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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that school closes on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2:30pm for the spring holidays. We reopen on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Our EYC will remain open to those who attend on a 52-week pattern, apart from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would just like to wish the Sunrise breakfast and after school club a HAPPY 10<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY! It is hard to believe that they have been running from our school hall, serving the families of our school for 10 years. It has been lovely to see the service evolve and grow over the 10 years, and we know how much our families depend on it. So, to Rachel and all the team, Happy Birthday from all of us 😊



### Parent Appointments

By now, you will have received your child's annual progress report. Please be sure to complete the feedback section with your child and send it back into school. Teachers will be on hand to discuss the report and any feedback at Parent Appointments on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Booking is now open and it's not too late to book your appointment. We look forward to seeing you then.



### WELLIES

We are always encouraging children to come to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor learning. To that end, we will have a WELLIE DRIVE during Parent Appointments where you can drop off any outdoor clothing or wellies that your child may have outgrown in order that someone else can benefit from them. We will have a designated drop off area for you to leave any pre loved clothing or footwear. Thank you in advance 😊



### Comic Relief 2025

Well done to our P5 Pupil Council and Mrs Duncan for last Friday's Bake Sale for Comic Relief! A whopping £836.57 was raised for the charity so thank you to every person who donated or bought sweet treats on the day!



### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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.



### Learning beyond the classroom

Pupils in P5 and P6 are heading to Culzean Country Park today to enjoy learning outdoors linked to class topics. We are sure they will have fun, and their learning will be enhanced as a result.

Dumfries House Events

### **An Evening of Music from the West End**

### So Proud!

We would like to send all our good wishes to P7 pupil Ella, who has been selected to perform as part of a professional concert at Dumfries House on Saturday evening. Ella will perform alongside stars from London's West End as well as local choirs and a full orchestra! This is fantastic opportunity for Ella, and we can't wait to hear how she gets on!



### Bikeability

Bikeability - Level 1

Bikeability sessions for all P5 learners will commence on Monday 27th April, with Bike Checks taking place on Monday 20th April. Mr MacLeod and Miss Herron will lead these sessions in our school playground. Information has sent out to parents and carers via ParentsPortal and we would ask you to complete the consent forms no later than today! This allows us a few days before Easter to request bikes on loan.



### 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.



### Tennis

Mrs Edmiston has been liaising with James from Coylton Tennis Club to organise a fantastic opportunity for selected classes next term. Pupils in P4-7 will take part in a block of five weekly tennis coaching sessions, delivered by trained coaches at the club. These sessions will give pupils the chance to develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of physical activity through high-quality

coaching. On their coaching days, pupils will walk with school staff to Coylton Tennis Club in the afternoon, take part in their session (with staff present at all times), and return to school in time for normal dismissal.

Coaching schedule:

- P4/5 and P5 – Wednesdays for five weeks, starting Wednesday 22nd April
- P6/7 and P7 – Thursdays for five weeks, starting Thursday 23rd April
- P4 and P6 – Thursdays for five weeks, starting Thursday 28th May

What pupils need:

- Sports clothing and trainers
- A water bottle
- Sun protection (hats, sun cream, etc.) in sunny weather

We are looking forward to working in partnership with Coylton Tennis Club and are very grateful for this excellent opportunity.



### 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.



### 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!



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 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 Nicola 😊)

. This week in the 2-3 room we have been exploring water play. We have been using the water in a variety of ways such as through our water wall, where we watched the water flow down the pipes in different directions until the water reached the bottom. Through tuff tray activities we also explored some familiar nursery rhymes such as 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and 'Five Little Ducks'.



In the 3-5 room this week the children have been exploring designing for a purpose. They have been using different materials and thinking about which materials would make good outfits for the babies. They worked on developing their motor skills through using small tools such as a stapler and paper clips.

The Daffodil Tea will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the gym hall. All pre-schooler and primary 1 families are invited to come along to see the children's artwork and hear the children singing some songs.

Our PEEP sessions will begin again on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am and our Baby and Toddler sessions will also return at 10.45am.





## 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.

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

