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Dear Parents and Carers

What a great first week we have had! A massive well done goes to all pupils, although special wishes go to our P1 pupils who have taken to school like ducks to water! I would like to thank the staff teams for working hard to ensure that the school and EYC were welcoming for all pupils. Everyone is feeling a little bit tired today so hopefully the weekend will give the chance to relax and refresh!

Pupils across the EYC and school are making the transition to their new classes well. That said, change can be difficult for some and so we are on hand to support those children who are finding things a bit strange. In no time at all, their new classroom, classmates and teachers will become the norm for them. Please get in touch via email Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or by phoning into the man office on 01292 612491 and we will be there to support!

Just a reminder that until Thursday 19th September, P1 children should come to school from 8:55am, and be collected in the playground at 2:50pm. Thereafter, P1 pupils will finish at 3pm in line with the rest of the school.



Congratulations

This week marks Mrs Campbell's 30th year working at Coylton Primary. Although she tried out a few schools before coming here, this one clearly is the best for her to have stayed so long!! I am sure that many families will have benefitted from Mrs Campbell's nurture and kindness over the years – in fact, many of our parents will have been in her class at one time or another 😊. I am sure you join me in thanking Mrs Campbell at this milestone, and I am very pleased to say she isn't going anywhere soon!!!



Meet and Greet

We are so happy to be able to welcome families back into school for a Meet and Greet session again this year. The date for this event will be Wednesday 11th September from 5:30pm till 6:30pm. Come along and meet the staff from EYC-P7 and take the chance to have a look around the school. Please come to the main entrance where pupils from P7 will welcome you and show you to classes. Children are welcome to come along if you wish. Please note, you can come along at any time during this hour, however staff will be finishing at 6:30 so please ensure you arrive in time to chat before they finish.

We will also have some display boards up outlining aspects of our improvement plan for this school session. Please ensure that you have a look and let us know which parts you would be most interested in finding out more about.



Gym Days

Information has already gone home regarding gym days for classes, so this is just another reminder.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Gym Day</u>	<u>Gym Day</u>
<u>P1</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>P1/2</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>P2/3</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>P3</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>P4</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>P4/5</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>P5</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>P6</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>P6/7</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>P7</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>

Pupils can come to school in sports wear on gym days. Sports wear can be:

- White or burgundy polo shirt
- Black or grey joggers/shorts/leggings
- Trainers

Pupils can still wear their school sweatshirt and remove it for PE.

PE uniform does not need to be school branded. Football colours should not be worn.

Information on Outdoor Learning days will come out soon.



Attendance

You may be aware of the attendance campaign launched across South Ayrshire as schools have returned this week. Every Learner, Every Day is the headline with media coverage on local radio, online platforms and community posters. Below is a link to a very short video featuring young people from some South Ayrshire schools. Although attendance figures for Coyilton Primary were slightly above the local authority average last session, we would love to see an increase in the number of learners attending our school every day. Please take a minute or so to view the video 😊

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nA0ngdDEtg&pp=ygUWc291dGggYXlyc2hpYmUgY291bmNpbA%3D%3D>



Parent Council AGM

The AGM for Parent Council will take place on Wednesday 28th August in school at 7pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible come along and hear about the ways that you can get involved in supporting our school and EYC



Rag Bag

Just a reminder that we have a Rag Bag bin in the school playground. This helps our fundraising efforts for the year with Rag Bag paying the school for every kilo recycled. They will accept wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. This won't be for other items such as towels and bedding!! So, if you are planning a clear out of clothes, please bring bags along. This will be available 24 hours so no need to use during school hours.



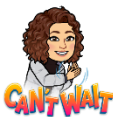
Swimming

The block of 10 swimming lessons for P5 pupils starts on Friday 30th August. Letters have already gone out to P5 parents, and so please ensure that all permission forms are complete and sent in as soon as possible. Pupils are permitted to wear sports clothes on swimming days as this allows for an easier change before returning to school. Friday swimming will count as one PE session for the 10 weeks.



Homework

Homework is part and parcel of school life here at Coynton Primary. We do understand that work commitments and busy family lives can be factors which can impact on homework tasks, and there is no obligation that tasks are completed, however if we can ask that as a minimum, all children have access to reading or having a story read to them daily at home - we absolutely see the positive impact of this in literacy activities back in school. P1 pupils will receive log in details for Teams soon, but we will keep you posted. Formal homework tasks start on Monday 16th September – please get in touch if you are struggling to get onto Teams. Remember, it will take a bit of time for our P1 pupils to get Glow accounts set up, so we will be in touch with P1 parents as soon as we can.



