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Hello everyone 😊

It's here!!! December in school!!! Always a wonderful time as the magic of the season builds up. Today's round up doesn't have too much in it, other than a reminder of all the Christmas plans.

Many Thanks!



THANK YOU

The school and EYC are starting to look very festive. However, we have a MASSIVE THANK YOU to give to Gordon Transport Solutions who very kindly donated our amazing 14ft real tree in our main hall! It is spectacular and is sure to be enjoyed by everyone this festive season! We are so grateful for your generosity.



Parent Council

Just a reminder that the Parent Council activities start next week, and to watch out for Raffle Tickets coming home next week too!

The Parent Council are running some fun activities again this year for children. Please see the information below:

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Coylton Primary Parent Council have arranged for the following Christmas games and activities to be undertaken in school between Mon 4th - 8th December



Guess the number of sweets in a jar (jar/class)
50p



Christmas Gift sale
Candy canes
50p



Primary 1-7
Guess the Bear's Birthday
50p



Early Years Centre
Guess the Polar Bear's Birthday
50p



Secret Gift Room 18th, 19th & 20th December
Pupils can come along to purchase and wrap a gift for their special ones at home for donation of between £1-£3



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.



Christmas Showcase

It will be so lovely to invite parents and carers to our Christmas Showcase this year! In order not to over fill our main hall however, we will run the Christmas Showcase in two sittings.

From 9:15 till 10:15, pupils in the EYC, P1, P1/2, P2/3, P3, P3/4 and P4 will take to the stage to perform a Christmas song. Parents and carers are welcome to come along. Doors will open from 9:00.

From 10:45 till 11:45, pupils in P5, P5/6, P6, P7C and P7E will take to the stage to perform a Christmas song. Parents and carers are welcome to come along.

Mince pies and coffee/tea will be available between 10:15 and 10:45 for any parents and carers who wish to attend both performances. This will also be available if you come along a little earlier or wish to stay on a little after the first performance



Christmas Parties

All P1-7 Christmas parties will be in the afternoons of the days set (see Christmas Calendar). Pupils may come to school dressed for their party on the day, or bring clothes to change into. Given we only have 45 minutes at lunchtime, it is very tight to have children go home for lunch and be back in time and so staff will be on hand to help them change if they require support. Snack will be provided at the parties, and we are grateful to the Parent Council for supplying this.



On Monday 11th December pupils from the EYC-P7 will take part in a festive walk around the school and/or local community in order to raise funds for a national and local charity. We have teamed up with Ayr Rotary Club and other schools within the Ayr cluster to support the work of *Aquabox*. This is a charity which provides safe drinking water and humanitarian aid to people affected by natural disasters, extreme weather and conflicts.

We will be having a coin collection on this day where pupils can donate as little or as much as they like. All coins will go towards the purchase of water filters. Each filter costs £35 so even if our school brings enough loose change to cover the cost of one filter, we will be making a difference to the lives of people in war torn countries.

We would like all pupils to come to school wearing a Santa hat or any other festive headwear for their stroll. Pupils will encounter tasks and challenges on the way in order to solve a Christmas puzzle.

Ayr Rotary Club will visit the school on Monday 4th December to provide more information about the charity at our assembly called A Time for Giving.



We are also supporting the work of the local charity The 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, a doll, a 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 storytelling 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. Please sign up using this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/D2PeBmWbpd>

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.



Panto

This year, we are visiting the Gaiety Theatre, Ayr for their performance of Cinderella. This will be on Wednesday 13th December. Buses will leave school as soon after 9am as possible and so we ask that children are prompt in arriving at school. Our thanks go once again to Parent Council for providing payment for the buses there and back. All pupils will receive a snack at the panto, and so there is no need for them to bring one with them.



Christmas Lunch

PI-7 are having their Christmas Lunch on Thursday 7th December. Parents/carers can order Christmas Lunch on ParentPay. Please make your order as soon as possible to help the kitchen staff gather numbers. Please note, no other options will be available on this date, and pupils can bring a packed lunch as normal if they wish. There is an option on ParentPay to select Packed Lunch. The EYC will have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December.



Nativity

The children in the EYC will perform A Wiggly Nativity on Monday 11th December at 2:00pm. Doors will open at 1:45pm. All morning and afternoon children will perform the nativity at this time.



News from the EYC (provided by Kelly 😊)

We are excited to announce that the Fussy Eating Workshop will go ahead on Wednesday, December 13th, starting at 9.15am.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, December 13th

Time: 9.15am

Location: GP Room

The workshop will be facilitated by our Health Visitor, who will share insights, practical tips, and strategies to navigate the complexities of fussy eating.

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to come with any questions or concerns you may have regarding fussy eating.

Appreciation to all who participated in the PEEP sessions and shared their invaluable feedback. Your kind words inspire us to strive for continuous improvement. Thank you for making this journey memorable and impactful!!

We eagerly anticipate the children's creativity as they embark on decorating the Christmas tree, having delved into the rich and beautiful narrative of the Nativity story. Their exploration adds a special touch to the festive season, creating a meaningful and joyful atmosphere for all.



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 s 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.

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. All bus children will have the opportunity to win a Trailblazer prize during our Santa Stroll.



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 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. Sign up using this link - <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!

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
Monday 11 th December	EYC Nativity 2pm Santa Storytelling p1-4 6pm-7pm

Tuesday 12 th December	EYC Outing to Gemmell's Garden Centre (2 year old room)
Wednesday 13 th December	Cinderella Panto at The Gaiety P1-P7 EYC Christmas Lunch P6 & P7 Musical Showcase 2:15pm
Thursday 14 th December	P5 Christmas Party
Friday 15 th December	EYC Outing to Cutty Sark, Ayr (3-5 year old room) 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 EYC-P4 9:15-10:15 and P5-7 10:45-11:45 P6 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco in school, 7-9pm
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 P1 Transition 1
Friday 31 st May	School Sports Morning House Assembly

Thursday 6 th June	P5 Bikeability 7
Wednesday 5 th June	EYC to P1 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 P1 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