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Dear Parents and Carers

Good morning, everyone! Wow, the temperatures have certainly dropped this week, and we even had a first fluttering of snow. We are seeing an increasing amount of lost property building up again and so we would like to stress the importance of putting names on loose items of clothing so that we can reunite them with owners quickly!



Children in Need

After counting the donations sent in for Children in Need, we are pleased to send off £212.87 on behalf of the families of Coylton Primary. Once again, thank you to anyone who donated.



Young Carers

South Ayrshire Council is very proud of the work carried out across all schools to support Young Carers. Coylton Primary received a Young Carers in Schools award this week. South Ayrshire is actually the first local authority in the UK to have all schools achieve this! INCREDIBLE! This will make such a difference to our young carers. Please see below a link to an article heading for the press soon.

[South Ayrshire first in Scotland to complete the Young Carers in Schools Challenge - Health and Social Care Partnership](#)



Christmas

We have already started thinking about our plans in school and EYC for Christmas and we hope to be able to share these with you as soon as possible. PLEASE NOTE, WE HAVE MADE A CHANGE TO THE DATE OF THE P4 CHRISTMAS PARTY. THIS WILL NOW BE ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER.

PI-7 will visit the Gaiety Theatre in Ayr on Thursday 5th December. Due to the fact that we will return later than our usual lunch time, the kitchen will provide soup and sandwiches instead of the regular hot meal choices that day. More information will follow.



Celebrating success

Our Wall of Fame is now up and running within our gym hall, and it is filling up fast! 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.

It really does amaze us how busy our children are out of school as well as in classes 😊



Outdoor Learning

Good news! We have been successful in bidding for a grant from the Gwen Mayor Trust to the tune of £1000! Thanks go to Miss McFarlane for submitting the application. The money will be used to purchase a weather station, gardening tools, a wildlife camera and raised planters.



News from the EYC (provided by Rebecca 😊)

This past week the children in the 2-3 room have had fun exploring water play. They have explored pouring, measuring, volume and capacity whilst using the water wall and large tuff tray. They have needed their rain jackets on as they loved getting very wet!



In the 3-5 room we have been taking advantage of the colder weather and have been exploring ice. We have been looking at it in different forms and investigating how it felt and what noises it made when it was being broken up.



Just a reminder that UnderSky will be coming to the EYC on Tuesday the 26th November for a day of fun maths activities! Please bring your child in clothes that can get dirty as it will be an outdoor learning day. If you wish to take part with your child, please let the EYC know.

South Ayrshire Council Information and Advice Hub

Just a reminder that the first Drop In is on Monday 18th November here in school. Laura and Nicola will be around the playground to chat to anyone and can also have a chat in school too. Come along and meet them between 2pm and 4pm.

Advice and Support for Coylton Primary School

Coylton PS has the backing from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.



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



We can support with -

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

Scan for more!



Laura & Nicola will hold a drop in on Monday 18th November and Monday 16th December between 2pm and 4pm within the school.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, or contact the Hub directly using our online digital referral form on our website: <https://beta.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article26997/Online-Services>

When using our digital referral form please select **Yes** to 'Would you like access to any other services?' and type **FAO Community Team and Coylton Primary**. You can also contact us on 0300 123 0900 and ask for the Information and Advice Hub

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Making a Difference Every Day



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.

Thursday 5 th December	PI – 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 P4 Christmas Party
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	P6 and P7 Musical Showcase at 2:15pm
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 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 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

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