



Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

'Inspiring all to Flourish'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the February edition of our Newsletter!

This month we have moved forward in phasing back to a full return by welcoming the Nursery and P1-3 pupils back to Colgrain from the 22nd February 2021. The children have filled our rooms and playgrounds with joy as they re-connected with friends and settled back into routines in school and nursery. Thank you to our parents and carers who have helped establish the new drop-off and pick-up procedures this week despite some rather wild weather!

We are awaiting further updates on the expected return for our P4-7 pupils and will send out information to parents of these age groups as soon as possible. In the meantime, for all our children continuing with remote learning, we would like to let you know we are so proud of you for the work put in to learning in such a different way. The staff are very eager to see you all back in class rather than on Google Meets each day. It is hard to keep going, but important to know that it won't be much longer before it is your turn to be back in the building. Some staff may post out some additional resources to P4-7 children if required to see us through until full return. We will update via Seesaw if this is the case for your class.

As the weather improves, it does help us all feel a little more positive and hopeful that more restrictions will end soon and we will be able to enjoy some fun things. It is very important to continue to pull together as a community to support each other and work in partnership during this. I continue to feel very lucky to be part of this school and nursery community during a very unusual time.

Keep safe everyone,

Mrs P Walsh

Head Tea



PTC Uniform Shop

You can now support the school by using our new Facebook page for the PTC Second-hand Uniform Shop, ran by PTC member Nikki Harvey.

Buying second-hand helps the PTC to raise funds and is environmentally friendly as well. Please contact the Facebook page if you wish to donate any items, we accept Colgrain logo items. All items and prices are listed but can be accessed free of charge for low income families.

Many thanks
Colgrain PTC



Parent's Evening

As we move towards March, we will begin to prepare for our Parent's Evening phone call appointments for P1 - P6 parents. P7 will have a different set up for transition appointments.

This term will feel very different to past meetings with class teachers, with lockdown creating remote learning situations where parents have been at home supporting children to access their learning through online platforms. Parents are now much more able to discuss in partnership with teachers how children have engaged in learning and what challenges there has been. This appointment will be an ideal time to connect with your child's class teacher and share how learning has been this term. Together, parents and teachers will be able to set out next steps for children in the last term of the session.

We would like to invite parents to email some key areas to discuss with teachers to support the phone call appointments. Please email the school office week commencing the 8th March and have emails in before the end of this week to allow time to forward to teaching staff prior to the first parent's evening date.

DATES:

Tuesday 16th March 2021 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 18th March 2021 4pm - 7pm

The school office will be in touch with procedure for picking your date and time.



Primary 7 Transition Parents Evening Appointments

Work is well underway with our P7 teachers and Hermitage Academy staff in preparing our Primary 7 children to transition to secondary. Transition activities have begun remotely online, based around 'Hooked on Hermitage' tasks and this will be built upon this term while working from home and phasing back to full return.

Our P7 teachers, Mrs Ross and Mrs MacGillivray will also be providing an individual P7 Transition Google Meet for P7 parents and pupils to attend together. This will be an opportunity to share learning carried out remotely, the transition work coming up and set out what parents and pupils should expect within transition to secondary towards term 4.

Each Google Meet will be scheduled with details sent to parents. Office staff will request your preferred dates and times for appointments via letter return.

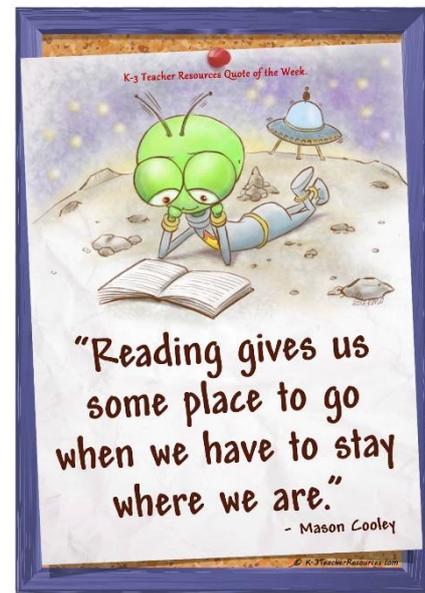
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World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day! To celebrate, this year we would like to encourage all our pupils to dress up as their favourite character from their favourite book!

If children are in school, they can come to school dressed up for the day. If children are at home, feel free to attend all live meetings that day in full character costume!

Staff will select pupils with the most creative characters to receive a prize from school!



The diary dates ...

Thursday 4th March – WORLD BOOK DAY – dress up competition

Tuesday 9th March – PTC Meeting **7pm** (Please note this meeting will be held through Google Meet)

Tuesday 16th March & Thursday 18th March – P1-6 Parents Evening Phone Call appointments – appointment letters will be sent separately.

Tuesday 16th March, Wednesday 17th March & Thursday 18th March – P7 Parent & Pupil Google Meet appointments – appointment letters will be sent separately.

Thursday 1st April – School closes for Spring Holiday @ **2.30pm**