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Dear Parents and Carers



Hello! It really does feel like summer is just around the corner now, despite the weather!! Tomorrow sees the start of June and the last few weeks of this school session. Ever optimistic, we hope to see a bit more of the sun, and so please remember to send children to school with extra water bottles, sun cream on and sun hats too. It makes it easier to enjoy learning outdoors when we know that children are safe. Please continue to do this, even on overcast days 😊

Please note, homework will stop as of today. Children will benefit more during June from being outdoors. We would definitely continue to encourage children reading every day, whether on their own or with a family member.



Mrs Burns

Today is the last day in Coylton Primary for Mrs Burns. Baby Number 2 is due very soon, and I am in awe of how Mrs Burns has managed to be in school working right up until today! We are so excited to hear news of baby's arrival, and we will let you know as soon as we hear.

Although this is a very exciting time for Charlotte, it also marks her last day as a staff member at Coylton Primary. Charlotte has been with us in school for a number of years, supporting and leading the learning in so many classes and in so many ways. She has been our champion for Outdoor Learning, applying for various grants to try and enhance our outdoor spaces. Charlotte is a permanent member of staff with South Ayrshire Council, but not specifically to our school, and so she will move on to another school once her maternity leave comes to an end. I would like to offer Charlotte our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for everything that she has done for our families and school. She will be very much missed from our staff team, and I know that whichever school she moves onto next will be very lucky to have her.

We will welcome Mrs Erin Lawson to the staff team from Monday 3rd June. Erin will replace Mrs Burns for the rest of this term. However, in order to ensure familiarity and consistency for P5/6, Mrs Wilcox will work with them each Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs Cairn on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's. Pupils and parents of P5/6 have already had this information sent home.



Sporting Events

Mrs Edmiston has been very busy planning our annual Sports Morning with our P7 Sports Leaders. This will take place this morning at the park next to the Activity Centre, with races starting from approximately 9:30. We look forward to seeing family and friends coming along to support the pupils, however please can we ask that parents and family members stay on the opposite side of the race area from the classes as a matter of safety and security. Staff need to be able to have their whole class together at all times.

Please check the diary dates at the end of the round up for the most up to date sporting events.



EYC – P1 Transition

We had an amazing turn out at our first EYC-P1 Transition Day this week. Staff in school were so impressed to see ALL new start P1 children settle into their new classes for the hour and we had thumbs up all round when they came back. Thanks to Ali Watkins and Wendy Campbell for preparing the presentation and the packs to go home. We hope that you now feel well informed about your child starting P1 with us in August, however no question is too small so please get in touch if you need more information. Details of the remaining sessions as shown below:

Wednesday 5 th June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 2 – Numeracy / Maths focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 12 th June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 3 – Health and Wellbeing focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 26 th June 2:00-2:45pm	Tie Ceremony for EYC children heading to P1



Fair Trade Café and Parent Drop In

We have our Parent Drop In session planned for Monday 10th June, from 3:15 till 5:15. This is an opt in for any parent who wishes to come along to their child's class and have an informal chat with the teacher, as well as having a look at pieces of work in jotters and on display. Teaching staff will be available from 3:15pm till 5:15pm. Please note, staff finish at 5:15pm so please ensure that if you do wish to pop in, do so before this time 😊

In addition to this, P5/6 are looking closely at the Fairtrade charity, and its background. They would like to invite any parent or carer dropping in to school during the times above to also pop in to their classroom where they will have a Fairtrade Café up and running, with any money raised going directly to the charity!

The Fairtrade Marketing team within P5/6 are asking parents to complete a very short survey. This has also gone out on teams. Please use the QR code below.



There will also be the opportunity to purchase items from our Science Stall at bargain prices at the café!



Bump Up

P7 pupils across South Ayrshire will 'Bump Up' to their chosen secondary school on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June. Arrangements have been sent to P7 parents from their secondary schools already.

Children moving up a class here in school will have a Bump Up hour with their new class teacher on Wednesday 12th June. Letters will come home to parents on this date outlining their child's class and teacher for next session

As always in Coylton Primary, we need to restructure each year and so we will have the following classes:

EYC

P1 P4/5

P1/2 P5

P2/3 P6

P3 P6/7

P4 P7

Teachers in school are currently very busy creating these new classes for next session, taking many factors into account such as peer relationships, literacy and numeracy abilities and additional support needs. I know this can be a daunting time for pupils and parents, but please trust our staff. Every child is looked at individually and not just grouped together. We generally get things right, and are always available to talk to parents and pupils about classes. Restructuring every year really does help support when children move on to secondary school as already, they have had experiences of mixing with others within their year group every year of primary school.



P6 and P7 School of Rock Showcase

Following the success of the musical showcase at Christmas, P6 and P7 pupils are very busy rehearsing for a new showcase based on the musical School of Rock! They are working closely with Mr Thomson who will direct the showcase, and also with their class teachers. We will have 2 performances, held in our own school on:

Tuesday 18th June 7:30-8:30

Wednesday 19th June 1:30-2:30

Tickets will cost £5 and MUST be presented for the performance. We are having to be strict about seating and so we cannot have anyone come in without a ticket this time. We are also unable to have younger children sitting on laps. Every ticket purchased will be entered into a free Prize Draw, organised by the Parent Council. School will also run a small tuck shop at both performances.

