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Dear Parents and Carers

Hello, and welcome to Term 2 here in school and EYC. I hope that everyone had a good break over the October holiday. It has been great to catch up with the children again this week, and I am really pleased to say they have come back with positive attitudes and are working hard.



Celebrating success

We are always eager to hear about your child's wider achievements, both in and outside of school. This could be an achievement in sport, music, arts, community involvement or any other area where your child has excelled or shown dedication.

If your child has a wider achievement that you would like to share, please provide us with details and a photo. You can send this information to

Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

These achievements will be discussed and celebrated with your child in class and during an upcoming assembly. We would love to create a display of achievements across school to celebrate success.



Transition to Secondary School

Thank you very much to the families in P6 and P7 classes who turned out on Wednesday evening to our Transition to Secondary school event. Our thanks also go to staff from South Ayrshire Council and staff and pupils from Ayr Academy who presented. It is always lovely to have former pupils return to Coylton, and to hear about all their successes.

I hope that pupils and parents feel a lot more informed about the transition process now, and also about our associated secondary school. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require any further information.

The next Ayr Academy challenge day is on Tuesday 12th November for all P7 pupils. Families are also invited to an Open Evening in Ayr Academy on Thursday 21st November from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to see the school and meet the staff in an informal way. They will have many activities and stalls available on the night too so take some time and head along 😊



Halloween Costume Swap

Once again, we are happy for children to come to school in costumes for Halloween on Thursday October 31st. We have only had a few preloved costumes handed in, and we have been putting these out at the front of the school this week alongside lost property. Please help yourselves.



Photographer

We have been happy to have had Scott from Photo Studio in this week taking individual and family photos. How smart the children all looked 😊

We will be sure to send home any samples from Scott as soon as we can.

South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub

Advice and Support for Families



Coylton Primary School now has the backing from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.



Laura and Nicola will provide a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.

They will be able to support in areas such as:-

- Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making claims
- Advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grants

If you would like to speak with Laura or Nicola, they will be attending our Parent Council Meeting on Monday 4th November at 7pm to provide an overview of the service offered.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend at this time you can contact the Hub directly using the following link [Digital referral form - South Ayrshire Council \(south -ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk) (when using this link please select **Yes** to 'Would you like access to any other services?' and type **FAO Community Team and Coylton Primary School**) or by calling 0300 123 0900.



Reading School's Award

Our Borrow a Book scheme for adults is almost ready to go live. We were hoping that the trollies we had ordered would have arrived over the holidays, but they haven't arrived yet!!!!. We hope that we can have these out at the main entrance to school and EYC as soon as possible.

The idea would be that you come along at drop off and pick up times and help yourself to a preloved book. Once you are finished with it, simply pop it back or pass it on to a friend.

This will be for adults in the community, parents, and staff to use. Thank you to those who have already sent in donations of books.....Keep them coming!

Our hope is that if pupils see the adults in their lives enjoying reading, it will encourage them to do the same. We will let you know when the trollies will be ready and please hand any donations into the main office. This scheme will help us work towards our Reading School's award and so I hope that you find it enjoyable.



Parent Appointments

Thanks to all who have already set up parents' appointments with teaching staff, set for Wednesday 30th October. You still have time to book an appointment through Parents Portal. Any problems doing so, just contact the school office on 01292 612491.

The Book Fair will be available during Parent Appointments and all classes will have the opportunity to have a look through the books prior to Wednesday evening. This goes towards our Reading Schools Award, and our school benefit from commission on all sales which allows us to purchase more books for our school.

Miss McFarlane and some of our senior pupils will also be on hand to showcase some of the learning that has been taking place outdoors so be sure to have a chat with them.



Outdoor Learning

Just a reminder about Outdoor learning days.

Please find below information around the days when classes have outdoor learning. Please note, class teachers may also have additional days when learning will take place outdoors, and they will let you know via Teams.

P1	Monday
P1/2	Thursday
P2/3	Friday
P3	Thursday
P4	Thursday
P4/5	Wednesday
P5	Tuesday
P6	Wednesday
P6/7	Friday
P7	Tuesday

On these days, it would be beneficial for children to come to school with waterproof jackets and footwear. We did try to have a waterproof/wellie donation drive a year ago and so we do have a small number of wellies that were donated so let us know if we can help. We are STILL happy to receive donations of preloved outdoor clothing and footwear 😊 At the very least if children could bring a change of clothing/footwear on outdoor learning days. Please let us know if we can help.

Miss McFarlane is leading outdoor learning this year. She has asked families to have a look and see if they can help with the following resources:

- Any obsolete binoculars would be of great use to support the children in identifying birds in the environment and participate in surveying birds for the RSPB.
- Any off-cuts of new or nearly new down-pipes from gutters to allow pupils to build a habitat (a hibernaculum) for frogs and toads to safely hibernate in over the winter.
- A few bricks to help construct the hibernaculum would be gratefully received.

Miss McFarlane is hoping to work with classes to apply for a wildlife award from the RSPB.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2-3 room this week we have been busy exploring and handling different textures and materials. We have used lots of different ingredients to create "chocolate cakes"!!



In the 3-5 room we have been exploring pattern. The children have been focusing on how to copy a simple pattern using 2 colours. This week some of the children also visited John Hodge Court as part of our intergenerational learning project with P6 pupils where they played Halloween games with the residents.





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 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
Friday 8 th November	P5 swimming week 9
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 13 th November	SAC Collaborative Visit
Thursday 14 th November	SAC Collaborative Visit
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	Ayr Academy Open Evening 5:00-7:30
Thursday 5 th December	P1 – 7 MOTHER GOOSE PANTO AT AYR GAIETY
Tuesday 10 th December	EYC Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December	EYC Christmas Lunch P2 Christmas Party
Thursday 12 th December	School Christmas Lunch
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 PI Transition 1
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 PI Transition 2
Friday 6 th June	P5 and 6 Triathlon Event
Monday 9 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 10 th June	P7 to SI Transition 1 Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Wednesday 11 th June	P7 to SI Transition 2 EYC to PI 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

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