



Dalmilling Primary School

Family Update

October 2024

Our Vision:

Inspire, Engage and Succeed Together

Our Core Value:

We Care



A Note from Mrs Thomson



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently set up a Coffee and Chat group with Parents and Carers where we have an informal discussion about areas for school improvement. This has been extremely positive, we have been able to listen to your views and take positive actions to improve the school. After the October holidays, we are hoping to start our Chat and Coffee group up for parents and carers who have a child with a neurodiverse diagnosis or who are awaiting assessment. The aim is for parents to build links where they can support each other, share strategies and build up social networks too. A huge thank you to everyone for their support at our recent Meet the Teacher event, we had a great turnout!

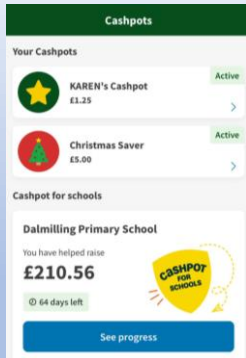
We are working on improving safety within our playground. As part of this there will be a new gate at our main entrance and within the P1 playground there will only be one entry point to the playground at the gate beside Cherry Tree nursery. Please refrain from using the staff car park and lifting your child over the fence as this can pose a health and safety risk. Our newsletter this month has lots of information about what is happening in school and in the community including:

- Our Parent Council AGM
- P7 Transition Information
- Our Community Noticeboard

As always if you would like to get in touch to discuss any aspects of your child's learning or experience please do so.

Kind Regards

Mrs Thomson



Our Leadership Team

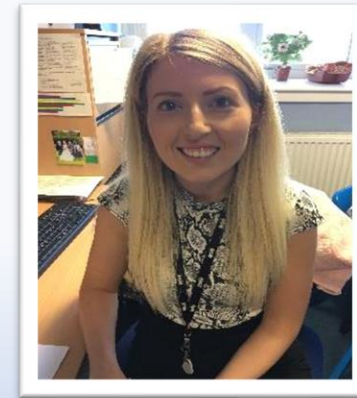
Mrs Thomson
Head Teacher



Mrs Shields
Depute Head Teacher
Overseeing P2, P4, P6T, P7



Mrs McTaggart
Depute Head Teacher
Overseeing P1, P3, P5, P6C,



Mr Robinson
Principal Teacher



Miss McFarlane
Principal Teacher



Parent Council AGM

We recently had our Parent Council AGM where we voted for our new Office Bearers:

Parent Council Chair: Caitlin Lawrie

Vice Chair: Laura Scott

Treasurer: Cheryl Sproul

Secretary: Sara Copeland

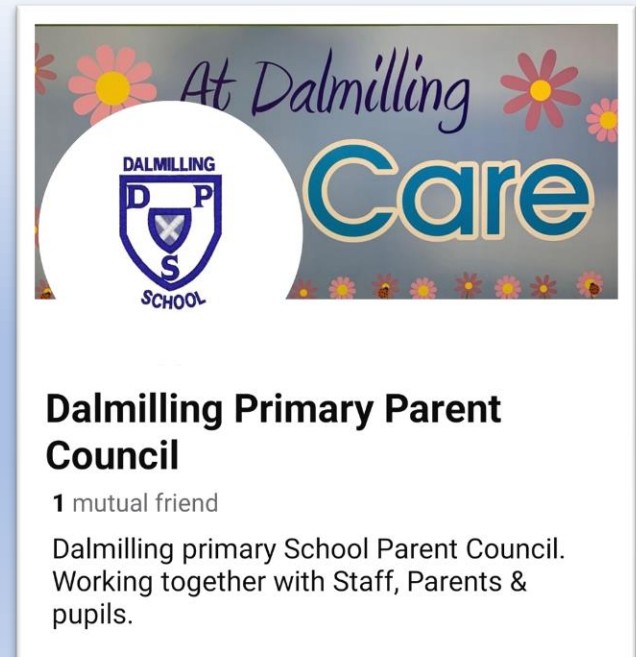
Fundraising Lead: Leanne McCurdie

Our Parent Council have started a Facebook Page for the purpose of sharing information about events and fundraising.

This year we have had a range of new parents joining the parent council and it has been wonderful to welcome new ideas. If you would like to join the Parent Council then we meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm.



**Parent Council Chair:
Caitlin Lawrie**



Pupil Target Setting

We have been working to try improve our awareness of their learning goals and targets in their learning. Children set targets for Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.

- P1 and P2 have a targets jotter where they record their targets.
- P3 and P4 are looking at **Wildly Important Goals**.
- P5M and P4/5C chose 'I Moustache You a Question,' to devise their own Learning Targets.
- P6 and P7 will be using GLOW for target setting.



The Dally Colour Run



It was fantastic to see the return of our annual fundraiser with a difference. So far, we have raised an amazing £1992.65!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, supported and helped with the clean up at the end of the day!

We are UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School

- We want to be a school where children’s rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child’s talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan, we are working towards Gold recognition as a Rights Respecting School, an award given to schools on behalf of UNICEF UK.
- We aim to create a safe and inspiring place to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award supports schools to put in place a set of standards based on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. These values stem from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
- At Dalmilling pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. You can find out more about the Award here: unicef.uk/About_RRSA



You might ask...	As school leaders we think...
What is a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School?	A UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School is a school that ensures children's rights are taught, understood and lived in school. Rights Respecting schools put in place a set of standards based on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation based on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. These values are ever-present in a Rights Respecting school, from the classroom to the canteen. As a result, the Rights Respecting Schools Award transforms whole schools into places where children feel safe, nurtured and in control of their futures.
Why is this happening?	A UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. Read more about the Award at www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa
How will becoming a Rights Respecting School benefit my child(ren)?	The RRSA Impact Report demonstrates that children and young people who attend a school that has progressed through the Award are engaged in their education, feel a shared sense of community in school, believe they can change the world for the better, develop self-esteem and value themselves and have a school environment where they feel safe and cared for.
How can I get involved?	We hope you will support the school's journey to become a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School. Please do read about the Convention and UNICEF's work to see what it's all about. Read more: unicef.uk/intro_to_crc

Coffee and Chat

This year we have started a monthly parent Coffee and Chat with the Head Teacher and/or Depute Head Teacher. This is an informal meeting to discuss aspects of school improvement in an informal way. So far, we have discussed:

- Positive Relationships and Anti-Bullying
- Improving Communication
- Homework
- Reading
- Playground Safety



P7 Transition

We continue to work closely with Ayr Academy to support our pupils who have moved on and will be moving on at the end of the year. Our staff recently went to see the current S1's at the Ayr Academy Big Breakfast.



Ayr Academy Ayr Academy Transition Newsletter

September 2024

Issue 1

Welcome to Ayr Academy's first parent/carer transition newsletter. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Claire Dunstall, Depute Head Teacher at Ayr Academy. I have the privilege of leading the primary transition programme.

You will receive regular newsletters to keep you updated on all things transition related and to help prepare you and your child for their move to secondary school.

Should you wish to discuss the transition process or have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch: Claire.Dunstall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Challenge Day 1

8th October 2024

Creative and Expressive Arts

Challenge Days are your child's first opportunities to experience school life in Ayr Academy. All young people in our P7 catchment schools will be able to experience the breath of curricular opportunities on offer at Ayr.

For their first Challenge Day young people will have sessions in our Music, Music Tech, Drama and Art departments. Our staff are really looking forward to meeting you! Pupils will travel to Ayr Academy with their primary class. They return to primary school for lunch.



S1 Big Breakfast

S1 welcomed the P7 teachers from our catchment primary schools to breakfast on 13th September. The P7 staff were so impressed by our S1 pupils who got to update them on all the things they have been learning at Ayr Academy.

Thanks to everyone for joining us and to the kitchen staff for making such delicious rolls!



