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Dear Parents and Carers,



Parent Appointments

Teachers are busy preparing annual progress reports. These are due to come home to parents next week. This should give you time to read over with your child ahead of Parent Appointments on Tuesday 31st March. The booking system for parent appointments is open so please ensure you book your appointment slots!



Comic Relief 2025

It's today!!!! We can't wait to see pupils and staff embracing the dress down and wear red theme in school and EYC!!

Just a reminder that parents are welcome to come along to the P5 Pupil Council Bake Sale between 9:15 – 10:00 this morning to make a sweet purchase. Complimentary teas and coffees available in the GP Room to wash it down so we look forward to seeing you there!

Massive thanks go to our P5 Pupil Council and Mrs Duncan for organising our Bake Sale, and to everyone who donated tasty treats. We will let you know the total raised for the charity as soon as we can.



Spare clothing

With the weather being particularly wet at the moment, we have had high numbers of children coming in at break and lunch needing changed due to puddle jumping or falls. We are running very low on clothing items such as socks, pants, tights, leggings, joggers. We have limited number of these left so if your child has borrowed clothing from school, please could you return it. We are also happy to accept any of the items above that your child may have outgrown to use as spares.



Allan's Magic Road Safety Roadshow

Pupils in P1-P4/5 thoroughly enjoyed the visit on Monday from Allan and his road safety roadshow. Very important messages were relayed to the children through songs and stories, and we would like to thank Allan very much for coming to our school.



Early Level Daffodil Tea

Our preschool children and P1 children have been very busy working together to prepare an entertaining afternoon for parents on Monday 30th March. Parents of all pre school children and P1 children are invited to our main hall from 2pm where they can enjoy some refreshments ahead of performances from the children. All children have been working hard to create a wonderful piece of springtime art for the art gallery. We encourage all parents to have a look round the gallery which

will be on display within the hall, and for a small donation, you can even take home your child's masterpiece!! We look forward to seeing you then.



Easter at Riverside Church

Pupils across P6 classes are looking forward to some Easter fun as they head to the Riverside Church in Ayr on Monday 23rd March. Thanks go to Rev Sara Green for inviting us!



Learning beyond the classroom

Pupils in P5 and P6 are heading to Culzean Country Park on Friday 27th March to enjoy learning outdoors linked to class topics. We hope the sun shines for them.



After School Clubs

We are pleased to offer a range of after-school extra-curricular clubs this term, giving pupils opportunities to be active, creative and develop new skills. The timetable includes:

Monday

- We offer Football for P6 and P7, led by Mr McFadzean. Miss Cowie also helps with football and organises all the matches.
- Mrs Robertson also runs a Coding Club for pupils in P4, supported by our Digital Leaders.

Tuesday

- Our P7 Junior Coaches lead an after-school club for P2 and P3 pupils. This is supervised by Jade Davis, our Active Schools Coordinator, who gives the Junior Coaches helpful feedback to support their leadership and coaching skills.
- An Easter Crafts after-school club also runs on a Tuesday for pupils in P3, led by Miss Herron.

Thursday

- A Run, Jump, Throw after-school club is available for pupils in P1. Sports Leaders from Ayr Academy lead this club, and it is supervised by Mrs Edmiston.

Friday

- Callum from Active Schools leads after-school Basketball for P6–P7 pupils. He will also lead after-school Handball for pupils in P4 and P5 later in the term.

These clubs offer something for everyone and help build confidence, teamwork and leadership across the school.



Parking

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of safe, lawful and considerate parking around Coylton Primary School and EYC. The safety of our pupils and respect for our local community remain our top priorities at all times.

The school car park MUST NOT be used for dropping off or collecting children during busy periods. Spaces are reserved for staff, blue badge holders and taxis/minibuses. Clear signage is displayed, however, some parents and carers continue to ignore this guidance and enter the car park when the gates open at 9am. This has resulted in an increase in pupils arriving late due to families waiting for access. We ask that you arrive in good time and help set a positive example for your child by being punctual.

We also ask all drivers to show courtesy to local residents by keeping driveways clear, observing the 20mph speed limit and avoiding parking in locations that could cause danger or traffic build-up. We are working closely with Police Scotland, who have been patrolling the area during mornings and afternoons to support safe parking. Your cooperation is essential in helping us keep everyone safe and maintain positive relationships within our community.



