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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a reminder, P1 pupils now finish school at 3pm in line with other classes.



Meet and Greet

The feedback survey following the Meet and Greet event has now closed and I can now share the results with you. We had 34 responses. Thanks to those who took the time to give us feedback. This will be used to inform future events. We asked you about what you saw and heard around our school and EYC, and how you felt. A similar survey will be carried out with pupils soon.

QUESTIONS	%
Did you see safe, nurturing spaces to learn and play?	100%
Did you see displays of learning in learning areas and corridors?	100%
Did you see staff positively interacting with families?	100%
Did you see Senior Pupils taking a leadership role?	97%
Did you hear friendly chatter around school and EYC?	100%
Did you hear staff welcoming families?	100%
Did you hear staff talking positively about learning?	100%
Did you hear nurturing conversations between families and staff?	100%
Did you feel welcomed and valued?	97%
Did you feel staff were approachable?	97%
Did you feel you were listened to?	100%
Did you feel your views were valued?	100%

We had several comments and some pointers for next steps:

Comments	We say.....
As always, it is lovely to meet my children's teachers at the beginning of the year. Thank you for the opportunity.	We are glad that this was a positive experience for you.

So glad to be part of the Coylton Primary family	This is great to hear, as we work very hard to ensure a sense of community and belonging in our school and EYC.
Short time, but worth the visit	We are glad it was a worthwhile experience. There will be other opportunities to visit and chat throughout the year.
Was good to hear how my child has settled in, and had a little chat with her teacher	We are glad you found it beneficial.
There is always a welcoming and caring atmosphere in the school	We are pleased to hear this. 😊
It was nice to have an informal chat with the class teacher, who knows a lot about my son already	We are glad you found it beneficial. Relationships are our priority, especially at the start of a new school year.
This was a good night to have a quick chat with the teachers about our kids, albeit it is early on in the year. Both teachers were accommodating and nice.	We are glad you found it beneficial. This event is for parents to meet staff at the start of the session and can then build up relationships with them. There will be other opportunities to meet staff again throughout the year.
Relating to question 4, I did see some pupils helpfully showing some other parents where to go but when I entered the reception the ones on duty at that point just looked at me and pointed where I was to go once I asked if I was to head to the classroom.	We will continue to work with our P7 pupils to build their skills at working with others and representing their school.
Perhaps have the open evening slightly later when there might be a bit more work to see in children's tray	There will be other opportunities throughout the school year to pop in and speak to the staff and to be in classrooms
Fantastic first visit for me and thoroughly enjoyed getting to see the classroom and have the opportunity to speak with the staff.	We are glad you found it beneficial. 😊
It was lovely meeting my children's teacher and seeing what they had been doing in class. I felt that their teacher took time to chat with me, and I could clearly see that she has a real passion for nurturing and developing her class as well as showing off their work.	We are glad you found it beneficial. 😊
P7 did a great job welcoming parents.	Thank you, we will pass this on and will continue to provide our pupils with opportunities to develop these skills throughout the year.
I think it is a great chance to put a face to the name (your kids teacher) and for them like wise to meet us as parents before the formal parents' evenings happen	We are glad you found it beneficial. 😊
Great to have Parent Council members there too	We are glad you found it beneficial. 😊 Parent Council are keen to increase visibility within the school community
It was a perfect welcome and introduction	We are glad you found it beneficial. 😊
Maybe have it a little later in the year as it was only a couple of weeks into the school year and everyone was still finding their feet.	This event is for parents to meet staff at the start of the session and can then build up relationships with them. There will be other opportunities to meet staff again throughout the year.
I think it either needs to be on for longer or ensure that parents aren't using the time to have parent evening style meetings as there simply isn't enough time for every parent to be able to speak to the teacher and parents having a look at their child's work/displays/classroom	We will consider timings in the future. There will be other opportunities to meet staff again throughout the year.
I appreciate the staff give up a lot of their time for these events but maybe extend the time slot to be a bit longer so the teacher is under less pressure to speak to everyone that wants a chat	We will consider timings in the future. There will be other opportunities to meet staff again throughout the year
It is hard to try and have a quick chat with the teacher while lots of other parents are standing around waiting for their chat and when you are talking about your child you are conscious that there are other parents waiting	This event is an informal one at the start of the year to allow staff and families the chance to put faces to names. Staff are available at any time to chat with parents,

	especially if you feel more comfortable to do so one-to-one. Just contact the school office to arrange a time to visit or have a phone call.
I think the concept of the meet and greet is a lovely idea and I really hope it continues.	We are glad you found it beneficial 😊



60th Anniversary Celebrations

Just a reminder to send in any photos or memorabilia from our school over the last 6 decades

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

Thank you to those who have indicated which of the musical showcases they would like to attend. Tickets will come home in school bags next week. There will be more tickets available should families want them from Monday. Just give the school office a call on 01292 612491, or pop in.

Just a reminder that pupils are invited to come to school dressed in 1960's fashion if they wish on Friday 9th October.



Tennis

Tennis lessons for P4-7 pupils are going well down at the Coylton Tennis Club, however in order for these lessons to continue, we really need the help of parents or family members to accompany classes there and back. We have been very close to not being able to take classes as we can't always release staff from school to go with them and so your support in this is very much appreciated. We really don't want to have to take this great experience away.



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 also during an upcoming assembly. Photos will be added to our Wall of Fame which is displayed in the gym hall.

week.



School Registration Dates for South Ayrshire are Changing!

We would like to inform all parents and carers of a change to registration dates which will come into effect from October 2026. Any child joining a South Ayrshire Early Years Centre (EYC), starting Primary 1 or those transferring from Primary 7 to Secondary School during session 2027-2028 will benefit from this change.

Please note the changes to registration dates will begin from October 2026 and will continue into future sessions.

☀️📅 Primary 1 Registration Week

Primary 1 registration week for children due to start school in session 2027-2028 will take place from 26 October 2026 – 1 November 2026.

☀️📅 Primary 7 – Secondary School Transfers Week

For pupils moving from Primary 7 to Secondary School in session 2027-2028, registration week will take place from 16 November 2026 – 22 November 2026.

☀️🍎 Early Years Centre Registration Week

For any child joining an EYC during session 2027-2028, registration week will take place from 25 January 2027 – 31 January 2027.

Find out more here! [↓](#)

Registering for Primary 1 🖱️

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25943/Admission-to-primary-schools>

Primary 7 to Secondary School Transfers 🖱️

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25940/P7-S1-transfer-arrangements>

Registering to join an EYC 🖱️

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/26976/Register-for-Early-Learning-and-Childcare>



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.



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 Rebecca L 😊)

This week in the nursery we have been following the children's interests by learning about pirates. The children used the I Pads to research what a pirate ship looks like and then planned, designed and created their own. In the pirate ship 'walked the plank' sang pirate rhymes and we sailed the ship to sea!



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 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!

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