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Dear Parents and Carers

Another good week at school and EYC. It has been great to talk to many of our pupils and hear how they are settling in. 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.



Welcome back

We are all looking forward to welcoming Miss Herron back to school on Monday to take over the lead within P4 😊



Parent Council

We had a really good turnout at the Parent Council AGM this week with lots of well known faces and some new faces too! Our sincere thanks go to Parent Council for the donation cheque we received. Rest assured, we will consult with staff and pupils about how the money will be put to use. Welcome to our new chair, Kirsty Murdoch, and thanks again to Lorna McIntyre for her service and commitment to our school.



School Improvement Planning

Each year, staff work together to evaluate how progress is being made across the school and EYC. We use various forms of data and listen to our pupils before agreeing our plan for the year ahead. This year, we will focus on the following:

LITERACY Year 2 of South Ayrshire Reads (in school) and Year 1 (in EYC), with a focus on Writing

NUMERACY with a focus on improving the understanding of number work and links to problem solving and real life contexts within school and EYC

HEALTH & WELLBEING with a focus on a Whole School and EYC Nurture approach.

In addition, staff will work on a programme called Adaptive Teaching where the focus will be identifying the various ways that pupils like to learn and adapting practice to meet their needs.

A visual representation of our School Improvement Plan is attached to the Round Up today, and you will have the chance to respond to it at our Meet and Greet on the 11th September.



School of Rugby

This session, we are pleased to be working with Ayr Rugby Club as part of their School of Rugby programme. This exciting initiative is being trialled in primary schools, and we are proud that Coynton Primary is one of the pilot schools. Our pupils will have the opportunity to attend taster sessions, and if they enjoy it, they can participate in the School of Rugby once a week during the school day. The aim of this programme is to encourage more children, particularly girls, to get involved in rugby.

Girls had their taster session yesterday. Boys will have their taster session next Thursday.



News from the EYC (supplied by Kelly 😊)

We are delighted to see how smoothly the children have transitioned into nursery and how well they have adapted to their new environment. As always, we are continually seeking ways to improve, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could take a moment to scan the QR code provided and share your feedback on the transition process.

This week in the EYC, we have been introducing the children to “The Colour Monster”, which helps them recognise and understand different emotions. This approach allows us to support the children in identifying and expressing their feelings, fostering emotional awareness from an early age. Alongside this, we have been exploring the concept of friendships—what it means to be a good friend—through engaging activities such as painting, creating friendship bracelets, and reading stories.

In the coming weeks, your child's key worker will be reaching out to arrange a care plan meeting. This will be a valuable opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress and work together to set care plan goals tailored to their individual needs.

As always, we maintain an open-door policy and encourage you to reach out at any time throughout the year if you'd like to discuss your child's progress or seek any additional support.

In the coming months, there will be various opportunities to get involved, including meet-and-greet sessions, PEEP sessions, Book bug sessions, and Tea & Bletcher gatherings. We will also be conducting a survey to gather your thoughts on how we, as a team, can best support you—whether it's guidance on developmental milestones, managing fussy eating, or addressing behavioural challenges. Whatever the concern, we are here to help in any way we can, and we look forward to working in close partnership with you for the continued growth and well-being of your child.



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	P5-7 After School Panto Club 6 3:00-4:00
Friday 15 th November	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