



Troon Primary School & EYC

October & November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

Our second term is always a busy one in the run up to Christmas. We hope you find the following information helpful with lots of dates to add to the calendar!

LEARNING AND TEACHING

We are really looking forward to our whole school Careers Week focus in mid-November. Thank you to all parent volunteers and guest speakers who have kindly given their time to talk to the children about their job.

Children will soon be bringing home their Snapshot Jotters. These provide some insight into the work your child has been doing in class, they contain a selection of work completed this term in literacy, numeracy and interdisciplinary learning. Please take time to look through the pieces of work together and talk about the learning and activities with your child.

We hope you enjoy sharing your child's learning journey. Snapshot jotters will be issued again later in the school year. This will ensure a point of contact every term through Parents' Nights, Snapshot jotters and formal reports in Term 4.

Homework for the term will run through until the end of December when it will pause in the run up to our Christmas break. Following on from our consultation, each class will issue spelling/phonics, a Sumdog or maths task and encourage the children to read for pleasure. A reading record has been given to each child to allow them to log their reading progress. Each term classes will also send home a grid with suggestions of ways to extend learning in different curricular areas. The curricular maps that are issued each term also provide you with further detailed information about the planned learning and teaching which can be helpful for those of you that would like to engage in more family learning opportunities. Please note, some stages have already issued homework for the term and will move in line with this approach in Term 3.

Our parent workshops and engagement this session has been going really well. So far, we have held two parent focus groups to consult on homework procedures, two Primary 1 workshops on early reading and decoding, a whole school numeracy and maths workshop with Scott Morrow (SAC Numeracy Coordinator), our first parent appointments of the session, and our most recent whole school 'Write with Me' open day last week. Our attendance has been extremely high at our events which is so encouraging and helps us to strengthen our partnership working and build community. It also provides an opportunity to celebrate our children's success and foster a positive, connected school culture. We are looking forward to our Careers Week focus this term and working with the Parent Council on our Christmas Fayre!

PUPIL VOICE GROUPS – TERM 2 DATES

Our whole school pupil voice groups have now meet twice and are making great progress in leading initiatives and supporting positive changes across the school. This term, the children need your help in supporting a few initiatives that are of importance to them. We appreciate several dates are close together, but the children are keen to participate in each awareness day.

Anti-bullying week takes place from Monday 10 to Friday 14 November this year and our whole school will be participating in lessons and activities related to this. Our Inclusive Pupil Voice Group have invited children from EYC upwards to wear odd socks on Monday 10 November to celebrate individuality. Further information can be found here: [What is Odd Socks Day?](#)



Children in Need will be on Friday 14 November. This is an annual charity event that our children have always chosen to support. The Pupil Council would like to support the charity again. Our Pupil Council have asked that, if you can, you make a small donation of £1 or at the following link: [Text to Donate - BBC Children in Need](#)

Be Bright, Be Seen day takes place on Friday 21 November, this year our Junior Road Safety Officers would like us to wear something bright to school to help reinforce this important message. Again, further information can be found here: [Be bright, be seen - Road Safety Scotland](#)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & NATIVITY

Our Christmas concert for P1 to P7 children and families takes place on Tuesday 16th December (maximum of 3 adults per child). P1 & P2 at 1.40pm, P3, P4, P4/5 & P5 at 2.10pm, P6 and P7 families at 2.40pm.

Our Primary 1 Nativity will take place on Friday 5th at 9.30am. We look forward to sharing this special event with our P1 families.

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER

Parent Information	November Newsletter issued and Parent Leaflets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Numeracy and Maths Leaflet located here: https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/public/troonps/uploads/sites/10480/2020/03/29190201/Parent-Information-Leaflets-Maths-all-levels.pdf
Flu immunisations 11 November	Details have already been issued to all families. Flu immunisations will take place throughout the morning with the support of the NHS team. Public Health Scotland have produced the following animation, 'What to expect during your flu vaccine' which you may wish to watch together at home before the vaccination date: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSm2Uvdb4GM
Scottish Careers Week 10-14 November Sharing the Learning Together	Scottish Careers Week 2025; 10-14 November (including financial education) Thanks to all those that have volunteered to come and talk about their careers
Children in Need 14 November	Save the Date! Friday 14 November Children dress down and bring a small donation, if you can, to support Children in Need.
Odd Socks Day 10 November	Children from EYC upwards to wear odd socks on Monday 10 November to celebrate individuality. Further information can be found here: What is Odd Socks Day?
Be Bright, Be Seen Day 21 November	Please wear something bright to school to help reinforce this important road safety message. Further information can be found here: Be bright, be seen - Road Safety Scotland
Parent Council 27 November 6.30pm	Parent Council Meeting: Now changed to Thursday 13 November at 6.30pm due to Christmas Fayre.

