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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back!! We hope that you all enjoyed a bit of a breather over the holiday and are all set for the whirlwind that is Term 4! This term, there will be a focus on transition – preparing our youngest children for Primary 1, our oldest children for S1 and for all children moving up a year! Although we will still very much be introducing new learning, we will be doing so at the same time as preparing for the next stage! Exciting times! We are delighted to see the sun shining at the moment, although there is still a bit of a chill in the air. That said, please consider applying sun cream in the morning and sending in a hat should you feel your child needs it. As always, time will be spent learning outdoors each week for all classes.



Bikeability Level 1

Bikeability Level 1 training will commence in Term 4 for our Primary 5 pupils. This programme has been developed by Cycling Scotland and is being delivered throughout schools in South Ayrshire. The training is taking place within the school playgrounds and Miss Herron and Mr MacLeod are delivering the sessions each week.

Reminder...pupils must wear acceptable head protection and suitable outdoor clothing for every session. Bikes must be walked through the school playgrounds AT ALL TIMES and parked in the bike shelters.

SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

P4/5 - 9:30am - 10:30am	Monday 20 th April	Bike Checks
	Monday 27 th April	Bikeability Session
P5 – 11.00am – 12.00pm	Monday 11 th May	Bikeability Session
	Monday 18 th May	Bikeability Session
	Monday 1 st June	Bikeability Session



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.



P7 Careers Fair

We are delighted that our P7 pupils have been selected to take part in a Careers Fair, organised by Ayr Rotary Club. This event will take place on Thursday 14th May in Ayr Town Hall. Over 30 different career stalls will be available, and pupils will be able to choose 6 to visit during the time. Our P7 pupils last year attended this event and found it really worthwhile and enjoyable. P7 teachers will work with pupils ahead of this event to provide information on various careers in order that they can make their choices. Look out for more information coming soon to P7 pupils. This links in very well with the work we are doing under Developing the Young Workforce this year.



EYC – P1 Transition

Ali Watkins and Mrs Docherty are in the process of planning a robust transition programme for pupils moving on to Primary 1 next year. More details will be sent directly to EYC parents but important diary dates are as follows: -

Wednesday 27 th May 1:45-2:45pm	Transition Day 1 – Literacy focus in class Parents / Carers to attend this event.
Wednesday 3 rd June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 2 – Numeracy / Maths focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 10 th June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 3 – Health and Wellbeing focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Friday 26 th June 2:00-2:45pm	Tie Ceremony for EYC children heading to P1 Parents/Carers to attend this event



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.

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.



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.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

This week in the 2-3 room we have started to plant some flowers, herbs and vegetables. We have planted some sunflowers, peas and rosemary. We have spoke about how we can help the plants grow by making sure they are getting lots of sunshine and water. We hope that our vegetables grow so that we can try some for snack!



In the 3-5 room this week we have been exploring junk modelling. We used junk to create a robot and a camera. We used glue and scissors to cut and stick the pieces together. We have also been exploring wholes, halves and quarters in the numeracy area. We made our own pizzas using fabric and cut them up and used the language of sharing.

Our PEEP sessions will begin again on Wednesday 29th April at 9.15am and our Baby and Toddler sessions will also return at 10.45am. These sessions will run for a three-week block.



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.

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

