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Dear Parents and Carers

Another good week at school and EYC. It has been great to talk to many of our pupils and hear how they are settling in. Just a reminder that until Thursday 17th September, P1 children should come to school from 8:55am, and be collected in the playground at 2:50pm. Thereafter, P1 pupils will finish at 3pm in line with the rest of the school.



Congratulations!

We are always looking for ways to celebrate the achievements of our pupils....this goes for our staff too! Mrs Connor has shared some very exciting news with us today. She is now a published author, and today she is going round the classes to let everyone see her first ever book – Tails of Courage. We are so delighted for Mrs Connor as we know how hard she has worked on this and how long she has waited to get the book in her hands! The book is available to preorder on Amazon and at Waterstones, and should be widely available from 28th September. We are already planning to purchase a set to use in literature circles and to have in our school library!





Here we go again....

Following on from our highly successful Mamma Mia school show in June, our P7 pupils had the chance to go to the Kings Theatre, Glasgow yesterday to see the real thing!!!! They had a fantastic time, and even managed some photos with the cast at the stage door! Perhaps they were offering some pointers to the cast since our show had been so fabulous 😊 What a great way to start off the year, P7!



School Improvement Planning

Each year, staff work together to evaluate how progress is being made across the school and EYC. We use various forms of data and listen to our pupils before agreeing our plan for the year ahead. This year, we will focus on the following:

LITERACY Year 4 of South Ayrshire Reads (in school) and Year 3 (in EYC). Continued cluster working to support literacy transition to Ayr Academy

NUMERACY with a focus on improving the understanding of number work and links to problem solving and real-life contexts within school and EYC. Continued cluster working to support numeracy transition to Ayr Academy

HEALTH & WELLBEING with a focus on a Whole School and EYC Nurture approach.

In addition, staff across school and EYC will be building on the meta skills development that we started last session and will creatively find ways to enhance these skills for life. We will send home the information leaflets that we created last session to refresh your understanding of these skills.

All classes in school are also going to be taking part in Education Scotland's Play Pedagogy where we will be looking at how these meta skills can be developed through play and active learning

A visual representation of our School Improvement Plan is attached to the Round Up today, and you will have the chance to respond to it at our Meet and Greet on the 9th September.



Meet and Greet

We are so happy to be able to welcome families back into school for a Meet and Greet session again this year. The date for this event will be Wednesday 9th September from 5:30pm till 6:30pm. Come along and meet the staff from EYC-P7 and take the chance to have a look around the school. Please come to the main entrance where pupils from P7 will welcome you and show you to classes. Children are welcome to come along if you wish and should stay with you during your visit. Please note, you can come along at any time during this hour, however staff will be finishing at 6:30 so please ensure you arrive in time to chat before they finish.

We will also have some display boards up outlining aspects of our improvement plan for this school session. Please ensure that you have a look and let us know which parts you would be most interested in finding out more about.



Gym Days and Outdoor Learning

Please find below information regarding gym days and outdoor learning days for all classes in Term 1.

Pupils can come to school in sports wear on gym days. We will resend the policy that we created at the end of last session outlining sportswear.

Class	PE days	Outdoor Learning Day
P1	Monday and Thursday	Tuesday
P1/2	Monday and Friday	Thursday
P2/3	Tuesday and Friday	Wednesday
P3	Wednesday and Friday	Thursday
P4	Monday and Thursday	Friday
P5	Tuesday and Wednesday	Tuesday
P5/6	Monday and Friday	Thursday
P6	Monday and Thursday	Monday
P7C	Tuesday and Thursday	Thursday
P7E	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday

For outdoor learning, the most important thing is to have a good outdoor jacket and appropriate footwear such as wellie boots or old trainers. Many pupils wear waterproof trousers too. Outdoor learning clothes can therefore be worn on top of school uniform or leggings. We do still take our learning outdoors when the weather is colder and wetter. Pupils change footwear before heading outdoors, and class teachers will provide more information later.



Attendance

We are delighted that our attendance figures were above the local authority figures again last year, although we did see a slight dip from 95% to 93%. We are looking for your support in improving these attendance figures over this new school session. We monitor attendance weekly and we will keep you updated in our round ups as to how we are doing.



Parent Council AGM

The AGM for Parent Council will take place on Wednesday 2nd September in school at 7pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible come along and hear about the ways that

you can get involved in supporting our school and EYC. A letter outlining the importance of our Parent Council will come home today in school bags so be sure to look out for it.