Until today, we have saved allocated tickets for all pupils in P6 and P7 classes. However, any tickets not being used will become available on a first come first served basis for anyone else in P6 or 7, and then the wider school from Monday 3rd June. Tickets can be purchased via the school office, and we are operating a cash only system for this event

We are always looking at ways to gather the views of parents and carers, and so each ticket will have a Quick Question on the back. Our school is very special to us for many reasons. We would like to know why you think our school is special or unique, or what makes it rock! We would be really grateful if you can take a minute to answer the question before handing over your ticket at the performances! We will gather the data generated from this activity and report back at a later date.

Rehearsals are going well, and it is sure to be a fantastic performance 😊



Triathlon

We will be waving off all pupils across p5 and p6 classes next Friday, 7th June, as they take part in South Ayrshire Council's triathlon event. Pupils will swim, run and cycle down at Prestwick Oval along with children from all over South Ayrshire. Parents have already been lettered about the arrangements but just a reminder to send plenty of water, sun cream and a hat should children need it. Thanks in advance to those parents who volunteered to help out. I am sure it will be a fabulous day!



Health and Wellbeing in P6 and P7 classes

Pupils across P6 classes will be working on some lessons within Health and Wellbeing related to Puberty over the next couple of weeks, and P7 pupils will be looking at Conception to Birth. These topics are very much part of Second Level experiences and outcomes within

Curriculum for Excellence and will be handled sensitively through the use of cartoons and online characters. The Experiences and Outcomes are listed below:

- I recognise that how my body changes can affect how I feel about myself and how I may behave. **HWB 2-47a**
- I can describe the physical and emotional changes during puberty, understand why they are taking place and the importance of personal hygiene. **HWB 2-48a**
- I am able to describe how human life begins and how a baby is born. **HWB 2-50a**
- I can describe the role of a parent/carer and the skills, commitment and qualities the role requires. **HWB 2-51a**



Parentsportal

What is Parentsportal?

The traditional school bag run has been used to facilitate communication between parents and schools for generations. Parentsportal provides a digital solution to this issue, making it easier for parents and carers to manage paperwork connected with school activities, and to obtain information about their child's educational progress at a time that suits them. The priority, as we introduce Parentsportal, is to enable parents to sign in and complete the Annual Data Check online. We will then be working on introducing additional services to the platform during 2024.

Our school is now live on Parentsportal, and links have been sent out via Groupcall Xpressions on how to sign up. This will make such a difference all round when it comes to the Annual Data Checks as we won't be sending home all the paperwork – it's good for the environment too as we won't be using reams of paper or the photocopier. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office for more information. So far, we have 37% of families signed up, so please take a few minutes to link in.



Bikeability Level 1

Bike Ability is going well for P5 pupils.

Reminder...pupils must wear acceptable head protection and suitable outdoor clothing for every session. Bikes must be walked through the school playgrounds AT ALL TIMES and parked in the bike shelters.

SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

P5 9:15-10:30am (Miss Herron & Mr MacLeod)	Thursday 18 th April	Bike Checks
	Thursday 25 th April	Session 1
	Friday 3 rd May	Session 2
	Thursday 9 th May	Session 3
P5/6 11:15-12:30pm (Mr MacLeod)	Thursday 16 th May	Session 4
	Thursday 23 rd May	Session 5
	Thursday 30 th May	Session 6
	Thursday 6 th June	Session 7
	Thursday 13 th June	Session 8

Can I help you?



Getting in touch

Should parents wish to contact the school with a query or wish to speak to a particular member of staff, we would ask that you contact us via Expressions, phone or email as below:-

By phone – 01292 612491

By email – Coylton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Parents are kindly reminded not to email class teachers directly in line with our school policy.



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.

Friday 31 st May	School Sports Morning House Assembly
Monday 3 rd June	P4-7 Championship events
Tuesday 4 th June	EYC Sports afternoon
Wednesday 5 th June	EYC to P1 Transition 2 9:15-10:15 CHILDREN ONLY
Thursday 6 th June	P5 Bikeability 7 Ayr Academy Information Evening
Friday 7 th June	P5-6 Triathlon Event
Monday 10 th June	Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15 and P5/6 Fair Trade Café Parent Council in school at 7pm
Tuesday 11 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1 PEEP session
Wednesday 12 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 9:15 – 10:15 CHILDREN ONLY Whole School Bump Up
Thursday 13 th June	P5 Bikeability 8
Monday 17 th June	House Football
Tuesday 18 th June	House Netball PEEP session P6 and 7 SCHOOL OF ROCK SHOWCASE in school hall 7:30-8:30
Wednesday 19 th June	P6 and 7 SCHOOL OF ROCK SHOWCASE in school hall 1:30-2:30
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