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Dear Parents and Carers

What a bitterly cold week we have had. Temperatures have been sub zero most of this week, and I know that the children will be scunnered with us insisting on jackets on and fastened as they go out at break and lunch 😊. Classes will access the outdoor spaces for learning despite the weather so please ensure that children come to school equipped for this.



Primary 1 Online Registration – Monday 15th January

Today is the final day for registration for P1 across South Ayrshire.

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.



Dog Fouling

I am aware that dog fouling around the entrance to school continues to be a problem. I have been in touch with South Ayrshire Council and have had discussions with some parents and so I hope that now we will see an improvement. I know this issue has also been raised to Parent Council, and will no doubt be discussed at their next meeting.



Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting of the new term takes place on Monday 29th 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!



Music

I am delighted that pupils across P3 classes will become involved in the Youth Music Initiative in school, starting next week. They will work with a musician each Wednesday here in school and we look forward to sharing their work with you all at some point.

P6 and 7 pupils will continue to work with Neil Thompson each Wednesday too, and we are excited to say that after the success of their Matilda showcase in December, they are working on something even bigger and better for June! This will replace the planned whole school summer show. More information will come out at a later 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:

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| 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.



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!

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| 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 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 |
| 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 |