60th Anniversary Celebrations

2026-2027 session sees our school turn 60 years old!!! What a milestone for the Coylton Community! We are currently in the planning stages of marking this milestone, and we anticipate the week of Monday 5th October as being our celebration week. Early plans include an open house for past pupils, staff and the community and an amazing 60's showcase from P1-7 pupils! We would also love to create a gallery of photos and memorabilia from across the 6 decades and so to that end we need your help. If anyone who has links to our school still has any photos or artefacts that they have kept hold of, please can you get in touch. We would love to borrow them, and we promise to keep them safe in order to return them after the week of celebrations. LOTS more information to come 😊

Each class from P1-7 will focus on one year from the 60's decade as follows:

1960 P7C

1961 P6

1962 P1/2

1963 P5

1964 P2/3

1965 P1

1966 P3

1967 P4

1968 P5/6

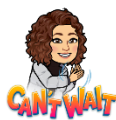
1969 P7E

We hope to have our final plans out to parents and the community next Friday.



Homework

In order to link the learning for our 60th Anniversary, homework plans for Term 1 will be a little bit different. Each class will send home a paper copy of plans on Monday 31st August with children invited to work on a personal project based on their class year. Look out for these plans coming home on Monday. We would also encourage daily reading for enjoyment at home either independently or with a family member. Staff in the open area may also send home some additional homework tasks to ensure that early phonics and reading skills are continuing.



School Photographs

I am pleased to say that we are able to have school photographers in to take individual and family photographs. Dates have been confirmed as Wednesday 9th September and Thursday 10th September. All children from EYC to P7 will have photographs taken, and a sample will

come home. There is no obligation to purchase any. Because family groups will be taken, we are unable to guarantee which of the 2 days your children will be photographed. We would ask that school uniform is worn. If your child normally has PE on these days, please don't send them in sportswear. Lessons will be planned to take this into account.



Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park should not be used by parents for pick up or drop off of pupils from school or EYC, unless an arrangement has been made with the school.



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.

Wednesday 2 nd September	Parent Council AGM at 7pm in school – all welcome
Monday 7 th September-Friday 11 th September	EYC Care Plan Meetings in EYC
Wednesday 9 th September	School Photographer in school and EYC School and EYC Meet and Greet 5:30 – 6:30
Thursday 10 th September	School Photographer in school and EYC
Friday 11 th September	Sense over Sectarianism workshops for P7 classes
Thursday 17 th September	Parent Nurture Workshops 9:15-10:15 & 6pm – 7pm
Friday 18 th September	HOLIDAY
Monday 21 st September	HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th -Friday 9 th October	60 th Anniversary Celebrations
Friday 9 th October	STOP AT 3PM FOR HOLIDAY WEEK
Monday 19 th October	In Service – school and EYC closed
Tuesday 20 th October	School and EYC re open
Thursday 29 th October	Flu Immunisations for P1-P7 pupils
Friday 30 th October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Tuesday 3 rd November	Open Area Share the Learning session 1
Tuesday 10 th November	Open Area Share the Learning session 2
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th November	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Area Share the Learning session 3
Wednesday 18 th November	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Tuesday 24 th November	Open Area Share the Learning session 4
Friday 27 th November	P1 – 7 DICK WHITTINGTON PANTO at THE GAIETY
Friday 4 th December	Pupil Council's Christmas Cookies and Coffee for parents
Thursday 10 th December	School and EYC Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	P6 Christmas Party
Monday 14 th December	P5 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December	P1 Christmas Party EYC Christmas Stay and Play crafts and songs
Wednesday 16 th December	P6 and P7 Christmas Musical Showcase TBC
Thursday 17 th December	P2 Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	Whole School Christmas Celebration P1-3 9:15-10:15

	and P4-7 10:45-11:45 P3 Party
Monday 21 st December	P4 Party P7 Evening Disco
Tuesday 22 nd December	School closes at 2:30pm
Tuesday 5 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Thursday 7 th January	Coylton Primary school tour for prospective P1 families – 5:30-6:30
Monday 11 th January	PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION WEEK
Monday 25 th January	EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION WEEK
Wednesday 27 th January	Early level Burns Supper
Thursday 28 th January	Burns themed Lunch
Friday 29 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th February	EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Friday 12 th February	HOLIDAY
Monday 15 th February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 16 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Thursday 25 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Thursday 11 th March	Dolphin House meeting for P7 Parents
Wednesday 17 th March	P1-7 Progress Reports to parents
Monday 22 nd March	Early Level Daffodil Tea
Wednesday 24 th March	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Thursday 25 th March	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 12 th April	School Reopens
Monday 19 th April	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE WEEK 1
Monday 26 th April	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE WEEK 2 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 3 rd May	Holiday
Thursday 6 th May	INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL AND EYC CLOSED
Monday 24 th May	EYC Sports
Thursday 27 th May	School Sports Morning P4 Science Showcase – 2:15pm
Friday 28 th May	Holiday
Monday 31 st May	Holiday
Monday 7 th June	P1-7 Parent Drop In 3:15 – 5:15 EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 8 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 9 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 Whole School Bump Up
Monday 28 th June	P7 Leavers Service
Tuesday 29 th June	P7 Treat Day P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Wednesday 30 th June	School close at 1pm

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher

