



Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

'Inspiring all to Flourish'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year from everyone here at Colgrain Primary!

We were delighted to welcome back all the children from the Christmas Holiday break, they came in bright eyed and ready to go!

This term we will have a few changes to how we inform parents of clubs available in the school, please take the time to read over all the information to ensure you know how to get your child involved!

A Parent Planner for term 3 is now available on our website, through Twitter and has been sent out via messenger to all parents and carers. A paper copy will also be included in your child's PLP this term for easy access. Please keep this handy as it will have important dates for the term ahead. This will be updated at times when new events / activities become available to you all through the term.

This term we will be introducing new procedures for the **drop of zone**. As you are aware, the drop off zone is not a parking area. While there has been significant improvements in keeping a flow during drop off, at times there are cars left unattended until children are taken into school by class teachers. To build on the improvements in the area, **the drop off zone will only be open until 8.55am**. The gates will be closed from this time onwards to create a safer area for children coming into the school grounds from then on and will open again from 9.15am. This will begin from Monday 13th January. As always, parents can walk their child into the P1-2 playground and wait with them until the class teacher takes in the lines, however cars cannot be left in the drop off zone for this purpose. Parents wishing to stay with the pupil and come to school via car should park out with the school grounds and walk in. I would also like to remind parents that staff are placed to supervise children in the school playgrounds from 8.45am allowing parents to leave children safely from this time.

I look forward to beginning 2020 with all the Colgrain family!

Mrs P Walsh

Head teacher

Clan Winners and Class Points Winners!

Clan Winners:

Loch Etive are the winning Clan for term 2. They will take part in a rewards afternoon for all their efforts in gathering an amazing **3421** clan points for the term – well done!

Class Points Winners:

Primary 5A are the winning class for term 2. They will be given £25 to spend on a class reward (games, resources, 'cool' pens, etc). Well done for earning a total of 62 class points!

Good Luck to the pupils for this term – points are being collected from Monday 6th January!



Outdoor Learning

The weather at this time of year can be very unpredictable, however we are keen to offer more opportunities for the children to experience learning outdoors. Please provide the school with a set of clothing appropriate for outdoors (wellingtons, rain jackets, etc)

Upper school PE and at times after school clubs will also take place outdoors – please ensure gym kit is appropriate for the weather.

Scooters and Bikes – Safety First!

A reminder to all pupils travelling to school on a scooter or bike.

Please walk and push scooters and bikes from the bottom of Redgauntlet Road into the school grounds and then store them in the area provided.



Drop Off Zone!

No car should be left unattended at any time

Drop Off Zone Closes at 8.55am

School Clubs on offer in term 3!

A huge thank you to the Staff and parent volunteers who have offered their valuable time to support school clubs in term 3.

Parents will be given a copy of the timetable of what's on offer and pupils will be given permission slips for each activity offered to their age group. These should be completed and returned to school as soon as possible if your child is interested in taking part. If your child has been successful, a letter will go out to you the week before the club begins with start and end dates.

Please note that football, netball and athletics for P6 and P7 pupils' participation will be developing teams in preparation for competing against local schools this term. Junior development clubs will also be offered to begin to build skills in younger pupils.

As well as after school activities, there is also a variety of lunchtime activities on offer for the pupils this term. Please look over the timetable with your child and encourage them to take part. Permission slips do not need to be completed as staff will organise registers and provide leaders of clubs with class lists if your child wishes to sign up.



Medication in School

This is a reminder to parents on the procedures for bringing any medication (ointments and creams included) into the school for use during the school day.

All items must have a prescription label with correct date on them with instructions to administer during a school day. Parents are required to complete a permission form available from the office **before** the medication can be left in school. Any items children bring in will be kept at the school office and parents will be contacted to ensure paperwork is complete prior to children using this.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.



Primary 1 and Primary 2 morning lines

We would like to ask parents of Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils to stand away from class lines in the morning drop off. This allows a better line of vision for staff when collecting lines and builds good independence skills in children.

Any messages that parents need to pass on to staff should be given to the office to allow staff to take lines in promptly.

Nursery & Primary Enrolment Information

Enrolment for your child to attend Primary school begins on the 13th January 2020 and will be open until Friday 17th January 2020. Please find below set times office staff will be available to help with your application:

Monday – Friday 10am until 2.45pm (Please avoid school lunchtime – 12.15pm-1pm)

In addition to this, there will be an opportunity to take part in a small tour of the school prior to completing application forms. This will be available on:



Monday 13th January: 1.30 – 2.30pm

Wednesday 15th January: 1.30 – 2.30pm

Friday 17th January: 1.30 – 2.30pm

Please share this information with any relevant family or friends within the area.

Enrolment for Nursery places will begin on the Monday 27th January and will take place Monday – Friday 9.30am – 2.45pm. If you require any further information on either of the enrolments please contact the office directly.

Important Dates coming up:

8th January – School Club letters go out (return by Monday 13th January)

13th January – Primary 1 Enrolment Week (Tours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1.30 – 2.30pm)

15th January – Allocation of clubs – letters to parents today if your child has been selected

20th January – school clubs begin this week

27th January – Nursery Enrolment Week (Monday – Friday 9.30am – 2.45pm)