DECEMBER

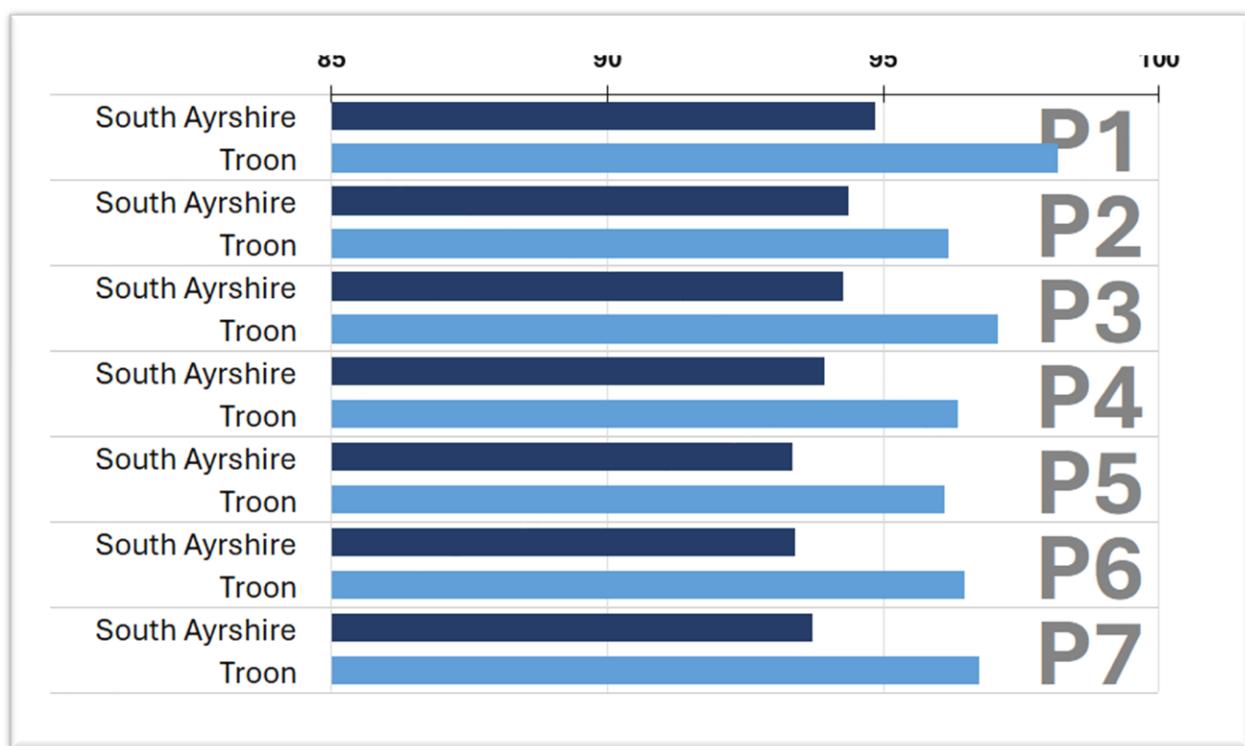
Parent Information	<p>December Newsletter issued.</p> <p>Parent Leaflets issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Devices & Safety
Christmas Jumpers Every Friday, plus Thursday 11 (Save the Children Day)	<p>All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers every Friday in December – please note, uniforms should still be worn with school jumpers swapped for Christmas ones. Children can also wear jumpers on Christmas lunch day!</p> <p>Christmas Jumpers can also be worn on Thursday 11 to support the Save the Children campaign; donations welcome.</p>
Primary 1 Nativity 5 December	<p>Friday 5 December</p> <p>Primary 1 Nativity at 9.30am – we can't wait to see you!</p>
Whole School Pantomime 8 December	<p>M&M Productions – Cinderella (a.m. performance)</p> <p>Thank you to the Parent Council for funding the M&M Pantomime again this year. This takes place in school.</p>
Christmas Lunch Day 11 December	<p>Our school Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 11th – please order in advance!</p>
Christmas Songs Tuesday 16 December	<p>Please save the date – on Tuesday 16th December classes will perform throughout the afternoon, entertaining you with a medley of Christmas songs. This is always a popular afternoon and we can't wait to sing for you!</p> <p>Times on stage are as follows:</p> <p>P1 & P2: on stage at 1.40pm P3, P4, P4/5 & P5: on stage at 2.10pm P6 & P7: on stage at 2.40pm</p> <p>Please note, due to capacity in the main gym hall, we kindly ask that a maximum of 3 adults per child attends for their child's performance only. Unfortunately, we do not have space for all parents to stay throughout the afternoon. Thank you for helping with this and to make the afternoon a success for the children. <u>Doors will not open until 1.30pm to allow time to set up the seating after lunch.</u></p>

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The following link provides information about what to do if your child has head lice: [NHS-Scotland-Head-lice-information-for-parents.pdf](https://www.nhs.scot/health-information-for-parents.pdf). 'Alert' letters have not been issued for many years as this can lead parents to treat head lice preventatively which is not advised and can lead to resistance. Instead, we would remind you to regularly check your child's head and treat as and when required.

Our flu vaccinations take place this month. NHS Scotland recommends all eligible children get the free flu vaccine each year to help protect them. This can also be a term where many children can feel a little under the weather. Please remember, if your child is sick, it is recommended they are absent for 48 hours. The following link has really helpful information if you are unsure what the recommendations are surrounding a variety of common illnesses: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](https://www.nhs.scot/child-too-ill-school)

Attendance continues to remain higher than the local authority average. At the end of term 1, our attendance was 96.7%, this is a 0.9% increase from 2024-2025 data at the same point and is just short of 3% higher than the SAC overall attendance figure of 93.9%. Individual class attendance data for the end of term one is as follows:



We appreciate your support in maintaining our high levels. The South Ayrshire Council campaign 'Every Learner, Every Day' continues to reinforce the importance of going to school every day to help prepare our children and young people for their future. If you require support with your child's attendance, please contact the main school office in the first instance.

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