Attendance At School

At Dalmilling Primary, we want to see every learner every day. Check out this inspiring video about our commitment to providing every learner with the opportunity to succeed!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nA0ngdDEtg&pp=ygUWc291dGggYXlyc2hpcmUgY291bmNpbA%3D%3D>

*#EveryLearnerEveryDay
#SouthAyrshireCouncil*



Please Be On Time!



“
I can see my
friends”
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**Going to school
has lots of benefits!**

**Don't miss out on these opportunities!
Go to school and look after your future.**

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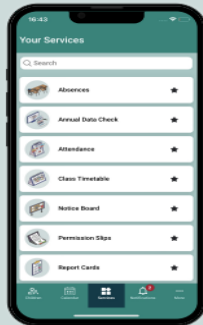
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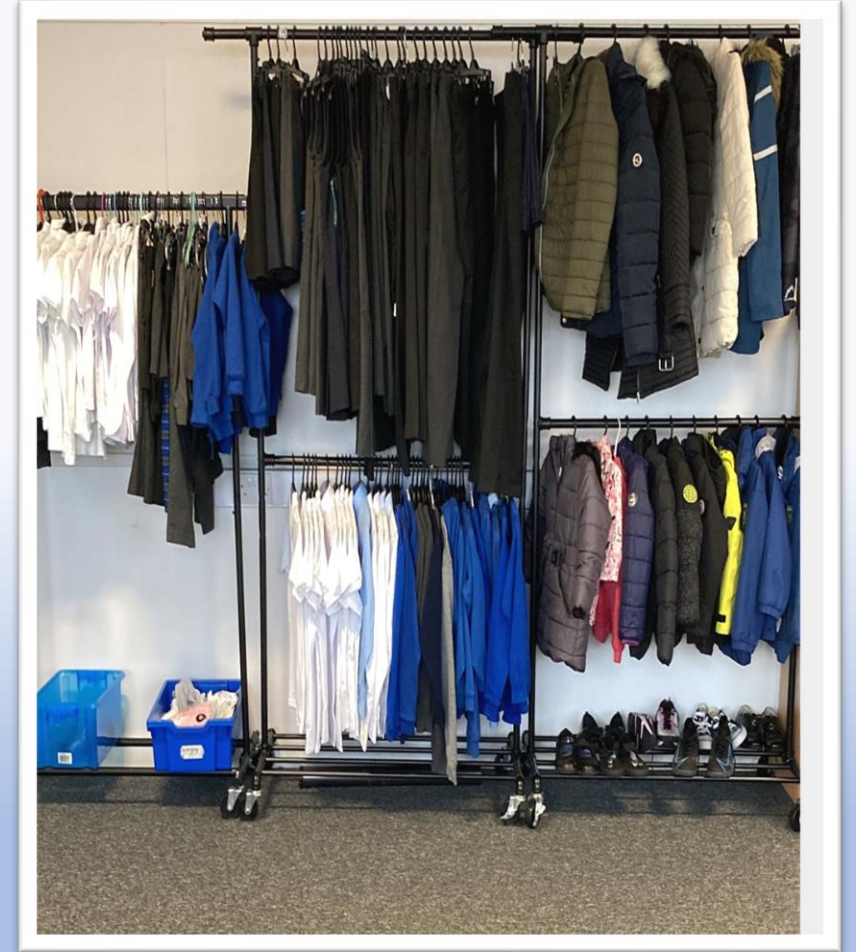
1. Log in to Parentsportal using **'my account'**. If you already have a mygovscot **'my account'** click the link to **Sign In**. If you don't have a mygovscot **'my account'** click the link to register for this in the first instance, and then sign In.
2. Once registered you will be prompted to **'Link Your Child'** where you can provide details relating to your child. Once the details are matched you will be sent a security code to either your mobile number or email address registered with the school. The security code is to provide additional security before your child's record is linked. Your request will then be sent the school for approval and you will be notified of the decision to approve the link on your email.
3. The details added must match the information held within the school or a match may not be found. If anyone has any issues, please contact the office who will be able to provide assistance.

