



COLGRAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRE-5 UNIT
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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Many exciting events are currently being planned for your children. The teaching staff are exploring venues for summer excursions and these will be linked to Term 4, Inter-disciplinary Learning, 'The River Clyde'.

Sports Day

Mr Brown, leader of the Colgrain Sports Council is working with the committee to plan our annual Sports Day. This year the event will take place on **Wednesday 5 June**. In the coming weeks we will issue a letter with further information and requesting parent volunteers. We look forward to you joining us for this fun-filled family event.

After School Clubs

What a fantastic variety of lunch and after school clubs we continue to have on offer for our pupils. Some of the clubs are linked to the community through our Church and Helensburgh Rugby Club. We are so grateful to the staff and volunteers for their involvement. Most recently, Mr P Reaney joined Mr Brown to facilitate rugby sessions for senior pupils. We are so grateful that we are able to tap into his expertise as a coach at Helensburgh Rugby Club.

It is also an absolute joy to see the improvements in the Eco-garden and the beautiful display of spring blossom. Well done to all parents involved.

Transition

Early Level

Mrs L Candlish, Acting Depute Head Teacher leads and manages the transition process and we have had the privilege of welcoming many new families to Colgrain throughout the Pre-5 to P1 transition programme. New parents have had the opportunity to meet with each other through Tea 'n' a Bletter and new pupils have had enjoyed classroom visits. We look forward to the rest of the programme when our new pupils will join us for occasions such as lunch, sports day and a teddy bears' picnic.

Senior Level

There are many partners involved in supporting Colgrain pupils to reach their full potential both academically and holistically in preparation for the move from P7 to S1. This is particularly evident in the transitional year at senior level where we work closely with the following key partners:

- Parents and carers
- R.Redpath – Principal Educational Psychologist
- Hermitage Academy personnel – Mrs E Cowan (Principal Teacher Pupil Support), Mr T Berrall (Pupil Support Teacher) and Mr R Stewart (Principal Teacher Junior School)
- LIVE Argyll – Mr M Caldwell, Sports Co-ordinator

End of Term Service

Following confirmation from the minister, we are now in a position to confirm the arrangements for our end of term service. It will take place on **Wednesday 19 June at 1:30pm**. It is always such a well-attended event where we have an opportunity to celebrate our young people's achievements throughout their time here at Colgrain.

Parental Engagement Strategy

The Argyll and Bute Parental Engagement Strategy has been developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders including parent council members, non-parent council parents, Head Teachers and other Local Authority staff. This strategy reflects the current Scottish Government proposals regarding Parental Engagement. The Strategy will be included in our school improvement priorities for session 2019/2020. A copy of this strategy is available at [Argyll and Bute Parental Engagement Strategy](#)

Assembly Hall

We are thrilled to inform you that there will be a new sound system, projector and screen installed in the Assembly Hall very shortly. Your views are very important to us and we understand that during some performances voices could not be heard clearly at the rear of the hall. This is a major fundraising focus for Mrs L Wright, PTC Chairperson and her team, in partnership with the school.

Positive Feedback

I am always incredibly proud of the pupils at Colgrain. In and around the Colgrain Campus and local community, our pupils receive regular praise and recognition for their manners, positivity and the warm welcome they provide.

Most recently, when facilitating the tour for Head Teacher candidates, our senior pupils were commended by our Quality Improvement Officer, Mr D Morgan.

Our youngest pupils in the Pre-5 Unit were recognised once again for exemplary behaviour during a visit from the Childsmile team.

iCycle

We are incredibly grateful to our parental volunteers Mrs Spiller and Mr White who are supporting all Primary 6 children with this most important life skill. Mr Brown, a retired Police Officer, is very kindly assisting with the practical elements, Mr Laughtland, Miss Scobie and Mrs MacGillivray continue to lead this learning.

Inter-disciplinary Learning

Pupil voice is at the core of learning and teaching within Colgrain Primary and Nursery. Children from as young as three years old contribute to planning a topic. Term 4 is the, 'River Clyde'. The learning will be linked to the local landscape, transport, wildlife and community. Mrs C Ross, Principal Teacher leads this curricular area and has worked closely with staff and children to plan this.

Colgrain staff are particularly enthused regarding this topic and I would like to thank them for their time and commitment in ensuring that this will be informative but also great fun for our children. The culmination of this learning will be on **Thursday 13 June**. There will be information cascaded

to you in due course. Each class will showcase their learning through contributions to a whole school museum. Parents and carers are invited to attend this sharing event. It is always most pleasurable to observe the children being empowered to showcase their learning and of course to see many proud mums, dads, carers and extended families. The most successful learning opportunities are those in which parents have been directly involved in sharing their personal expertise.

Eco Week – Week beginning Monday 24 June

This aspect of the curriculum has been most ably led by Miss L Anderson, class teacher of P3. As previously intimated, recognition of her work, her colleagues and most importantly the contribution of children and community partners.

Miss Anderson and her her Eco-Committee are planning activities for this week and this will be relayed to you in more detail.

One further detail is **Green Day on Wednesday 26 June**. All pupils will be invited to 'Go Green' for Eco Week and dress creatively from green socks to a green t-shirt.

PTC

Mrs L Wright and her team have been planning and working very hard to finalise arrangements for the Spring Fayre on **Saturday 4 May**. The fayre will take place from 10am until 2pm and detailed information about the event can be found on the Parent Facebook page and the most recent PTC Newsletter emailed yesterday. It is sure to be a great family day out!

The PTC Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 28 May** at 9:15am, and all parents and carers are invited to attend.

Whole School Photograph

On **Tuesday 7 May**, we will welcome the Tempest Photography team to Colgrain to take a whole school photograph. This photograph will be available to purchase shortly afterwards. We would request that you sign the permission slip sent home with your child today. Please contact the school if you have any queries regarding this.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2 May	Spring Service 1:30pm
Saturday 4 May	PTC Spring Fayre 10am – 2pm
Thursday 9 May	Pre-5 Safari Park trip
Friday 10 May	P6 and P7 Inter-school Cross Country
Monday 13 May	Christian Aid Football 6pm – 8pm
Thursday 16 May	Christian Aid Swimming 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Friday 17 May	Hooked on Hermitage Sports
Tuesday 21 May	Parent Consultations 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday 22 May	Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Thursday 23 May	School closed – Polling Station
Friday 24 May	School closed - INSET
Monday 27 May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 28 May	Christian Aid Netball
Tuesday 28 May	School and Pre-5 reopen
Tuesday 28 May	PTC AGM – 9:15am
Wednesday 5 June	Sports Day

Thursday 6 June	P7 Transition Day – Hermitage Academy
Thursday 6 June	Pre-5 ‘Stay ‘n’ Lunch’
Friday 7 June	Pre-5 ‘Stay ‘n’ Lunch’
Friday 7 June	P7 Transition Day – Hermitage Academy
Wednesday 12 June	Pre-5 Graduation
Thursday 13 June	IDL Celebration
Friday 14 June	Pre-5 Teddy Bear’s Picnic 1pm (transition)
Wednesday 19 June	End of Term Service 1:30pm
Monday 24 June	Eco Week
Wednesday 26 June	Green Day
Friday 28 June	School closes at 1pm

Yours sincerely

Mrs Johanna McClelland
Head Teacher