



## Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

*'Inspiring all to Flourish'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the November Newsletter!

The school is well into the run up to Christmas festivities and the children are working hard brushing up their craft skills and singing talents for the events planned. I am particularly looking forward to spending my first Christmas Season at Colgrain and catching up with the families during these fun events!

### Parents Evening

Our first parents evening this session had a changeup of setting where staff gathered in the school hall for parent appointments. The staff gave wonderful feedback on the night and enjoyed the opportunity to tell parents and carers about the work in class. Our PTC members were good enough to offer their time to help look after children in the P7 area where colouring, movies and reading kept the children entertained. I would like to thank them for their support which helped add to a successful evening. I enjoyed meeting a wider groups of our parents and carers and have the chance to talk and get to know you all a little more!

### SharePoints and Surveys

This session, we are very keen to gather as many views as we can on a variety of topics in Colgrain Primary. Our first SharePoint was held in school on the 1.11.19, thank you to the parents who gave their time to come along. We discussed the new Parent Engagement Strategy, which is now located in the school website. We also gathered information during parents evening on how we communicate with families and ways the school can support family learning. The survey area was located in the P7 area where staff were available to support families in taking part. Feedback from surveys will be shared at the next PTC meeting. If you did not get a chance to take part, please follow the QR link below to give your views:



Our next SharePoint will be 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 from 9am - 10am. We will be focusing our discussion on home learning, particularly looking at homework more closely and gathering views on how to improve homework provision. If you can manage along we would love to see you there.

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

The school will be fundraising for 'Save the Children' charity which is connected to the annual event; Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019. There is a Christmas Jumper Swap shop set up by the PTC in the ECO area where children can donate Christmas jumpers that they have out grown and can use one left by others for this year. There is also a donations tub for any donations for this cause. The children will be encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and can dress down for the day and are asked to bring in a donation for the charity (suggested donation - £1). We will have a special guest speaker for our assembly that week to share with the pupils what work the charity do for children around the world.

## **Drop Off Zone**

There has been a massive improvement in the Drop Off area in the morning after our last newsletter. I would like to say a big thank you for the support of all the parents and carers who drop off children in this zone each day. We will continue to monitor this throughout the term.

## **Morning Supervision**

The Senior Management Team will supervise all playground areas along with 2 support staff from 8.45am - 9am, staff will also get children into their lines for the teacher. Parents are free to leave the playground from 8.45am. Mrs MacGillivray will supervise the entrance to upper school areas and Mrs Candlish will supervise the entrance to the infant playground. This supervision is for all children, not just for the drop off zone area.

## **Outdoor Clothing**

We would like to ask parents to provide children with outdoor clothing to keep at school for the week. The staff would like to use our school grounds more throughout the day and children will need waterproofs and wellingtons as the weather can be unpredictable at times.

Mrs P Walsh,

Head Teacher

### **The Senior Management Team**

Mrs P Walsh

Mrs L Candlish

Mrs C Ross

Mrs E Osorio & Miss K Young

Mrs A MacGillivray

Head Teacher

Depute Head Teacher

Principal Teacher of P1-3

Acting Principal Teachers of P4-5

Acting Principal Teacher of P6-7