

Dear Parents and Carers



Hello, and welcome to another Friday Round Up!

Just a reminder that formal homework has now stopped. 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.



I'LL BE THERE Attendance

The final couple of weeks of term are hugely important in our drive to improve school attendance across South Ayrshire schools. The most up to date data for South Ayrshire schools is as follows:

Sector	2022-23	2023-24
Primary	92.1%	92.83%
Secondary	85.3%	87.27%

In Coylton Primary and EYC, we are really pushing for children to attend school right up to the very last day of term. Learning is still taking place, as well as preparation for staff and pupils for the new session. You will see from the diary dates, classes still have events and activities to finalise and so please do send children to school until the 28th June! For information, have a look at the statistics below which outline the impact on attendance:

100% - 190 days in school.

95% - 10 days absent, which is 2 school weeks. 180 days in school.

90% - 19 days absent which is over 3 school weeks. 171 days in school.

85% - 29 days absent which is almost 6 school weeks. 161 days in school

80% - 38 days absent which is over 7 school weeks. 152 days in school

75% - 47 days absent which is a quarter of the school year. 143 days in school

Each term, our systems generate letters to go home to families where attendance slips below 90%. Over the summer, South Ayrshire Council will have a very visual presence on social media, radio and billboards with the catchphrase EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY! We therefore hope to see all our lovely pupils right up until 28th June, and every day in the new school session 😊



Stolen Items

We are very disappointed to report that we had a couple of items stolen from our bike storage area this week. We have a good number of children who either cycle or scoot to school, and they use our bike storage to keep bikes and scooters safe during the day. At times, items are left overnight and are not always secured to the railing. On Monday evening around 6:30pm, our CCTV picked up 2 young people coming into the storage area and leaving on 2 bikes, both of which were much too small for them. They cycled them out of the school playground. We are also aware that a small scooter had gone missing too. We were unable to identify the 2 young people. Since then, one of our pupils noticed the bikes dumped in the village and I am glad to say they have been reunited with their owners. The scooter has now also been located. We still very much encourage pupils to cycle and scoot, and to use our shelter, just ensure that they take the items home at the end of the day or secure them to the railings in the store.



Outdoor Classroom

We have been delighted to receive some additional features in our Outdoor Classroom recently as we are caretaking 3 beautiful carved statues, a huge table and some benches that were originally housed within the Community Garden. These items have really enhanced our area and the classes are thoroughly enjoying being up there working and learning. Our thanks go to the group behind the Coyton Fairy Trail for thinking of us – we love them!!!



News from the EYC (provided by Kelly 😊)

This week, we have been exploring the exciting world of the UEFA European Championship (EUROs). The children have been drawing pictures of their favourite football players, showcasing their artistic talents and love for the sport.

In addition to our football-themed activities, the children have also been engaging in some hands-on gardening. They have been planting their own vegetables, learning about the growth process and the importance of nurturing plants. This morning, they proudly set up a small market to sell the vegetables they have grown. This activity not only taught them about agriculture but also about teamwork, responsibility, and the value of their hard work.

We apologise for the cancellation of sports day due to the recent weather. We are working on rescheduling the event and will keep you posted on the new date. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



EYC – P1 Transition

We have now welcomed our new P1 pupils into school on 3 occasions, and they have been hugely successful! One more event to go before the end of term, our Tie Ceremony on 26th June where P7 officially pass on the baton to our new P1 pupils. We look forward to sharing this with families.

Wednesday 26 th June 2:00-2:45pm	Tie Ceremony for EYC children heading to P1
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FairTrade Café and Parent Drop In

Thank you so much to all families who came along to our Parent Drop In session this week. The school was busy and buzzing which was great to see. The FairTrade Café was a roaring success for P5/6 with all their planning and preparation paying off. They have raised £222.05 for the charity which is an amazing effort so well done to Mrs Cairn and all pupils. 😊



Bump Up

P7 pupils across South Ayrshire have visited their chosen secondary school this week. It would appear that a great time was had by all 😊. We know that our P7 pupils are more than ready to make the transition to S1, and we are very proud of them!

Children moving up a class here in school had a bump up with their new class and teacher this week. Letters outlining this information have gone home in school bags to parents.

Classes and teachers are as follows:

EYC

P1 Mrs Ritchie

P4/5 Mrs Wilcox and Mrs Cox

P1/2 Mrs Stewart and Mrs Cairn P5 Mrs Duncan

P2/3 Miss Thomson P6 Mrs Green

P3 Miss McDonald P6/7 Miss Cowie

P4 Miss Herron P7 Mrs Edmiston

Pupils know that although the people in their class may change year on year, they will all still be together in the playground and in the lunch hall every day. They also join up with classes at their stage for various things across the school year. The time spent with their teacher, whether in class or outdoors is all about learning, and making new relationships each year really helps to make the transition to S1 smooth when the time comes.

Advance notice for our new P7 pupils – we have booked 2 weeks at Dolphin House for next session and we will mix the whole year together to work out which group goes which week.



P6 and P7 School of Rock Showcase

IT'S ALMOST SHOWTIME!!!!

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.

Tickets are still available so contact the school office if you need any more.

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 😊

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL REHEARSAL TAKING PLACE ON MONDAY 17TH JUNE FROM 5PM TILL 8PM. THIS WILL BE A FULL TECH REHEARSAL, AND LETTERS HAVE ALREADY GONE HOME ABOUT THIS.



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 80% of families signed up, so please take a few minutes to link in.



Bikeability Level 1

Well done to all pupils across P5 and P6 who have completed Bike Ability this year. Our sincere thanks go to Miss Herron and Mr McLeod who have led these sessions.

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 14 th June	EYC Sports afternoon
Monday 17 th June	House Football ADDITIONAL SCHOOL OF ROCK REHEARSAL
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