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Hello everyone 😊



Parent Appointments

Thank you so much for coming along and meeting the teachers last night. We appreciate that the appointment times are short and so if you feel you need to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Just a reminder, if you do wish to discuss anything with class teachers, please always email or call the office instead of emailing teachers directly. That way, we can ensure that information is passed on and further appointments made if need be.

We are adding the link to the Travelling Book Fair below for anyone who didn't get the chance to visit yesterday.

https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/pay?utm_source=Book%20Fairs%20Parent%20Payments&utm_medium=QR%20Code



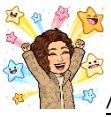
Anti-Bullying Week

We have all participated in Anti-Bullying week this week. Massive thanks go to our P5 class. As the Pupil Council, they visited all classes in school and EYC and delivered a lesson around 'Make a Noise' to encourage pupils not to just stand by if they know of bullying behaviour. Today sees the final activity – wearing odd socks 😊



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Children in Need today, and for coming to school in spots and colourful clothing. Thanks also to P1/2 who helped to raise awareness of this national charity. We will let you know a collected amount as soon as we have it.



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

P7/S1 Transfer

The on-line process for P7/S1 Transfer will be available to parents from Monday 27th November until Sunday 10th December 2023. Information on how to access this on-line process will be sent out prior to the transfer week. I would highly recommend that families visit the school on the 23rd November, or contact them to arrange a visit before making a final decision on secondary school.



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 highlight 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

This week, the children have been actively rehearsing for our upcoming nativity, and the progress is truly impressive. We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to showcase their hard work and talents on Monday, December 11th. At 2pm. It promises to be a delightful event, and we can't wait to share the joy and festive spirit with everyone.

We would like to say a huge thank you for coming along to the PEEP session. It was truly wonderful to see a strong turnout of both mums and dads. We are excited to announce that next week's session will delve into messy play.

We're delighted to share there's been a positive response to the Fussy Eating workshop, with a notable level of interest. We are currently working on securing a suitable date and will be in touch with the details soon.



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.

Calendars - letters have come home this week around Calendars for this year. We had to change the format and so all children will produce a small drawing of themselves which will feature all classes. If you had already placed an order, that still stands. Could all orders be placed by Wednesday 22nd November in order that the printer can get them all done in time for Christmas?

Christmas Cards - Orders for Christmas cards and related gifts have been sent home this week. PLEASE NOTE, THE WINDOW TO PURCHASE WILL REOPEN TODAY UNTIL 24TH NOVEMBER. Please use the original QR code that came home. If you have misplaced this, contact the school office who will let Parent Council know as they have access to the company and will be able to help.

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 27th November. THIS WILL BE A FACE TO FACE MEETING IN SCHOOL FROM 7PM. The focus of the meeting will be looking at the school within the community, and Councillor Ian Campbell will attend the meeting. We will send out an agenda on Monday, and we encourage as many parents and carers to come along.

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 Coylton. 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.

I know that many parents were discussing this with teachers yesterday and so it would be really beneficial to come along and hear directly from the team. So far, we only have 2 parents signed up for the morning session, and 8 for the evening session so please follow the link and get booked in!

Please follow the link to sign up if you are interested. <https://forms.office.com/e/V3JSV6dWfU>



Christmas

We have been really busy planning a full run up to the Christmas holidays in school and EYC. We have attached a plan to the round up, so make sure to have a look. We will also give some more detail about some of the activities planned.

A Time for Giving - In the run up to Christmas, we always consider how our community can support the work of charities.



This year, we are supporting a National charity and also a local charity. We have teamed up with Ayr Rotary and other schools within the Ayr cluster to support the work of Aqua Box. On Monday 11th December, we would like all pupils to come to school wearing a Santa hat or any other festive headwear and take part in a Santa Stroll within the local community. We will send a poster on Groupcall to outline this. If possible, pupils should bring with them any coins or loose change that they may have - as little or as much as possible - with all coins going towards the purchase of filters. Each filter costs £35 so even if our school brings enough loose change to cover the cost of 1 filter, we will be making a difference to the lives of people in war torn countries.



We are also supporting the work of the local charity Night Before Christmas by being a drop off point for any donations.

You can drop off items such as:

- pyjamas
- cuddly toy, toys such as lego, doll, football or board games
- toiletries
- a storybook, a colouring book and stationery
- hot chocolate and sweets
- hats, gloves and scarves
- perfume and aftershave, candles, handbags





Storytelling with Santa

We are inviting families of children in P1-4 to come along to school on Monday 11th December from 6pm till 7pm to join in with some story telling with Santa. This festive event is for children to come along in their pyjamas, bringing a comfy blanket or cushion and soft toy with them if they wish. A parent or carer should come along with the children and enjoy the activities and refreshments. Santa has been practising reading some Christmas stories and has requested that we have hot chocolate and sweet treats available for everyone to enjoy! This is a free event, however we would like families to book in order that we can cater for everyone. A link will come out on next week's round up.

We appreciate that some families may have child care issues for older siblings and if this is the case, older siblings can come along too, however all children must come along with an adult.



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!

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 7 th December	School Christmas Lunch – THIS IS A NEW DATE
Monday 11 th December	EYC Nativity 2pm Santa Storytelling p1-4 6pm-7pm
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

	PI 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 S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 12 th June	P7 to S1 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