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Good morning and Happy Halloween from everyone in school and EYC. As you can imagine, it's an exciting place to be today and its fantastic to see the amazing costumes across all classes – pupils and staff! We do understand that this annual event is not loved by everyone and so although there will be Halloween themed activities going on, we are still mindful of those who prefer to opt out and so quieter areas are available should they be required. We hope that those going Trick or Treating tonight have fun and keep safe in our community.



Inspection of Coylton Primary and EYC

This week, we have received the exciting news that our school and EYC will welcome inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, week beginning Monday 17th November. The inspection team will engage with all staff and children, families and partners to evaluate the areas that we are doing well in and to support us in ways that we could improve our service. To that end, the Inspection team would like to hear the views of all stakeholders and so emails will come out later this today for you to complete a survey based on our school and/or EYC. We encourage you to complete this for all children who come to our school and EYC. You will also be asked if you would like to attend meetings with the inspection team during their visit. Again, we would encourage you to come along and meet the team. Following the inspection week, a letter of findings will be shared with all parents and carers as well as a more detailed report which will be published on the Education Scotland website.

As a result of notification of Inspection, we will not be able to hold our planned Parent Appointments on Wednesday 19th November. The new date for this is WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER. We will open the booking system for this on Monday 24th November.



South Ayrshire Foodbank

What a fantastic response P2/3 have had to their South Ayrshire Foodbank collection. They would like to thank everyone who brought in a donation, and they were delighted to hand

over the full trolley of resources to staff from the South Ayrshire Foodbank, a worthwhile charity. Look out for photos on X.



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.

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.



Homework

At the start of term 1, we informed parents that we were suspending homework tasks. This was as a result of the Parent Council Survey at the end of last session. It was a very low response, but even so, the results were almost split evenly with parents who wanted homework tasks and those who did not. Staff in school were spending a lot of time planning homework tasks to reflect the learning in class and were getting a very low percentage of classes completing it. We have consulted with the Parent Council and have agreed to re send the survey in the hope that we get a higher response rate. Please look out for a new link being sent home over the next week or so.



Welby Breakfast Event

We are delighted to have been approached by SGF Healthy Living in conjunction with Coylton Day to Day to plan a Welby Big Breakfast event on Thursday 13th November. Staff from the programme and from the local store will come into school and provide healthy breakfast for our whole school during the morning, with items such as fresh fruit, toast and Weetabix on offer. This is a great opportunity for pupils to potentially try new foods as well as working within our local community. Next week, information will come home asking parents to ensure that all dietary information is up to date. What makes this event extra special is that our school's involvement will take the programme over the 50,000 pupils mark and so additional celebrations will be in place with goodie bags for all.



Share the Learning

We are always keen to provide opportunities for parents to share the learning in classes. Over the course of the session, we hope that all classes will get involved. Here are some

of the ideas we have so far, although this will be added to, and more information will follow in due course:

Come and Play in P1 and P1/2 – THURSDAY AFTERNOONS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

Polytunnel building in the outdoor classroom with senior pupils. - TBC

Outdoor DIY Day with pupils from P4-7 - TBC

Science Showcase in P4/5 - TBC

Christmas Musical Showcase for P6 and P7 – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Summer School show for P6 and P7 – TUESDAY 23RD AND WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

Daffodil tea with P1 and the EYC – MONDAY 30TH MARCH

.....and more to follow 😊

The first of these events is being planned for November. We would like to offer parents in P1 and P1/2 the opportunity to Come and Play for a short time in classes. Dates for these will be Thursday 6th November, Thursday 13th November, Thursday 20th November and Thursday 27th November from 2:15pm till 2:45pm. In order to manage the numbers, there will be 7 slots available for each of the 2 classes each week. All families will have the opportunity to join one of the sessions. Information came out last week around how to book a slot, and don't hesitate to contact the school office for more information.



Book Week Scotland

With Book Week Scotland fast approaching, we would like to invite P2 and P3 parents to come into school on Thursday 13th November to explore the Read Write Count bags gifted to the children from The Scottish Book Trust. Please come into school at 2:40pm via the main entrance and we will take you along to classes. P1 pupils will also receive a Book Bug Bag however the date for these arriving in school has not been announced yet.



X (Twitter)

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been able to celebrate successes in classes via our school and EYC X (Twitter) accounts. Be sure to follow us and keep up to date with what's happening across classes.

@Coylton Primary

@Coylton EYC



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2-3 room this week we have been exploring Halloween activities. We made our own pumpkin paintings using halloween colours. We also spent some time using small tools to carve a pumpkin. We have also spent some time in the 3-5 room this week with our friends taking part in their Halloween activities.



In the 3-5 room this week we have also been doing Halloween activities. We made spooky paintings and added different materials to our pictures. We also done a spooky sensory activity where we had to guess what items where in the pumpkin buckets.

From Monday 17th November – Friday 21st November we will be taking part in Scottish Book Week. We are looking for Parents/carers, Grannies, Papas, Aunties and Uncles to come in and read stories to the children. If you would like to take part, then please let Nicola know. We have some good news our Family Learning PEEP sessions and our Baby Toddler PEEP sessions will be returning for another block on Wednesday 19th November for 4 weeks. If you would like to attend just let staff know.



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

Friday 31 st October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Thursday 6 th November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL WEEK Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Friday 7 th November	P7 presenting to all classes – REMEMBRANCE. House Assembly
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th November	ANTI BULLYING WEEK
Tuesday 11 th November	P4/5 visit to Spirit Aerospace Minute's Silence at 11am
Thursday 13 th November	Big Breakfast Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Friday 14 th November	DRESS DOWN FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AND WEAR ODD SOCKS FOR ANTI BULLYING AWARENESS
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st November	Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Visit to school and EYC Book Week Scotland
Monday 17 th November	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Tuesday 18 th November	Ayr Academy Challenge morning for P7

Wednesday 19 th November	PARENT APPOINTMENTS RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY 3 RD DECEMBER
Thursday 20 th November	Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Friday 21 st November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 27 th November	Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Tuesday 2 nd December	Ayr Academy Open Night for P5-7 parents
Wednesday 3 rd December	RECHEDULED PARENTS APPOINTMENTS
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 P2 Christmas Party
Friday 12 th December	P6 Christmas Party
Monday 15 th December	P4 Christmas Party Ayr Academy Christmas Concert - evening
Tuesday 16 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	P6 and 7 Musical Showcase – afternoon
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 SI Transition 2 EYC to PI 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

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