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Dear Parents and Carers

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No doubt, many families will be heading to the International Air Show, Festival of Flight at the weekend and we look forward to hearing all about it from our pupils on Monday. Here's hoping that the weather stays nice for all the fun.

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.



Meet and Greet

We are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Meet and Greet event on Wednesday 9th September from 5:30pm till 6:30pm. This event is open to all parents and carers from EYC to P7. Staff will be in classes and playrooms and will be there for you to have informal chats around how children have settled into the new session. Take time to have a look around the classes and playrooms, as well as the displays around the school, although some of these are work in progress 😊

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARRIVE BEFORE 6:30 AS STAFF WILL BE LEAVING AFTER THAT TIME.

P7 pupils will be on hand to welcome you. All families should enter and exit through the main entrance. P7 pupils will show you to the classes you are visiting.

As you leave, please take a minute to let us know about any areas of our School Improvement Plan that you would be interested in finding out more about. P7 pupils will point this out to you. We hope to send out a short survey following this event.

PLEASE NOTE, YOU WILL HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO HAVE FORMAL APPOINTMENTS WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER OR KEY WORKER.



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.



Parent Council AGM

We had a fantastic turn out at our AGM on Wednesday evening which gave me hope that the future of our Parent Council is much brighter! Thanks to everyone who came along, and I know there are a few parents who were unable to make it but are keen to support! Keep looking out on the Parent Council Facebook page for updates.

Members of Parent Council will be on hand at the Meet and Greet event on Wednesday next week. One of the activities that we run at Christmas time is our Secret Room. This is where we receive donations of gifts or new items that you might have at home and want to re gift, as well as Christmas wrapping paper, labels and tape. All children have the chance to pop into the secret room and spend their pocket money buying a gift for a family member that is then wrapped with them and goes under the tree at home. It's always a big hit with the children, so if you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them along with you on Wednesday.



60th Anniversary Celebrations

Today, we will send home a plan for our 60th birthday celebrations as well as a letter outlining events in more detail. This will come home in paper form in school bags so please check. Please take time to look at these, in particular have a think about the Musical showcase dates.

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



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.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

It has been lovely to welcome back our new and returning families into the EYC. We have been busy this week building friendships and settling into the new routines. We have been

working on sharing resources using games. The children have also been exploring our new messy art area which our 52 week staff created during the summer.

We are delighted to confirm the return of our PEEP sessions with Shevon and Hazel. Our first session starts on Wednesday 16th September at 9.15am, we look forward to welcoming new and returning families to these sessions.



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.

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 2pm
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

