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Hello everyone 😊

As we come to the end of November, our plans turn to all our Christmas activities. Today I hope to provide a bit more information on some of the activities we have planned in the lead up to the Christmas holiday. Staff have been very busy planning a calendar of events for December in school. Please have a look at our Christmas Calendar attachment for more information.



Icy Weather

We appreciate that at this time of year, the weather can become very cold and icy. Our janitor will always ensure that he salts paths to allow safe access into school. He will also do what he can to ensure that before morning break, the majority of playground areas are salted and safe for the children to use. We have a limited amount of salt this week with an order for more in place. Can we ask that on very icy mornings, children arrive at school from 8:50am and not earlier? If the playgrounds are not safe, we will have staff out to bring children into school earlier and we ask that if parents come with children, they stay with them until they are in school. Children will naturally want to slide on icy patches, but at that time in the morning, the salt may not have had the time to properly thaw all areas. I hope that you understand and support. If the salt has not been effective enough by morning break, children will not access the playgrounds. We would rather that they spend a break indoors than someone getting hurt



Outdoor Success

Great news! Miss McFarlane has been working with many classes across the school within the outdoor classroom and the school grounds. They have been awarded the Bronze Wild Challenge Award from the RSPB and a Schools For Nature certificate. The Schools For Nature certificate highlights schools that have taken action to protect and restore nature, signed by Sir David Attenborough. The RSPB award is because pupils have undertaken activities related to trying to 'help nature' and 'experience nature'. Children have gathered data on bugs, and created animal trackers to find animals living in our outdoor classroom. Pupils have also made bug hotels and built a mulch pit habitat for animals with more plans to create different habitats soon. We will proudly display these awards in school!









Parent Council

The Parent Council are running some fun activities again this year for children. Please see the information below:

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Coylton Primary Parent Council have arranged for the following Christmas games and activities to be undertaken in school between Mon 9th - 12th December

 <p style="text-align: center;">Guess the number of sweets in a jar (jar/class) 50p</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Gift sale Candy canes 50p</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Primary 1-7 Guess Paddington's Birthday 50p</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Early Years Centre Guess Paddington's Birthday 50p</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Secret Gift Room 16th, 17th & 18th December</p> <p>Pupils can come along to purchase and wrap a gift for their special ones at home for donation of between £2-£4</p> </div>  </div>	

Secret Room – We are once again planning to have our Secret Room available for all children to allow them to purchase a small gift for a family member for Christmas at pocket money prices. Our children have really enjoyed this experience as they can choose and wrap a gift and take it home to put it under the tree.

We are collecting unwanted and unused gift sets, toiletries, mugs, chocolates, socks, gloves, fidgets, photo frames, make up - anything that you would think the children would like to buy. We will also be happy to accept donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, sellotapes and ribbons. Gifts will range from £2 -£4. Please send any donations into school. The Secret Room will be set up on 16th, 17th, and 18th December.



Christmas Showcase

It will be so lovely to invite parents and carers to our Christmas Showcase this year! This will take place on Thursday 19th December. In order not to over fill our main hall however, we will run the Christmas Showcase in two sittings.

From 9:15 till 10:15, pupils in P1, P1/2, P2/3 and P3 will take to the stage to perform a Christmas song. Parents and carers are welcome to come along. Doors will open from 9:00.

From 10:45 till 11:45, pupils in P4, P4/5, P5, P6, P6/7 and P7 will take to the stage to perform a Christmas song. Parents and carers are welcome to come along.

Mince pies and coffee/tea will be available between 10:15 and 10:45 for any parents and carers who wish to attend both performances. This will also be available if you come along a little earlier or wish to stay on a little after the first performance.



Nativity

The children in the EYC will perform The Nativity on Tuesday 10th December at 2:00pm. Doors will open at 1:45pm. All morning and afternoon children will perform the nativity at this time and all families are welcome to join us.



Christmas Parties

All P1-7 Christmas parties will be in the afternoons of the following days:

Wednesday 11th December P2

Thursday 12th December P4

Friday 13th December P1

Monday 16th December P3

Tuesday 17th December P6

Thursday 19th December P5

Pupils may come to school dressed for their party on the day or bring clothes to change into. Given we only have 45 minutes at lunchtime, it is very tight to have children go home for lunch and be back in time and so staff will be on hand to help them change if they

require support. Snack will be provided at the parties, and we are grateful to the Parent Council and Ross from Costcutters Coylton for supplying this.

P7 will have an evening disco on Thursday 19th December from 7pm – 9pm. Permission slips will come home soon.

Our EYC party will take place in the morning of Friday 20th December for ALL children, regardless of their attendance pattern.



Scavenger Hunt

On Tuesday 10th December pupils from the EYC-P7 will take part in a festive walk around the school and/or local community.

We would like all pupils to come to school wearing a Santa hat or any other festive headwear for their stroll. Pupils will encounter tasks and challenges on the way in order to solve a Christmas puzzle.



We are supporting the work of the local charity The Night Before Christmas by being a drop off point for any donations.

You can drop off items such as:

- pyjamas
- cuddly toy, toys such as Lego, a doll, a football or board games
- toiletries
- a storybook, a colouring book and stationery
- hot chocolate and sweets
- hats, gloves and scarves
- perfume and aftershave, candles, handbags



Storytelling with Santa

We are inviting families of children in P1-3 to come along to school on Monday 16th December from 6pm till 7pm to join in with some storytelling with Santa. This festive event is for children to come along in their pyjamas, bringing a comfy blanket or cushion and soft toy with them if they wish. A parent or carer should come along with the children and enjoy the activities and refreshments. Santa has been practising reading some Christmas stories and has requested that we have hot chocolate and sweet treats available for everyone to enjoy! This is a free event, however we would like families to book in order that we can cater for everyone. Please sign up using this link - [Storytelling with Santa P1-3 Pupils](#)

This event will start at 6pm prompt so doors will be open from 5:45pm.