School Photographs

I am pleased to say that we are able to have school photographers in to take individual and family photographs. Dates have been confirmed as Thursday 24th October and Friday 25th October. All children from EYC to P7 will have photographs taken, and a sample will come home. There is no obligation to purchase any. Because family groups will be taken, we are unable to guarantee which of the 2 days your children will be photographed. We would ask

that school uniform is worn. If your child normally has PE on these days, please don't send them in sportswear. Lessons will be planned to take this into account.



Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park should not be used by parents for pick up or drop off of pupils from school or EYC, unless an arrangement has been made with the school.



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.

Wednesday 28 th August	Parent Council AGM at 7pm – All welcome
Thursday 29 th August	P6 Bike Ability Bike Checks
Friday 30 th August	P5 swimming week 1 Staged Intervention Paperwork home for pupils with additional support needs
Monday 2 nd September	EYC Care Plan week
Thursday 5 th September	P6 Bikeability 1
Friday 6 th September	P5 Swimming Week 2
Wednesday 11 th September	School and EYC Meet and Greet 5:30 – 6:30
Thursday 12 th September	P6 Bikeability 2
Friday 13 th September	P5 swimming week 3
Thursday 19 th September	P6 Bikeability 3
Friday 20 th September	HOLIDAY
Monday 23 rd September	HOLIDAY
Thursday 26 th September	P6 Bikeability 4
Friday 27 th September	P5 swimming week 4
Tuesday 1 st October	P6 Bikeability 5
Thursday 3 rd October	P6 Bikeability 6 P5-7 After School Panto Club 1 3:00-4:00
Friday 4 th October	P5 swimming week 5 Sense over Sectarianism for P7
Tuesday 8 th October	P6 Bikeability 7 SAC Collaborative Visit
Wednesday 9 th October	SAC Collaborative Visit
Thursday 10 th October	P6 Bikeability 8 P5-7 After School Panto Club 2 3:00-4:00
Friday 13 th October	P5 swimming week 6 STOP AT 3PM FOR HOLIDAY WEEK
Monday 21 st October	In Service – school and EYC closed
Tuesday 22 nd October	School and EYC re open
Thursday 24 th October	Photographer in school and EYC P5-7 After School Panto Club 3 3:00-4:00
Friday 25 th October	P5 swimming week 7 Photographer in school and EYC
Wednesday 30 th October	Parent Appointments
Thursday 31 st October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn

	P5-7 After School Panto Club 4 3:00-4:00
Friday 1 st November	P5 swimming week 8
Thursday 7 th November	P5-7 After School Panto Club 5 3:00-4:00
Friday 8 th November	P5 swimming week 9
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 14 th November	
Friday 15 th November	P5-7 After School Panto Club 6 3:00-4:00 P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL SESSION Flu Immunisations P1-P7 Children In Need Day
Monday 18 th November	Book Week Scotland
Thursday 21 st November	P5-7 After School Panto Club 7 3:00-4:00
Thursday 28 th November	P5-7 After School Panto Club 8 3:00-4:00
Thursday 5 th December	P1 – 7 MOTHER GOOSE PANTO AT AYR GAIETY P5-7 After School Panto Club 9 3:00-4:00
Tuesday 10 th December	EYC Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December	EYC Christmas Lunch P2 Christmas Party
Thursday 12 th December	School Christmas Lunch P5-7 After School Panto Club performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. Time TBC
Friday 13 th December	P1 Christmas Party
Monday 16 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December	EYC TRIP TO THE CUTTY SARK, AYR 10am P6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Service P1-3 9:15-10:15 and P4-7 10:45-11:45 P5 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco - evening
Friday 20 th December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 6 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Thursday 23 rd January	Scottish Lunch menu
Thursday 30 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Friday 31 st January	P1-7 Scots Verse Competition 9:30-10:30
Monday 3 rd February – Thursday 6 th February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 1 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 10 th February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Monday 17 th February – Thursday 20 th February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 2
Tuesday 25 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	British Science Week
Friday 14 th March	Annual Reports home to Parents
Thursday 20 th March	Parent Appointments
Wednesday 27 th March	
Friday 4 th April	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Reopens
Monday 5 th May	Holiday
Monday 26 th May	Holiday
Tuesday 27 th May	In Service – School and EYC closed
Wednesday 28 th May	EYC to P1 Transition I
Friday 30 th May	School Sports Morning

Monday 2 nd June	P4-7 Championship events
Tuesday 3 rd June	EYC Sports morning
Wednesday 4 th June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Friday 6 th June	P5 and 6 Triathlon Event
Monday 9 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 10 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1 Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Wednesday 11 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Wednesday 25 th June	P7 Leavers service EYC Tie Ceremony P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Thursday 26 th June	P7 Treat day
Friday 27 th June	Close for holidays at 1pm

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher