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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a reminder that until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Thank you so much to everyone who turned out for our Meet and Greet event this week. Despite the heavy downpours, we still had a great turn out with 57% of our families coming in to say hello to staff. It was great to see the school and EYC so busy, and there was such a positive buzz around the place. We hope that those who came along could take a few minutes to complete a very short survey indicating what you saw, heard and felt as you went around the school and EYC. A link to this has already been sent via text, but it is also included below in case you missed it.

[Meet and Greet Feedback Form September 25](#)

We will report back on the survey results once it closes on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.



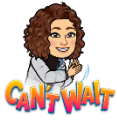
Celebrating Success

We are always eager to hear about your child's wider achievements, both in and outside of school. This could be an achievement in sport, music, arts, community involvement or any other area where your child has excelled or shown dedication.

If your child has a wider achievement that you would like to share, please provide us with details and a photo. You can send this information to

[Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk).

These achievements will be discussed and celebrated with your child in class and also during an upcoming assembly. Photos will be added to our Wall of Fame which is displayed in the gym hall.



## School Photographs

Thanks go to Scott at Photo Studio, Ayr for coming into school this week to take individual and family photos. Scott hopes to have samples ready to send home to you early next week.



## Nurture Workshops

Mrs Campbell is running 2 Parent Nurture Workshops on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm, and we look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

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



## Outdoor Learning

Just a reminder that although school uniform can be worn for Outdoor Learning, it is really important that children have an outdoor jacket and a change of footwear with them on their outdoor learning day as they will be working within our outdoor classroom in the grass and soil.



## Transition to Secondary School

Letters are going home today to P7 about the Transition to Secondary School meeting we have planned. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm here in school. It is really important that parents and pupils attend this meeting in order to become fully informed about the transition process. Staff from South Ayrshire Council and Ayr Academy will be on hand to discuss the process, as well as former Coyilton pupils and parents.

Although this letter will go to P7 families, it is open to families in P5 and P6 as well, as it is never too early to start thinking about life after Coyilton Primary School.

A link will go home via Group Call on Monday to allow you to access a short survey and I would encourage all families to take a few minutes to complete it. The results will help to shape the meeting.



### Attendance

We strive to ensure that all our children attend school every day – in fact, the South Ayrshire attendance logo is *Every Learner, Every Day!* Last year, we kept a very close check on attendance and as a result, we saw an improvement on the year before! We managed to maintain over 95% attendance for almost the whole year and so we are keen for this to continue.

Already, I am delighted to say that we are ahead of figures from this time last year - 97.8% in September 2024 and now 98.3% in September 2025. We are also ahead of the local authority figure of 96.4%. Let's all work together to keep this high level of attendance up all year – it makes such a positive difference to learning and attainment of all 😊



### Additional Support Needs

If your child has Additional Support Needs and/or receives Staged Intervention paperwork, please could you complete this survey. The following link explains what Additional Support Needs might be if you are unsure: [What are additional support needs? | Additional support | Parentzone Scotland | Parentzone Scotland](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/KCAL9ALN15)

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### 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 Hazel and Rebecca 😊)

This week in the 2-year-old room we have been exploring block play. We have been using blocks of varying sizes to make our own creations. We have built a “house”, “tower” and a “castle” by stacking and matching blocks together. We have also enjoyed making towers and knocking them down with different tools.



In the 3-5 room this week we have enjoyed exploring some traditional fairy tales in a variety of different ways. Together we listened to The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs using the story CD's, listening post and the headphones. While sharing stories we looked at different types of questioning such as where, who, when and what might happen next.

Some of the children went on the bus to Morrisons this week to buy some food for our nursery snack. We made our shopping lists before we went, and we even got to scan our shopping through the tills before paying for it.

Come and join Lorna and Susie on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm till 2.40pm for an exciting Book Bug Session. To sign up please speak to your child's keyworker or message on learning journals.



## 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.

PLEASE NOTE, THERE ARE A FEW DATES HIGHLIGHTED TO INDICATE A CHANGE OF DATES/TIMES

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Nurture Workshops 9:15-10:15 & 6pm – 7pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	P5 swimming week 4
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	HOLIDAY
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	HOLIDAY
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	P5 swimming week 5
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	P6 and P7 Secondary School Information Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	P5 swimming week 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	P5 swimming week 7
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	STOP AT 3PM FOR HOLIDAY WEEK
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	In Service – school and EYC closed
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School and EYC re open
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	P5 swimming week 8
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	P5 swimming week 9
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL WEEK
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	PI – 7 ALADDIE PANTO at THE GAIETY
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYC Christmas Concert

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

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

Mrs Donnelly  
Head Teacher