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Hello everyone 😊

What a busy week we have had in school and EYC! Christmas jumpers everywhere and everyone looking very festive. Just a reminder, Christmas jumpers can be worn all through December if pupils wish to!



Thanks

We are looking forward to welcoming you all in school and EYC over the festive period, especially for you to see how wonderful our school looks with Christmas trees a plenty. The tree in our main hall this year is a real beauty, the biggest one we have ever had! Our sincere thanks go to Gordon Transport Solutions who kindly donated the tree for us again this year, and also for helping us problem solve how we could actually have it standing 😊. Your kindness is appreciated by the entire school community.



Dance Competition

We are so proud of our dance groups who took part in the South Ayrshire Dance Competition this week. They had so much fun and represented their school wonderfully!! Thanks also to former pupils from Ayr Academy who gave up their time to come along and coach the groups! Our P2 and 3 group came 2nd in their category and came back with a shiny trophy!! Wonderful result









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

	Guess the number of sweets in a jar (jar/class) 50p		Christmas Gift sale Candy canes 50p
	Primary 1-7 Guess Paddington's Birthday 50p		Early Years Centre Guess Paddington's Birthday 50p
	Secret Gift Room 16 th , 17 th & 18 th December Pupils can come along to purchase and wrap a gift for their special ones at home for donation of between £2-£4		

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 14th 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 11 th December	P2
Thursday 12 th December	P4
Friday 13 th December	P1
Monday 16 th December	P3
Tuesday 17 th December	P6
Thursday 19 th 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

We had a wonderful visit to The Gaiety yesterday for their performance of Mother Goose! Our children had so much fun, and I am sure that the noise in the theatre could be heard back in Coylton!!!! Thanks go to the Parent Council for paying for the buses to take us there and back.



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.



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



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola)

The 2's have been busy this week getting ready for Christmas! They loved helping to decorate the Christmas tree with Becca and have enjoyed starting to create all their Christmas crafts.



In the 3-5 room in preparation for our nativity we have been focusing on the Christmas story. The nativity will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and doors will open at 1.45pm. We kindly ask that on the day of the performance that your child wears a white or light coloured t-shirt that can be worn under the costume we will provide. We also have a

trip for the children in the 3-5 room to the Cutty Sark Christmas Show on Tuesday 17th December, can all parent /carers ensure that permission slips are returned ASAP.



P7/SI Transfer

The on-line process for P7/SI 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!

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 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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Coylton's Christmas Countdown 2024

...end of November			Christmas Decorating Week		
			Thursday 28 th Nov Classes choose their Christmas stories with P7	Friday 29 th 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 Mothar 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) P4-7 Christmas (pm) Christmas Quiz	Tuesday 10th Parent Council Activities (outside the gym hall) WEAVER'S WINTER WAGGERS Outdoor! EYC Nativity 2pm 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 Sanitary Room (timetable to follow) Primary 3 (pm) Storytelling with Santa (P4-6) 6pm in school Storytelling with Santa P1-3 Pupils	Tuesday 17th Secret Room in Sanitary Room (timetable to follow) EYC Christmas Trip to the OUTDOOR SARK 9.15-10.00 P4-7 Christmas Showcase Rehearsal Primary 6 (pm) Ayn Academy Christmas Concert (evening)	Wednesday 18th Secret Room in Sanitary Room (timetable to follow) 9.15-10.00 P4-7 Christmas Showcase Rehearsal P6/P7 Musical Showcase (2.15pm in Gym Hall)	Thursday 19th 9.15-10.15 P1-P3 Christmas Showcase 10.15-10.45 Mince Pies/Coffee 10.45-11.15 P4-7 Christmas Showcase Primary 5 (pm) P7 Disco (7-8pm)	Friday 20th EYC (am) Christmas Movie Day & Santa Visit Close at 2:00pm	