OR visit <https://parentsportal.scot/home/>

School Uniform Requests

We have plenty of school uniform items available.

If you would like to request items, please contact the office and we will send them home with your child.





Important Reminders

Please remember:

- Our car park is for use of staff members only, unless otherwise authorised.
- Dogs are not allowed in the playground during the school day and at drop off and pick up times.
- Parents should only enter the school through the reception door.
- School uniform should be labelled with your child's name.
- We are a NUT FREE school. No products containing nuts are permitted for snack or packed lunches.
- We are a cash free school. If you need to register for Ipayimpact, please contact the school.

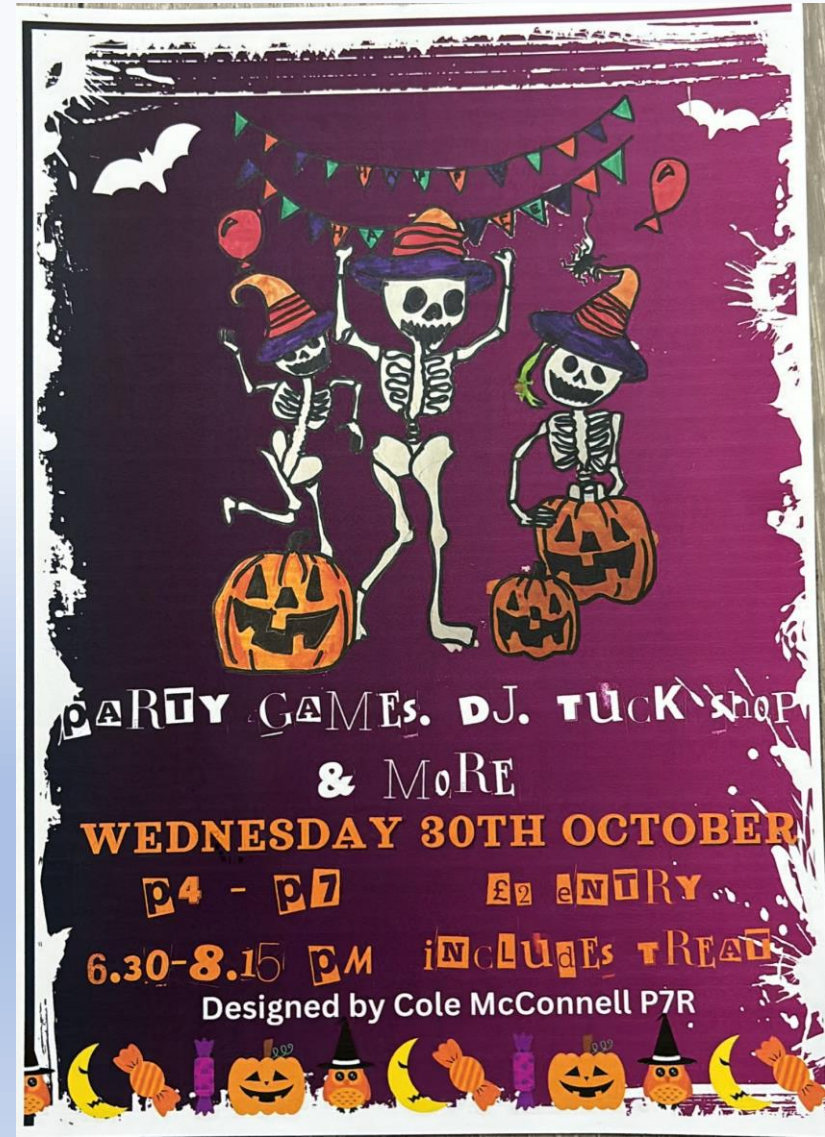
Halloween Disco



A colorful poster for a Halloween event. The background is a dark blue night sky with silhouettes of trees and a ghost. In the foreground, there's a large jack-o'-lantern with a face, a ghost, and several smaller jack-o'-lanterns. The text is in a playful, hand-drawn font.

