that some parents encountered a minor challenge with the new Learning Journal App. To make things smoother, we've attached a QR code with step-by-step instructions



If you still encounter any issues, please don't hesitate to reach out.



We were overjoyed by the enthusiastic response to the Home Link activity. The children demonstrated remarkable creativity. Your children's inventive contributions truly made this experience a source of delight for us all!



The children enjoyed the visit from Child Smile. Not only did they find it entertaining, but it also provided them with valuable insight into the significance of maintaining oral health and hygiene.

The two-year-olds have had a great time exploring the sensory room and engaging with the interactive board.



Parent Council

Secret Room – We are once again planning to have our Secret Room available for all children to allow them to purchase a small gift for a family member for Christmas at pocket money prices. Our children have really enjoyed this experience as they can choose and wrap a gift and take it home to put it under the tree.

We are collecting unwanted and unused gift sets, toiletries, mugs, chocolates, socks, gloves, fidgets, photo frames, make up - anything that you would think the children would like to buy. We will also be happy to accept donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, sellotapes and ribbons. Gifts will range from £1 -£3. Please send any donations into school. The Secret Room will be set up on 18th, 19th and 20th December.



Literacy Parent / Carer Workshop

Please join us on Tuesday 5th December for a parent / carer workshop about phonics, spelling and reading. This session will be delivered by staff from the South Ayrshire Reads team and staff within Coynton. We will provide parents/carers with a better understanding of the positive changes we have made to our Literacy programme since August and how you can support your child at home with phonics and reading. We have organised two sessions on this day in order to suit those parents/carers who may be working during the day. Please follow the link to sign up if you are interested. <https://forms.office.com/e/V3JSV6dWfU>



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. We have added a number of things to the Diary Dates this week!

Friday 10 th November	P5 swimming week 9 EYC Health Visitor Drop In Session in school 9:30
Monday 13 th November	Book Week Scotland Anti-Bullying Week MyBnk Sessions for all P3 and P4 pupils
Tuesday 14 th November	Flu Immunisations P1-P7
Wednesday 15 th November	P5-7 families visit Ayr Academy- end of school day EYC Family Learning
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 MyBnk Sessions for all P3 and P4 pupils

Tuesday 21 st November	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 2
Wednesday 22 nd November	EYC Family Learning
Thursday 23 rd November	P5-7 families can attend Ayr Academy Family Night
Friday 24 th November	P4 visiting Dumfries House – Farming focus House Assembly
Monday 27 th November	Parent Council meeting - IN SCHOOL Ayr United in school for South Ayrshire Reads
Friday 1 st December	EYC Baby Massage session
Monday 4 th December	Parent Council Christmas raffle starts
Tuesday 5 th December	Parent Workshop - Literacy (Phonics and Reading) 9:00-10:00am OR 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday 7th December	School Christmas Lunch – THIS IS A NEW DATE
Monday 11 th December	EYC Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Cinderella Panto at The Gaiety P1-P7 EYC Christmas Lunch P6 &7 Musical Showcase 2:15pm
Thursday 14 th December	EYC visiting Cutty Sark for Christmas show 10am P5 Christmas Party
Friday 15 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	Secret Room for P1-4 P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	Secret Room for P5-7 P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	Secret Room extra 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 16 th January	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 3
Tuesday 30 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Thursday 1 st February	Dolphin House meeting for P7 parents 3:15
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 P7C
Friday 23 rd February	House Assembly
Monday 26 th Feb – Thursday 29 th Feb	Dolphin House Week 2 P7E
Tuesday 27 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Tuesday 19 th March	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 4
Monday 18 th -Friday 22 nd March	Ayr Cluster Climate Change Campaign
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
Monday 22 nd April	Ayr United in school for South Ayrshire Reads
Friday 26 th April	P5 Bikeability 1 House Assembly
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
Thursday 16 th May	P7 Careers Fair
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 PI Transition 1
Friday 31 st May	School Sports Morning House Assembly
Thursday 6 th June	P5 Bikeability 7
Wednesday 5 th June	EYC to PI 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 SI Transition 1
Wednesday 12 th June	P7 to SI Transition 2 EYC to PI Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Sunday 16 th June	School Show Rehearsal
Monday 17 th June	School Show
Tuesday 18 th June	School Show
Thursday 13 th June	P5 Bikeability 8
Tuesday 18 th June	House Netball
Thursday 20 th June	House Football
Friday 21 st June	House Treat
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