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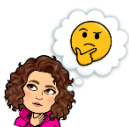
Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year from all at Coylton Primary and EYC. We hope that you have had a lovely break over Christmas – it has been great catching up with the children and hearing all their news. The start of the new school term has been a cold one, so please can we ask that ALL children come to school with an outdoor jacket. This includes P7 who tell me they don't feel the cold and that their leavers hoodie will do!!



Change to the school day

Just a reminder that we 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.



Parking

I know this is something that we have addressed with you before, but yesterday we had an irate local resident on the phone, complaining about inconsiderate parking around the front of the school. Whilst I do appreciate that parking is an issue, please try and consider that residents may need access in and out of their premises.



Primary 1 Online Registration – Monday 15th January

Children who are 5 years old between 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025 are due to be registered for Education. Parents should register their children online at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools

The link will be available from Monday 15th January 2024 and all registrations should be completed by Friday 19th January 2024.

When registering your child, you should attach their birth certificate and proof of your residence in the catchment area in the form of a Council Tax Notice or Utility Bill to the on-line registration.



Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting of the new term takes place on Monday 24th January via Zoom. The meeting starts at 7pm. Please contact the Parent Council on email if you would like to join this meeting - coyltonparentcouncil@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE!



Scottish Culture

Traditionally, January is the month in school where we celebrate all things Scottish. This year, all classes in school and EYC will do so through lessons, songs, dancing and fun! In addition, P1-7 classes will learn some Scots verse. There are 4 categories for Scots verse:

P1	Wee Ridd Motor
Junior – P2 and P3 pupils	The Sair Finger
Intermediate – P4 and P5 pupils	Address to the Toothache
Senior – P6 and P7 pupils	Extract from Tam O' Shanter

Children from every class can put themselves forward and 3 finalists will be selected for each category. Pupils have been issued with their poems and we encourage them to read them aloud as much as possible at home as well as in school. Pupils do not need to put themselves forward if they don't want to.

The date for Scots Verse is Friday 2nd February, starting at 9:30. We will inform parents of the finalists on Friday 26th January. Parents are invited to come along to the event if they wish.

EYC and P1 classes are having a small Burns event on Wednesday 24th January. More information on this will come home soon. Our P7 pupils will have their Burns Supper in school on Tuesday 30th January. P7 teachers will provide more information about this event via Teams.



News from the EYC (provided by Kelly 😊)

We've had an exciting start to the week in the Early Years Centre, with lots of active learning experiences. These activities will continue throughout the term, so please make sure your children are dressed appropriately to join in the fun.

We're excited about our upcoming Burns Supper as part of our transition to Primary One. On Wednesday, January 24th, Primary 1 and preschool children will come together to share singing, dancing, and even having a special guest playing the bagpipes! Meanwhile, our ante-

pre children and the 2s will have their mini Burns Supper right in the playroom. If your child feels like adding a touch of tartan to their attire, they are more than welcome to do so - a scarf, a ribbon, or any other tartan accessory, it'll add a special flair to our Burns Supper celebration.

We are also sending home a fun optional activity where the children can learn the "The Wee Red Motor" If the children feel happier to do it at home, send in a recording if you wish! We look forward to hearing them on Wednesday, the 24th of January. Loads of exciting things happening!



P3 and 4 Dance Competition

Before Christmas, some pupils from across P3 and P4 classes represented their school at the South Ayrshire Dance Competition. Class teachers have added these pupils to a Team where they can share a video of their routines with you, so look out for this coming home soon!



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!

Tuesday 16 th January	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 3 - virtual
Wednesday 24 th January	Early Level Burns Supper
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
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