HALLOWEEN
SPOOKTACULAR
PARTY GAMES
DJ
TUCK SHOP
& MORE

Wednesday 30th October
P1- P3 4.30 - 6.15PM
£2 Entry
Includes Treat
Designed by Vinnie Kelly P2S



A poster for a Halloween disco event. The background is a dark purple night sky with silhouettes of trees and a ghost. In the foreground, there's a skeleton wearing a witch hat, a skeleton wearing a witch hat, and several jack-o'-lanterns. The text is in a playful, hand-drawn font.

PARTY GAMES. DJ. TUCK SHOP
& MORE
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
04 - 07 **£2 ENTRY**
6.30-8.15 PM **INCLUDES TREAT**
Designed by Cole McConnell P7R

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 26 th September	9am Coffee and Chat - Parents/Leadership Team
Friday 11 th October	School Closes for October Break
Monday 21 st October	In-Service Day
Tuesday 22 nd October	Schools Reopen to Pupils
Thursday 24 th October	Family Movie Night
Wednesday 30 th October	Halloween Disco P1-3 4.30pm – 6.15pm P4-7 6.30pm – 8.15pm

Community
Notice Board

Advice and Support for Families



Dalmilling Primary has the continued backing from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.



Laura and Nicola will provide a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.

They will be able to support in areas such as:-

- Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making claims
- Advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grants

If you would like to speak with Laura or Nicola they will be arranging drop in sessions after the October school holiday, with finalised dates being communicated soon.

In the meantime you can contact the Hub directly using the following link

[Digital referral form - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](#) (when using this link please select **Yes** to '*Would you like access to any other services?*') and type **FAO Community Team and Dalmilling Primary**) or by calling 0300 123 0900.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

It's important that children and young people have access to information about mental health and wellbeing, and services that can help them when they need it.

South Ayrshire Council has a dedicated website with links to all the support services available in South Ayrshire.

[South Ayrshire Community Mental Health Support](http://southayrshirecmhw.co.uk)
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Is your child a Young Carer?

Could they be eligible for more support and opportunities to activities?

A young carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member, friend or member of your community, regularly and on a long-term basis. You might help someone get dressed in the morning, or get their shopping each week, or you might provide emotional support.

If you think your child is a Young Carer or you would like more information about this, please contact Mrs McTaggart via the school office.

These are just some of the activities/support Young Carers had opportunities to last year.

Funding opportunities

Dolphin House

**Family
residentials**



1:1 tutoring

**Little Art
School**

Bushcraft

**and so much
more!**

Ayr United After School Club P2-P6

Ayr United Football Academy (AUFA) is running an after-school sports club at Dalmilling Primary School

Dalmilling Primary is on Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 – 5.30pm! Children can play football, multi sports, take part in fun activities as well as receiving a healthy snack (fruit) and a children's cereal bar. Please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle or their own drink/water for the session.

This year we are looking for all participants to sign up through our ClassForKids system; please see details below:

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/info/328>

If your child has attended previously and is on ClassForKids email your child's name, date of birth and school to john.sargent@aufa.org.uk and we will add the child to the register.



Connexions

Empowering families for a brighter tomorrow

Our Connexions Team offers a single point of access in South Ayrshire for young people looking for support with their own alcohol or drug use and whole family support for anyone affected by someone else's alcohol and drug use.

What do we offer?

A range of support and activities based on your needs and aspirations including:

- Individual and group work activities and support.
- Social and fun family activities.
- Peer based support (from individuals who have had similar experiences).
- Interactive information and advice on drugs and alcohol, keeping yourself and friends safe and where to go for help.
- Support to access specialist services and wider community support.
- Support at a time, and in a place, suitable for you.
- Opportunities to help us develop our activities and support.

Is Connexions for me?