Homework Review and Next Steps

We are pleased to see many more families on Teams to access homework now. That said, we are encouraging all families to access Teams not only for homework, but as a method of communication. Just a reminder of the homework agreement:

- Every class will be set up on Microsoft Teams, and pupils will be issued with login details.
- At the beginning of each month, teachers will post a short overview of prior learning and upcoming learning in Literacy, Numeracy and Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL).
- PE days and Outdoor Learning days will also be shared in these monthly overviews.
- Homework will be set on the first Monday of each month, starting Mon 2nd Feb.
- Tasks will include a variety of written, digital and practical activities linked to learning from the previous month, helping to reinforce key skills and deepen understanding.
- Homework may also link to Meta Skills and our Rights Respecting Schools work.
- Pupils will be provided with a jotter to record homework such as phonics, sentences or research tasks. Teachers may also issue worksheets.
- Teachers will not provide written feedback on homework activities.
- Families may choose to complete all, some or none of the suggested tasks; staff will not be monitoring completion.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for working in partnership with us to ensure our approach to homework continues to promote both learning and wellbeing.



Darts Coaching and Event

Our P7 pupils have started an exciting darts coaching programme led by Ryan, our Sports Development Assistant. Ryan has already delivered the first session and will return after the P7 residential trip to run a further three sessions.

Following this, Ryan will work with a selected team of eight pupils to prepare for a competition taking place on Thursday 2nd April at Riverside Arena. All P7 pupils will attend this event as either a competitor or spectator, along with P7 classes from our cluster primary schools, to support the teams and enjoy the competition.



P6 and P7 School Show

Building on the success of the P6 and P7 Christmas Showcase and previous school productions, we are thrilled to announce that Mamma Mia will be our next show in June 2026!

This promises to be an exciting, action-packed performance for all P6 and P7 pupils, so please save the dates:

- Tuesday 23rd June – evening performance
- Wednesday 24th June – afternoon performance
(Exact times to be confirmed.)

Pupils from all P6 and P7 classes have already started to rehearse some songs with their teachers and Mr Thomson, and we are confident it will be a fantastic event!



Bikeability in Coylton – We need YOU!

Before Easter, we will begin planning our upcoming Bikeability sessions for our P5 learners. Our P6 pupils have already completed their Level 2 Bikeability training in October.

We are looking for parent/carer volunteers who would be interested in supporting children during the training sessions, as well as anyone who may wish to attend Bikeability Instructor training.

Instructor training is provided free of charge through Cycling Scotland for parents and carers. You do not need to be an expert cyclist — just confident on a bike and willing to learn.

If you are interested in attending the training and helping with future Bikeability sessions, please inform the school office. Once we have a list of interested parents/carers, we will work with our local Bikeability Coordinator to arrange training dates and further support.



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 during House Assemblies. Photos will be added to our Wall of Fame which is displayed in the gym hall.



News from the EYC (provided by 😊)

This week in the 2-3 room we have been exploring imaginative play. We have been spending lots of time in the home corner playing with the babies and cooking lots of food. Through sensory experiences we made our own ice cream cones with sauce on top using shaving foam. Finally, we created our own washing line where we hung up all of the clean clothes.



In the 3-5 room this week we have been continuing our focus on creativity where we used our feet to mark make in the paint. We also used the paint to splatter onto the wall it made quite a mess but we had lots of fun. The children have been exploring making their own music using different musical instruments, we have used a keyboard, tambourines, trumpets, maracas and a xylophone and we have also been trying to accompany music.

The Daffodil Tea will take place on Monday 30th March in the gym hall. Parents of all children who will be going to Primary one in August are invited along to the event. In collaboration with children from Primary one we

will showcase our lovely artwork and treat our guests to some beautiful singing. Information to follow on Learning Journals. We look forward to seeing you then.



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. Please note, any changes to diary dates are highlighted in yellow.

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| Friday 20 th March | P5 Comic Relief Bake Sale |
| Monday 23 rd March | P6 Riverside Church |
| Friday 27 th March | P5 and P6 to Culzean Country Park |
| Monday 30 th March | Early level Daffodil Tea |
| Tuesday 31 st March | PARENT APPOINTMENTS |
| Thursday 2 nd April | P7 Darts event at Riverside Arena 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 |
| Friday 22 nd May | PARENT COUNCIL BOUNCE A THON |
| 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 |
| Friday 26 th June | P7 Leavers Service EYC Tie Ceremony |
| Monday 29 th June | P7 Treat **P7 Leavers Disco** PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE |
| Tuesday 30 th June | School closes at 1pm |

