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Good morning!

Seems that the days are flying past at the moment and that we are very quickly working our way to the end of term. Staff in school are continuing to work really hard to finalise this school session while preparing for the new session starting in August. We really do have an amazing staff team, and I am very grateful to all of them for their commitment to our pupils and our school.

Just a reminder that formal homework has now stopped. Children will benefit more during June from being outdoors. We would continue to encourage children reading every day, whether on their own or with a family member.

### Parent Drop In

Just a reminder, all parents and carers are welcome to drop into classes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June between 3:15pm and 5:15 pm to meet teachers and have a look at displays and some aspects of children's work. No appointments will be issued – this is a very informal event. If there is something that you would rather speak to staff about, you can always make an appointment at a different time. Please note, staff leave at 5:15pm so last entry will be at 5pm.



### Bikeability Level 1

Well done to all P5 pupils who have completed Bike Ability Level 1, and massive thanks to Miss Herron and Mr McLeod for their amazing training 😊



### P1 and P1/2 Outing

We all hope that the sun shines for the pupils and staff in P1 and P1/2 as they head to Dean Castle and Country Park on Tuesday to explore and learn more about their recent topics.



### Active Schools

Active Schools are offering a series of after-school taster activity sessions for pupils to take part in. These sessions are a great opportunity for children to get active, try something new, and have fun with their peers. If the sessions are successful, it is hoped that Active Schools will be able to run similar opportunities over the summer holidays, with priority given to those who attend these initial tasters. A sign-up link was sent out this morning. If you would like your child to attend, please use this link to register. Full details, including timings and location, are provided on the form.



## EYC – PI Transition

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

One more session left for children to attend, and then it's the Tie Ceremony. So far, our new starts are showing that they are more than ready for school, and we are so looking forward to welcoming them properly!



## P6 and P7 Mamma Mia Showcase

Following the success of the musical showcase at Christmas, P6 and P7 pupils are very busy rehearsing for a new showcase based on the musical Mamma Mia! They are working closely with Mr Thomson who will direct the showcase, and also with their class teachers. We will have 2 performances, held in our own school on:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June                      7:30-8:30

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June                    1:30-2:30

Following in the same format as last year, tickets will be available to all pupils in P6 and p7 classes in the first instance. All p6 and 7 pupils will be allocated:

3 EVENING tickets and 2 AFTERNOON tickets.

Please note, it is not obligatory that you use all these tickets. We don't anticipate there being as many tickets required for the afternoon show as obviously the majority of siblings will be in school and won't attend this performance. Be assured, the whole school will be an audience at a rehearsal in the run up to show day! In order to adhere to fire regulations, young children are not permitted to come along and sit on an adult's lap. We hope that you understand.

Tickets will cost £5 and MUST be presented for the performance. We are having to be strict about seating and so we cannot have anyone come in without a ticket this time. Every ticket purchased will be entered into a free Prize Draw, organised by the Parent Council. School will also run a small tuck shop at both performances.

Any tickets not being used will become available on a first come first served basis for anyone else in P6 or 7, and then the wider school. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May via the school office and please be advised, it will be cash only. We will open up for the purchase of additional tickets on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. If we feel that there is a demand, we can look at adding seats to the afternoon performance.

We are always looking at ways to gather the views of parents and carers, and so each ticket will have a Quick Question on the back. We would be really grateful if you can take a minute to answer

the question before handing over your ticket at the performances! We will gather the data generated from this activity and report back at a later date

Rehearsals are going well, and it is sure to be a fantastic performance 😊



### Bump Up

P7 pupils across South Ayrshire will 'Bump Up' to their chosen secondary school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Arrangements have been sent to P7 parents from their secondary schools already.

Children moving up a class here in school will have a Bump Up hour with their new class teacher on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Letters will come home to parents on this date outlining their child's class and teacher for next session.

As always in Coylton Primary, we need to restructure each year and so we will have the following classes:

EYC

P1            P5

P1/2         P5/6

P2/3         P6

P3            P7

P4            P7

Teachers in school are currently very busy creating these new classes for next session, taking many factors into account such as peer relationships, literacy and numeracy abilities and additional support needs. I know this can be a daunting time for pupils and parents, but please trust our staff. Every child is looked at individually and not just grouped together. We generally get things right and are always available to talk to parents and pupils about classes. Restructuring every year really does help support when children move on to secondary school as already, they have had experiences of mixing with others within their year group every year of primary school.



### Accelerated Reading

We have continued to be impressed by the efforts of pupils across P4-7 who are choosing reading books and quizzing. Here is the up to date information:

#### Top Readers

P4 – Evelyn – 485,554 words read.

P4/5 – Luke – 1,033,180 words read

P5 – Edie – 726,254 words read.

P6 – Brodie – 2,312,855 words read.

P6/7 – Quinn – 1,811,165 words read.

P7 – Kirsty – 1,455,992 words read.

A big congratulations to Luke in P4/5, who is now a Word Millionaire.

The top class is Primary 7 with 7,987,183 words read since August.

Across all six classes, we've reached 39,926,128 words! This is an amazing achievement, and

it is an increase of **7,123,730** from this time

last year which is utterly wonderful!!!!!! am so delighted with the efforts of the children across P4-7 this year. Keep that love of reading going across the summer holidays.



### Clothing and more

We have a large amount of lost property building up, and it would be great to have these items reunited with owners before the end of term. We will have a trolley full outside the main office during the month of June, so please come along and have a look



### 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.



### 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 been exploring the stacking properties of various objects such as blocks both large and small, chairs and loose parts. The children have also been creating their own structures during block play. We have made castles, post boxes and dinosaur boats.



In the 3-5 room this week we had a visit from the Fire Engine. The children got the chance to speak with the fire fighters and sit in the fire engine. The children have also been exploring hockey in the outdoor area where they have been learning to how to hold and use a hockey stick.

Our pre-school parents' night will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June and appointments have already been sent out. This is a chance for parent/carers to discuss their child's transition report with their keyworker. 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.

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 1 P1 and P1/2 Dean Castle outing
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Mamma Mia Showcase – 7:00pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mamma Mia Showcase – 1:30pm
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

