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Welcome to the very last round up of 2023! We have had the best time in school and EYC, leading up to today and EVERYBODY is ready for a well deserved break! Today is the final party of the season, and it's the turn of our EYC! Rumour also has it that Santa may have scheduled a visit to our school and EYC today to catch up with all classes. I believe he may also be able to give our P7 pupils their Leavers 24 hoodies, so as they can wear them in January!



### Change to the school day

Just to give families the heads up that from January we will have soft start in the morning starting from 8:55 and not 8:50. Doors will be opened for children to come in at 8:55. Younger children who travel by bus will be able to come in to the main entrance when buses arrive as usual. It is advisable that children don't come to the school playground too far in advance of the 8:55 soft start.



### Staff News

I am delighted to share with you all some news of special deliveries coming in 2024. Mrs Docherty, Mrs Wallace and Aimee in the EYC will all be heading off to have new wee ones in April and May, with Mrs Burns following shortly afterwards in June. It has been so exciting hearing of all these announcements over the last few weeks, and we will work out what that means for our classes and groups next term. We will let you know about staffing changes in due course! Until then, I am sure you will join us in offering congratulations 🎉



### Parent Council

We have another successful Secret Room in school this week, with loads of children purchasing and wrapping a Christmas gift for families and friends. Massive thanks go to everyone who donated items, and to those who gave up their time to run the room and help with the wrapping. It just wouldn't have worked without you all 🎉

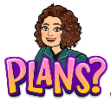
The raffle was drawn yesterday afternoon, and we hope that all winners are pleased with their prizes. Parent Council will get them out to all as soon as possible. Please check the Parent Council facebook page for a full list of winners.

On behalf of all pupils and staff, thank you once again to the Parent Council for their continued support. Final counts are taking place but we are absolutely delighted that all the Christmas- activities/raffle/secret room/calendars/cards have raised approximately £4400 this year! SPECTACULAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 😊😊😊



### Christmas Showcase

We hope that you enjoyed getting into the festive spirit in school with us yesterday morning. We also hope that you agree with us – we have great talent amongst our pupils, and we are proud of every single one of them. There was such a lovely atmosphere in school, and great to offer families the chance to catch up with one another! My thanks go to the staff who worked hard with all classes to perfect their performances.



January will see our school and EYC celebrate all things Scottish! We have our P7 Burns supper in school for pupils on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>, and our Scots verse competition takes place in school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. More details will come in the new term. Also, look out after the holidays for a date for our Early level Burns Supper.



### Happy Holidays

As 2023 comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024 when it comes. Thank you to all parents and carers who work in partnership with us – your support is invaluable! To all staff in school and EYC, I am once again humbled by your dedication and hard work to put our children at the centre of everything you do! I hope you know how much I appreciate all of you! And finally, to our wonderful children – thank you all for turning up every day ready to learn and ready to contribute to the life of our school! We do what we do for you, and we are proud of every single one of you! 😊



### 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 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
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Dolphin House meeting for P7 parents 3:15
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 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Dolphin House Week 1 P7C
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	House Assembly
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dolphin House Week 2 P7E
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 4
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ayr Cluster Climate Change Campaign
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
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ayr United in school for South Ayrshire Reads
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	P5 Bikeability 1 House Assembly
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
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Careers Fair
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 P1 Transition 1
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	School Sports Morning House Assembly
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P5 Bikeability 7
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC to P1 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 P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show Rehearsal
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show
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
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	House Treat
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