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Dear Parents/Carers,

The final term in session 2018/2019 is indeed a very busy one. Here is week one!

Monday

Seasons for Growth Celebration

Parents/Carers were welcomed to the 'Seasons for Growth' celebration which is intrinsic to the Nurture initiative within Argyll and Bute. This celebration included contributions from the children themselves and there were many proud families in the Nurture Room. Mrs L Candlish, Mrs C Walker and Mrs C Holloway thank you for your support.

Monday/Tuesday

Heartstart

Once again we are delighted to welcome Mrs Sheenah Nelson and her team to deliver Heartstart training to both Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. Mrs Nelson, a former school teacher, has devoted her life to raising awareness and funding for both MacMillan Cancer Support and 'Heartstart'.

Mrs Nelson works tirelessly in providing Senior Pupils with the necessary skill set to save lives and ensuring the supply of defibrillators all over Scotland. She is a highly valued educator and partner to Colgrain.

Tuesday

Interdisciplinary Learning

An initial Interdisciplinary planning meeting also took place to ensure the success of Interdisciplinary Learning subjects from Nursery up to Primary 7 inclusive. More information regarding this will be coming soon. The most successful IDL topics have been when parents play a key role and this is something that both staff and children very much value.

Partnership – Church

Emily Harvey-Cartmell, Director of Youth and Families Ministry met with the Senior Management Team to give an overview of her future involvement with Colgrain children and she was particularly pleased to recognise so many of our pupils from Girls Brigade and Helensburgh Parish Church.

She will be at the Spring Assembly on Thursday 2nd May at 1:30pm, as previously intimated in our newsletter.

Entertainer Visit

Our Nursery pupils thoroughly enjoyed a magical performance from Gary Dunn, 'The Entertainer'.

Wednesday

Transitional meetings begin for some of our children.

We are most grateful to Mrs Jo Orr who is leading a Social Skills group in our Nurture Room. She is a specialist in Play Therapy and has already met with families to give an overview of her much valued work. Mrs Candlish and Mrs Orr have been working in close partnership to plan this programme which is also an important component of the Nurture Initiative.

Easter Walk

Mrs L Wright, Chair of Colgrain Parent Council and her team have organised an Easter Walk after school and I hear that the children are really excited at the presence of the Easter Bunny. All staff join me in thanking Mrs Wright and her team for organisation of this event and giving the children such a fun experience.

Thursday

Transitional meetings continue throughout the day with the specialised input of Principal Psychologist, R.Redpath and the Senior Management Team.

Dates for your diary

Included in the table of events below is an extra school closure on Thursday 23rd May. I have been informed today that Colgrain Primary School will be used as a polling station for a European Election on this date. This date will impact on Parents' Evening which will now take place on Wednesday 22nd May at 3:30pm – 5:30pm.

I hope that the table of events will be useful for you.

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| Thursday 18 th April 2019 | School and Nursery close |
| Friday 19 th April 2019 | School closed - Good Friday |
| Monday 22 nd April 2019 | School closed - Easter Monday |
| Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 | School reopens |
| Tuesday 21 st May 2019 | Parents' Evening 5:30pm – 7:30pm |
| Wednesday 22 rd May 2019 | Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm |
| Thursday 23 rd May 2019 | Colgrain Primary School closed – Polling Station |
| Friday 24 th May 2019 | Inservice Day |
| Monday 27 th May 2019 | School closed - Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 28 th May 2019 | School and Nursery reopen |

All staff join me in wishing you a very pleasant Easter Weekend.

Johanna McClelland
Head Teacher