We appreciate that some families may have childcare issues for older siblings and if this is the case, older siblings can come along too, however all children must come along with an adult.



Panto

This year, we are visiting the Gaiety Theatre, Ayr for their performance of Mother Goose. This will be on Thursday 5th December. Buses will leave school as soon after 9am as possible and so we ask that children are prompt in arriving at school. Our thanks go once again to Parent Council for providing payment for the buses there and back. All pupils will receive a snack at the panto, and so there is no need for them to bring one with them. We have already notified parents that we will be offering a limited lunch service of soup and sandwiches due to the late return from The Gaiety.



Christmas Lunch

P1-7 are having their Christmas Lunch on Thursday 12th December. Parents/carers can order Christmas Lunch on ParentPay. Please make your order as soon as possible to help the kitchen staff gather numbers. Please note, no other options will be available on this date, and pupils can bring a packed lunch as normal if they wish. There is an option on ParentPay to select Packed Lunch. The EYC will have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11th December.



P6/7 Musical Showcase

Pupils in P6 and P7 classes have been working hard with Mr Thomson during music lessons. They will be invited to join other p6 and p7 pupils from our cluster primary schools at Ayr Academy's Christmas Concert on Tuesday 17th December. Letters went home with pupils yesterday.

In addition, we warmly invite families from P6 and 7 to come along to school on Wednesday 18th December at 2:15pm where all P6 and 7 pupils will perform. Doors will open at 2:00pm.



News from the EYC (provided by Hazel)

3-5 Room Blog

This week in the EYC we were visited by Katie and Rhagan from UnderSky, who helped our families investigate "The Bramble Thief Mystery".

We explored a variety of maths concept such as estimation, simple fractions, counting and measure while trying to work out whether it was it was squirrel, chiffchaff, fox or wood mouse who stole the brambles.

We worked our way through all the clues and activities to find out wood mouse was the bramble thief!! Wood mouse was very kind though and left us a lovely jar of bramble jam to have with our scones for snack. We can't wait to have you back for another adventure, let's hope for some sunshine next time!



2-3 Room Blog

The children in the 2-3 room have been taking advantage of the cold but dry, frosty weather this week and have been out exploring the school grounds. We went and explored the outdoor classroom area and were in search of the bear from We're Going on a Bear Hunt.



P7/S1 Transfer

The on-line process for P7/S1 Transfer will be available to parents from Monday 25th November until Sunday 8th December 2024. Information on how to access this on-line process will be sent out prior to the transfer week.



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. We have added a number of things to the Diary Dates this week!

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 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 P7 Dolphin House meeting for parents -3pm
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

Coylton's Christmas Countdown 2024

...end of November			Christmas Decorating Week	
			Thursday 28th Nov Classes choose their Christmas stories with P7	Friday 29th Nov Christmas trees and decorations up around school and EYC
Christmas Storytelling Week and Craft Week				
Monday 2nd Christmas Jumpers can be worn every day from today! Advent Calendars Commence! Christmas Crafts	Tuesday 3rd P7 Christmas Storytelling Christmas Crafts	Wednesday 4th P7 Christmas Storytelling Christmas Crafts The Christmas Story The Christian Story of the First Christmas Religions of the World	Thursday 5th Mother Goose Panto at the Gaiety (pm) Christmas Crafts	Friday 6th P7 Christmas Storytelling Christmas Crafts
Party Week and Christmas Fun!				
Monday 9th Parent Council Activities (outside the gym hall) P1-4 Christmas (pm) Christmas Quiz	Tuesday 10th Parent Council Activities (outside the gym hall) Outdoor! EYC Nativity 3pm in Gym Hall	Wednesday 11th Parent Council Activities (outside the gym hall) EYC Christmas Lunch P5-7 Christmas Quiz (pm) Christmas Quiz Primary 2 (pm)	Thursday 12th Parent Council Activities (outside the gym hall) School Christmas Lunch Primary 4 (pm)	Friday 13th Parent Council setting up Secret Room Primary 1 (pm)
Party Week and 4 more sleeps to go!				
Monday 16th Secret Room in Sensory Room (timetable to follow) Primary 3 (pm) Storytelling with Santa (P1-3) 6pm in school Storytelling with Santa P1-3 Pupils	Tuesday 17th Secret Room in Sensory Room (timetable to follow) EYC Christmas Trip to the Cotton Sack 4:15-10:00 P1-7 Christmas Showcases Rehearsal Primary 6 (pm) Agr Academy Christmas Concert (evening)	Wednesday 18th Secret Room in Sensory Room (timetable to follow) 4:15-10:00 P1-7 Christmas Showcases Rehearsal P6/P7 Musical Showcase (2:15pm in Gym Hall)	Thursday 19th 4:15-10:15 P1-7 Christmas Showcases 10:15-10:45 Mince Pies/Coffee 10:45-11:45 P4-7 Christmas Showcases Primary 5 (pm) P7 Disco (7-8pm)	Friday 20th EYC (am) Christmas Movie Day & Santa Visit Close at 2:00pm