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Dear Parents and Carers

Another good week at school and EYC. It has been great to talk to many of our pupils and hear how they are settling in. Just a reminder that until Thursday 18th September, P1 children should come to school from 8:55am, and be collected in the playground at 2:50pm. Thereafter, P1 pupils will finish at 3pm in line with the rest of the school.



School Improvement Planning

Each year, staff work together to evaluate how progress is being made across the school and EYC. We use various forms of data and listen to our pupils before agreeing our plan for the year ahead. This year, we will focus on the following:

LITERACY Year 3 of South Ayrshire Reads (in school) and Year 2 (in EYC), with a focus on Writing. Continued cluster working to support literacy transition to Ayr Academy

NUMERACY with a focus on improving the understanding of number work and links to problem solving and real life contexts within school and EYC. Continued cluster working to support numeracy transition to Ayr Academy

HEALTH & WELLBEING with a focus on a Whole School and EYC Nurture approach.

In addition, staff across school and EYC will be looking closely at the skill development of all our children, in order to really prepare them for the world of work in the future. We understand that academic ability alone won't prepare our young people and so we will be working through the Meta Skills framework from Skills Development Scotland. We hope to be able to provide you with an information leaflet at our Meet and Greet on September 10th, and we will also provide a monthly update on our Round Ups.

A visual representation of our School Improvement Plan is attached to the Round Up today, and you will have the chance to respond to it at our Meet and Greet on the 10th September.



Meet and Greet

We are so happy to be able to welcome families back into school for a Meet and Greet session again this year. The date for this event will be Wednesday 10th September from 5:30pm till 6:30pm. Come along and meet the staff from EYC-P7 and take the chance to have a look around the school. Please come to the main entrance where pupils from P7 will

welcome you and show you to classes. Children are welcome to come along if you wish. Please note, you can come along at any time during this hour, however staff will be finishing at 6:30 so please ensure you arrive in time to chat before they finish. We will also have some display boards up outlining aspects of our improvement plan for this school session. Please ensure that you have a look and let us know which parts you would be most interested in finding out more about.



Gym Days and Outdoor Learning

Please find below information regarding gym days and outdoor learning days for all classes in Term 1.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Gym Day</u>	<u>Gym Day</u>	<u>Outdoor Learning Day</u>
<u>P1</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
<u>P1/2</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>P2/3</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>P3</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
<u>P4</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
<u>P4/5</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>P5</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>P6</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>P6/7</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>P7</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>

Pupils can come to school in sports wear on gym days. Sportswear can be:

- White or burgundy polo shirt
- Black or grey joggers/shorts/leggings
- Trainers

Pupils can still wear their school sweatshirt and remove it for PE.

PE uniform does not need to be school branded. Football colours should not be worn.

As a matter of safety, could we ask that pupils do not wear jewellery during PE lessons? We will have micropore tape available in classes for those who require to keep stud earrings in.

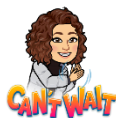
For outdoor learning, the most important thing is to have a good outdoor jacket and appropriate footwear such as wellie boots or old trainers. Many pupils wear waterproof trousers too. Outdoor learning clothes can therefore be worn on top of school uniform or leggings. We do still take our learning outdoors when the weather is colder and wetter. Pupils change footwear before heading outdoors, and class teachers will provide more information later.



Parent Council AGM

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Parent Council AGM this week. It was great to see many familiar faces, and also some new faces too – we would love to have you join us

and share your ideas! We would like to thank Parent Council for their generous donation to our school again this year. We will share with you some photos and information on how we used last year's donation very soon.



School Photographs

I am pleased to say that we are able to have school photographers in to take individual and family photographs. Dates have been confirmed as Tuesday 9th September and Wednesday 10th September. All children from EYC to P7 will have photographs taken, and a sample will come home. There is no obligation to purchase any. Because family groups will be taken, we are unable to guarantee which of the 2 days your children will be photographed. We would ask that school uniform is worn. If your child normally has PE on these days, please don't send them in sportswear. Lessons will be planned to take this into account.



Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park should not be used by parents for pick up or drop off of pupils from school or EYC, unless an arrangement has been made with the school.



Reading School's Award

Our Borrow a Book scheme for adults is back again this year and there will be a trolley situated under the canopy at the main entrance and at the EYC entrance for adults to come along and help themselves to a preloved book.

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. We are also happy to accept donations of books.

Our hope is that if pupils see the adults in their lives enjoying reading, it will encourage them to do the same. This scheme will help us work towards our Reading School's award and so I hope that you find it enjoyable.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2-3 room this week the children have been exploring stories and rhyme. They have been singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and created a lovely picture based on the nursery rhyme using paint and star cutters. We have also taken part in gym and visited the sensory room.



In the 3-5 room this week the children have been exploring digital technology. They have been using the Coda-Pillar to play and explore simple games. We have also been experimenting with mark making through a variety of different media. To support transition, we have been using the Colour Monster to talk about different feelings. We are in the process of organising a family Book Bug session and details will be provided soon.



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. Events will be added throughout the year and we will aim to give as much notice as possible.

Thursday 4 th September	P5 Swimming Week 2
Monday 8 th September	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Tuesday 9 th September	School Photographer in school and EYC
Wednesday 10 th September	School Photographer in school and EYC School and EYC Meet and Greet 5:30 – 6:30
Thursday 11 th September	P5 swimming week 3
Wednesday 17 th September	Parent Nurture Workshops 9:15-10:15 & 6pm – 7pm
Thursday 18 th September	P5 swimming week 4
Friday 19 th September	HOLIDAY
Monday 22 nd September	HOLIDAY
Thursday 25 th September	P5 swimming week 5
Thursday 2 nd October	P5 swimming week 6
Thursday 9 th October	P5 swimming week 7
Friday 10 th October	STOP AT 3PM FOR HOLIDAY WEEK
Monday 20 th October	In Service – school and EYC closed
Tuesday 21 st October	School and EYC re open
Thursday 23 rd October	P5 swimming week 8
Thursday 30 th October	P5 swimming week 9
Friday 31 st October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Thursday 6 th November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL WEEK
Monday 17 th November	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Wednesday 19 th November	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Friday 21 st November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 4 th December	PI – 7 ALADDIE PANTO at THE GAIETY

Tuesday 9 th December	EYC Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10 th December	EYC Christmas Lunch P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 11 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 12 th December	P6 Christmas Party
Monday 15 th December	P6 and 7 Musical Showcase – am P4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	P2 Christmas Party Ayr Academy Christmas Concert - evening
Thursday 18 th December	Whole School Christmas Celebration P1-3 9:15-10:15 and P4-7 10:45-11:45 P5 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco - evening
Friday 19 th December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 5 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Monday 12 th January	PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION WEEK Dolphin House Parents Meeting 3pm
Wednesday 21 st January	Early level Burns Supper
Tuesday 27 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Thursday 29 th January	Burns themed Lunch
Friday 30 th January	P1-7 Scots Verse Competition 9:30-10:30
Monday 2 nd February – Thursday 5 th February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 1 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Friday 6 th February	HOLIDAY
Monday 9 th February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 13 th February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 2
Monday 16 th February	EYC REGISTRATION WEEK
Tuesday 24 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Monday 30 th March	Early level Daffodil Tea
Tuesday 31 st March	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 20 th April	School Reopens
Monday 27 th April	EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 4 th May	Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL AND EYC CLOSED
Thursday 21 st May	School Sports Morning
Monday 25 th May	Holiday
Wednesday 27 th May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYC Sports
Wednesday 3 rd June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Monday 8 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 9 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 10 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Thursday 25 th June	P7 Leavers Disco
Friday 26 th June	P7 Leavers Service EYC Tie Ceremony
Monday 29 th June	P7 Treat
Tuesday 30 th June	School closes at 1pm

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

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