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Good morning 😊

Glitter, glitter everywhere!!!! We have Christmas craft activities in all corners of the school and EYC and we are very grateful to our cleaning team who are keeping the carpets glitter free once the children leave!



Footpath

We would like to apologise again for any inconvenience caused by the new pathway being created. This is something that I have been trying to put in place for several years as it will now ensure that whilst the children are in school and the playground, members of the public do not need to walk through the playground to go from the main road to High Park. Although we knew that the workmen were starting, we had not been informed that the path would be inaccessible at the end of the day on Tuesday. Thanks go to school staff who ensured that children made it safely to parents or down the main road to the other path.

The final part of this project will be the path being tarmacked. Ayrshire Roads Alliance will be responsible for this and they hope to do so next week. Dates will be confirmed and shared with families as again, there may be short term restrictions in place, but we will ensure that we let you know in advance.



Thanks

Parties are now well underway, and it has been fabulous to see lots of well-dressed party goers. We would like to once again give our sincere thanks to Ross at Costcutter Coylton who supplied all classes with a drink and snack at their parties. Ross really does go over and above for our school and we appreciate his kindness very much.



Parent Council

Our sincere thanks go to the Parent Council for organising the break time activities for the children this week. The winners of Guess the Sweets in the Jar and Paddington's birthday will be announced very soon.

Next week, we have our famous Secret Room for all classes. Below is a rough timetable for classes to visit the secret room, and we will also have a short time on Wednesday morning to mop up any last-minute visitors.

Mon 16th December

9.45am - 10.30am – P1
10.45am – 11.30am – P1/2
11.30am – 12.15pm – P6/7
1.00pm – 1.45pm – P4/5
1.45pm – 2.30pm – P4

Tues 17th December

9.45am - 10.30am – P3
10.45am – 11.30am – P5
11.30am – 12.15pm – P6
1.00pm – 1.45pm – P2/3
1.45pm – 2.30pm – P7



Secret Gift Room 16th, 17th & 18th 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 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

What a wonderful afternoon we had on Tuesday when our youngest wee people performed The Nativity. Their energy and enthusiasm was a joy and it was so nice to look out at the smiles of the audience, not to mention the numbers of adults who were singing along. Thanks go to the fabulous EYC staff team who worked so hard to prepare the children for their performance, with special thanks going to Hazel and Lorna who coordinated everything.



Christmas Parties

Remaining parties are:

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.

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.



Storytelling with Santa

Thank you to those who have signed up to come along for story telling with Santa on Monday 16th December from 6pm till 7pm. 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.

PLEASE NOTE, SANTA WILL BE UP ON THE STAGE THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF THE SENSORY ROOM AS IT WILL BE SET UP FOR THE SECRET ROOM.



Christmas Lunch

Massive thanks to our catering team who prepared a wonderful Christmas lunch for the EYC on Wednesday and the whole school on Thursday.



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 already..

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 Nicola)

We have had a very busy week in the 2-3 room with all things Christmas! We enjoyed watching our friends performing in The Nativity and we even managed to join in with some of the actions! We have also been busy finishing off our Christmas crafts. The Stick Man story has been very popular! We have listened to the story, watched the film and we even made our own Stick Men and then we had to use tools to free Stick Man from this ice. We are looking forward to our Christmas trip to Gemmell's Garden Centre soft play next week.



In the 3-5 room this week the children took part in the nativity. Their hard work paid off as they performed in front of their families and our friends from John Hodge Court and what

a fantastic job they did. We have also been working on creating Christmas decorations to take home next week. Look out for your child's Christmas bags with all their creations. We are looking forward to our trip to the Cutty Sark on Tuesday 17th December, the bus is leaving at 9.15am prompt so can all parent/carers please ensure that their child is in the EYC for 9am at the latest to allow us to finalise numbers before boarding the bus.



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 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 Ayr Academy Christmas Concert – P6 and 7 pupils
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 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 Society (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) Outdoors! EYC Activity 1pm in Gym Hall	Wednesday 11th Parent Council Activities (outside the gym hall) EYC Christmas Lunch P5-7 Christmas Quiz (pm) 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 (timesable to follow) Primary 3 (pm) Storytelling with Santa (P1-3) 8pm in school Stn Leavers - Storytelling with Santa P1-3 Pupils	Tuesday 17th Secret Room in Sensory Room (timesable to follow) EYC Christmas Trip to the OUTDOOR Bank 9:15-10:30 P7 Christmas Showcass Rehearsal Primary 6 (pm) Ayn Academy Christmas Concert (evening)	Wednesday 18th Secret Room in Sensory Room (timesable to follow) 9:15-10:30 P1-P3 Christmas Showcass Rehearsal P6/P7 Musical Showcass (2:15pm in Gym Hall)	Thursday 19th 9:15-10:15 P1-P3 Christmas Showcass 10:15-10:45 Mince Pies/ Coffee 10:45-11:45 P4-7 Christmas Showcass Primary 5 (pm) P7 Disco (7-8pm)	Friday 20th EYC (am) Christmas movie Day & Santa Visit Close at 2:00pm