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Dear Parents and Carers

No doubt, many families will be heading to the International Air Show, Festival of Flight at the weekend and we look forward to hearing all about it from our pupils on Monday. Here's hoping that the weather stays nice for all the fun.

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.



Meet and Greet

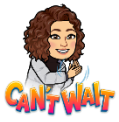
We are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Meet and Greet event on Wednesday 10th September from 5:30pm till 6:30pm. This event is open to all parents and carers from EYC to P7. Staff will be in classes and playrooms and will be there for you to have informal chats around how children have settled into the new session. Take time to have a look around the classes and playrooms, as well as the displays around the school, although some of these are work in progress 😊

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARRIVE BEFORE 6:30 AS STAFF WILL BE LEAVING AFTER THAT TIME.

P7 pupils will be on hand to welcome you. All families should enter and exit through the main entrance. P7 pupils will show you to the classes you are visiting.

As you leave, please take a minute to let us know about any areas of our School Improvement Plan that you would be interested in finding out more about. P7 pupils will point this out to you. We hope to send out a short survey following this event.

PLEASE NOTE, YOU WILL HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO HAVE FORMAL APPOINTMENTS WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER OR KEY WORKER.



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.



Nurture Workshops

Mrs Campbell is running 2 Parent Nurture Workshops on Wednesday 17th September from 9.15am - 10.15am and 6pm - 7pm. There will be input from South Ayrshire's Nurture Outreach team as well as information on:

- What is nurture?
- 6 nurture principles
- Positive Relationships & Nurture
- Nurture & the school vision and values.
- The Whole School Nurture Approach

These workshops are open to ALL parents and carers from EYC to P7, and refreshments will be available. The short survey below has already been sent to families but please use this link if you missed the text message. The survey will close on Thursday 11th September at 3pm, and we look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

<https://forms.office.com/e/RE6Yhawe5a>



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.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2 year old room this week we have been exploring a variety of different sensory experiences. We have used rice and gloop to explore stories and have used rice, herbs, and plants to create our own picture then we discussed how they felt. Finally, we have been in the sensory room using the lights and the immersive board to listen to some nursery rhymes.



In the 3-5 room this week the children have been exploring farming as part of our responsive planning. A big thank you to Colin Dunn who brought a tractor in for the children to see. The children even got a chance to sit in the tractor and pretend to drive it. We have also been exploring messy play and colour mixing in the playroom where the children had the chance to explore the texture of paint on their hands and make a messy picture.



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.

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	P1 – 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 10 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Tuesday 10 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!

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher

