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Good morning, everyone!

What a busy week we have had in school and EYC! Christmas jumpers everywhere and everyone looking very festive. Just a reminder, Christmas jumpers can be worn all through December if pupils wish to!



Thanks

It was fantastic to see so many of you turn out for parent Appointments this week. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to chat to your child's class teacher(s), but if you require more information, please just call in.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all in school and EYC over the festive period, especially for you to see how wonderful our school looks with Christmas trees a plenty. The tree in our main hall this year is a real beauty, and even taller than last years! Our sincere thanks go to Gordon Transport Solutions who kindly donated the tree for us again this year as well as the one in the main foyer. Your kindness is appreciated by the entire school community.



Dance Competition

We are so proud of our dance groups who took part in the South Ayrshire Dance Competition this week. They had so much fun and represented their school wonderfully!! Thanks also to former pupils from Ayr Academy who gave up their time to come along and coach the groups!



Accelerated Reading

Pupils in P4-7 work through an Accelerated Reading programme in school and can also use books from this programme to read for enjoyment at home. After each book has been read, the children take a quiz which will influence their reading levels as they move through the school year. Each month we update our Accelerated Reading board which shows the cumulative number of words read in a month across P4-7 as well as class by class figures. The children love to see these figures every month, and we will be sure to include them in the round up at the start of every month. Here is the most up to date information:

<u>Top Readers</u>	<u>Total Amount of Words Read in Class</u>
P4 – Evelyn – 147, 560 words read	P4 – 289,756 words read
P4/5 – Luke – 445, 870 words read	P4/5 – 485,731 words read
P5 – Andrew Go – 272, 145 words read	P5 – 1, 436,736 words read
P6 – Brodie – 656, 713 words read	P6 – 2, 137,344 words read
P6/7 – Quinn – 1, 163,051 words read	P6/7 – 3, 679,924 words read
P7 – Kirsty – 787, 977 words read	P7 – 3,828, 206 words read
P6/7 are the top class this month as they have read the most words.	
Total words read – 12,357,752 – WOW!!!!!!	

We have our first word millionaire of this year...Quinn in P6/7! Well done to Quinn!





Parent Council

The Parent Council are running some fun activities again this year for children. Please see the information below:

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Coylton Primary Parent Council have arranged for the following Christmas games and activities to be undertaken in school between Mon 8th - 12th December

	Guess the number of sweets in a jar (EYC, P1-3 and P4-7) 50p		Christmas Gift sale Candy canes 50p
Primary 1-7 Guess the Soft Toy's Birthday 50p		Early Years Centre Guess the Soft Toy's Birthday 50p	

Raffle - Parent Council will hold a raffle for Christmas Hampers at both the EYC Nativity on 9th December and the Christmas Showcases on 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 18th December. In order not to over fill our main hall however, we will run the Christmas Showcase in two sittings.

From 9:30 till 10:15, pupils in P1 -3 will take to the stage to perform Christmas songs. We will also be entertained by our P2 and 3 dance group. Parents and carers are welcome to come along. Doors will open from 9:00.

From 10:45 till 11:45, pupils from P4-7 will take to the stage to perform Christmas songs. We will also be entertained by our P4 and 5 dancers, and our P4 choir. 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

The children in the EYC will perform Wriggly Nativity on Tuesday 9th December at 2:00pm. Doors will open at 1:45pm. All morning and afternoon children will perform the nativity at this time and all families are welcome to join us.



Santa's Lost List Adventure

Classes from P1-P7 will be involved in finding items for Santa's list through a scavenger hunt across the school and the local community. This will take place on Tuesday 9th December. In order for this to work, we will require some parent helpers to join us on our hunt. Look out for a timetable coming home soon, and once you have that, please let the school office know if you are available to help out.



Christmas Parties

All P1-7 Christmas parties will be in the afternoons of the following days:

Wednesday 10 th December	P1
Thursday 11 th December	P2
Friday 12 th December	P6
Monday 15 th December	P4
Tuesday 16 th December	P3
Thursday 18 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. Snack will be provided at the parties, and we are grateful to the Parent Council and Ross from Costcutters Coylton for supplying this.

P7 will have an evening disco on Thursday 18th December from 7pm – 9pm. Permission slips will come home soon.

Our EYC party will take place in the morning of Friday 19th December for ALL children, regardless of their attendance pattern.



Santa Dash

On Friday 5th December, all pupils from the EYC-P7 will take part in a festive walk around the school grounds.

We would like all pupils to come to school wearing a Santa hat or any other festive headwear for their stroll.



Panto

We had an absolute ball at the Gaiety Panto this week as we all joined together to watch Aladdie!!! I was so proud of the way our pupils behaved and engaged with the show.

Massive shout out to Jandre in P6 who is one of the junior dancers, and who was actually performing whilst we were there! It was heart warming to hear the reception he got from our entire school 😊



Christmas Lunch

P1-7 are having their Christmas Lunch on Thursday 11th December. Parents/carers can order Christmas Lunch on ParentPay. Please make your order as soon as possible to help the kitchen staff gather numbers. Please note, no other options will be available on this date, and pupils can bring a packed lunch as normal if they wish. There is an option on ParentPay to select Packed Lunch. The EYC will have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 10th December.



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 Monday 15th December. Letters went home with pupils earlier this week.

In addition, we warmly invite families from P6 and 7 to come along to school on Wednesday 17th December at 2:15pm where all P6 and 7 pupils will perform. Doors will open at 2:00pm.



Transition to Secondary School

Transition to secondary school online link is now open for parents of P7 pupils. We would urge all parents of children in P7 to complete the online forms by 7th December. The link has been copied again below.

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25940/P7-SI-transfer-arrangements>

Thanks to those families who attended the open evening at Ayr Academy. For any parent who didn't make it and would still like the chance to go and visit, please let me know as Ayr Academy would be happy to organise another date for you.

Our P7 pupils are heading to Ayr for a short while this afternoon to take part in CHRISTMATHS activities with cluster schools.



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:

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 😊



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



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.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2-3 room this week we have been exploring how to care for our bodies. We have been developing our hygiene routines and learning how to brush our teeth properly, we even had a visit from Elise from Childsmile and Snappy the crocodile. We have also been exploring how to wash our hands correctly using soap and water.



In the 3-5 room this week we also had a visit from Elise and Snappy from Childsmile. Snappy showed us how to brush our teeth properly. We have also been exploring sewing in the EYC, we were learning how to sew in a straight line and how to sew on a button to a piece of felt using a plastic needle.

Our PEEP family learning sessions continue on Wednesday 10th December at 9.15 and we also have our Baby and Toddler Sensory sessions at 10.45am.

Our nativity performance will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 2pm where we will be performing the 'Wriggly Nativity'. We look forward to seeing everyone there.





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 OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Tuesday 9 th December	EYC Nativity
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 I
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYC Sports

Wednesday 3 rd June	EYC to PI Transition 2
Monday 8 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 9 th June	P7 to SI 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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