We can offer support for you if you are:

- A family member affected by someone else's alcohol or drug use.
- A child or young person affected by someone else's alcohol or drug use.
- A young person up to the age of 26yrs affected by your own alcohol or drug use.

How do I access support?

You can contact us directly via the email or telephone number below or ask your support worker to make the referral for you.

 connexions@barnardos.org.uk

 01292 773162

What happens next?

When we receive your referral one of our team will be in touch with you by phone to arrange a suitable time and place to meet to discuss the support you would like to offer and how we can work together.

The ConneXions Team is a collaborative model between





Does your family need a **computer?**

Currys are working with the Digital Poverty Alliance to get free technology to those who need it.



If you live in one of these areas and your family doesn't have access to a computer, you can apply through us to have us send you one - not as a loan or rental, it's for your family, for good.



- Staffordshire (Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stafford, East Staffordshire, Newcastle under Lyme, Lichfield, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase local authorities), England.
- West Cumbria (Cumberland local authority), England.
- Ayrshire (North Ayrshire, East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire local authorities), Scotland.
- Norfolk Coast (Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, North Norfolk, Great Yarmouth local authorities), England.
- Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend, Wales
- Lincolnshire Coast (North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, East Lindsey, Boston and South Holland local authorities), England.
- Northern Ireland.

Next Steps

If you're the parent/care giver of a child (4-16) who doesn't have access to a suitable device and you live in one of the above areas you can:

Go to digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4families/

Visit a local Currys store or, text 0784445476 to receive a form by post.

Scan me:



*Please note: while we want to help every family that applies, we know we won't be able to support every request. Even if your family is eligible, it doesn't guarantee we'll be able to provide a computer in every instance.

The Digital Poverty Alliance is an initiative of the Learning Foundation, Registered Charity in England and Wales: 1086306, Registered Company in England and Wales: 3678344.

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BEST INTERESTS
OF THE CHILD

Developmental Language Disorder

What is DLD?

- DLD stands for Developmental Language Disorder. Having DLD means that you have significant, ongoing difficulties understanding and/ or using spoken language.
- There is no known cause of DLD which can make it hard to explain. DLD is not caused by emotional difficulties or limited exposure to language.



Signs of DLD in children

- They may not talk as much and find it difficult to express themselves verbally.
- Their language may sound immature for their age.
- They may struggle to find words.
- They may not understand or remember what has been said.
- Older children may have difficulties with reading and writing.



For more information go to: www.nhsaaa.net

Other useful websites: www.radld.org www.naplic.org.uk

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All our publications are available in other formats

Ayrshire Cancer Support Children and Young People Service

Ayrshire Cancer Support Children and Young People Service offers free therapeutic support on a one-to-one and group basis for children and young people aged 5 to 25 who are affected by their own cancer diagnosis or that of a significant person in their life, or who have been bereaved as a result of cancer.

This provides a safe space for children and young people to explore and share their feelings and support them to develop helpful coping strategies. Services are offered in a kind, caring and compassionate way and have children and young people's wellbeing at the heart of everything they do.

Staff are happy to provide support to families and schools and can plan that based on individual need; please contact Gill Birrell, Service Lead, to discuss at cyp@ayrshirecs.org.

Requests for support can be made by a professional or by the family or young person, if they are 12+ years, and have capacity, by calling 01563 538008 or via our website www.ayrshirecs.org/services.



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**TIME :
5PM-7PM**

ACTIVITES FOR ALL THE FAMILY



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF NEWTON PARK

**FRIDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER TIL
25TH OCTOBER**

(excludes September
weekend)



SCAN HERE



Get wee people chatting



The helpline is available every Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm by calling 07833095374. A virtual drop-in appointment can be arranged for a Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm by calling or texting 07833095374 to arrange an appointment.



@weepeoplechat



South Ayrshire Childrens Speech & Language Therapy



@ayrshireSLT





**Check your child has
had two doses of the
MMR vaccine.**



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**Be alert to the
symptoms of measles.**

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