



Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

'Inspiring all to Flourish'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in our 6th week of remote learning and the 8th week of Government 'lockdown' measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and enthusiasm in working with staff to provide learning at home for the children of Colgrain Primary. I have had lovely moments shared with me through email and through looking online at Seesaw posts. It has been a fast paced journey for staff and you as parents and carers at home to set up and work through this new way of learning.

I would like to also thank all the children in the school and nursery. I want you to know that my claps on Thursday evenings are all for you. I know you have missed lots of opportunities with schools closed this term, and I am proud of how you have all managed to take this in your stride as you try to learn at home with parents and staff together.

I am especially proud that you are all following the STAY SAFE, STAY HOME guidance and making the best of the time!

In this newsletter you will find information on some updates on curriculum topics for stages and transition information for P7.

As always, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support,

Mrs P Walsh

Head teacher

P7 Transition Work

Mrs MacGillivray and Mr Couper have been working closely over the last few weeks with staff from Hermitage Academy to support work on P7 transitions. Traditionally this term would be well used to carry out activities and lessons around the theme of transitions which helps prepare our Primary 7 children for the next step ahead in their education.

Every week, Mrs MacGillivray and Mr Couper will plan and post transition tasks for P7 children to work through. This will be the 'topic' for the term for the children as it is an important feature of life in the class at this time of the year.

While this work is completed by children, the staff from both Colgrain and Hermitage Academy are meeting regularly to share information which will be vital to ensure a smooth transition for everyone this session.

Now more than ever we have had to adapt to our current situation and think more creatively to lessen the impact of school closures to the successful transition of children to secondary phase education. We will continue to work with staff, parents and carers and most importantly P7 children to prepare for this.

Hermitage Academy staff have emailed a letter to begin communication with families



Class Topics for Term 4!

This term, class teachers met via *Google Meet* to share ideas and discuss themes that children would find fun and interesting to research and study while learning at home. Originally staff hoped to begin to look at the Olympics which had been due to take place this summer. As the case with many things, this is no longer running. Staff felt that it would be a good opportunity to learn more about different countries in a wide range of ways.

Please find below a list of countries classes will research:

P1a and P1b: Australia



P5a and P5b: Japan



P2, P3/2 and P3: USA



P6 (including P6 children from P7/6 class): France

P4a and P4b: Spain



P7: Transition topics

Seesaw Updates

As the weeks progress we have been blown away by the engagement from children and parents. We have tried to adapt the number of tasks set by staff on a daily basis to ensure that children and families do not become overwhelmed by work while staying safe at home. Please remember that both mental and physical wellbeing of all the Colgrain community is paramount during lockdown. We hope that you will try to complete as many tasks as possible in your homes, this will depend on individual home circumstances where families can decide best what type of home learning suits their needs. Learning tasks are designed to reinforce prior learning to keep skills learned this year fresh in children's minds while giving opportunities for learners to take the learning further when they can. We are organising planning this term around skills children can learn without always needing to be in the class with the teacher, to support our pupils you will have noticed more staff checking in each day with ASN staff commenting and occasionally contacting families where it is needed. We are hoping to keep learning up as much as we can to ensure that any return to school is less daunting for our children. At times you will receive a call from staff to check in on how you are coping. These numbers will show as withheld on your phones. Please try and answer, we are calling lots of families daily. Be assured these calls are for your support and help us help you in this new way of learning for all.



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School Supplies!

Many of you have been in touch to let us know that you have completed the original jotter given to the children on school closure. We have worked with all the schools in the HALCO area to address this issue.

There will be several pick-up spots for collecting more supplies. The boxes will have jotters to begin with and we will begin to add in some other essentials when we have orders in. As many people will be accessing these, please try to use gloves to collect, leave them in a safe place for a day and wash your hands on return from collecting.

Please find below the planned pick up points (Tesco will be later this week):

Hermitage Primary, Hermitage Academy, JLB Primary, St Joseph's Primary, Colgrain Primary, Helensburgh Co-op, Tesco Garage and RS McColl's in Churchill Square.

Fundraising with the PTC



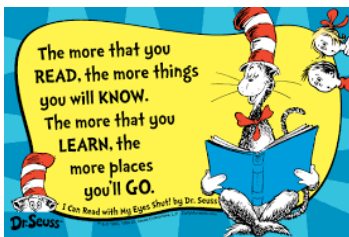
Whilst fundraising for the PTC has been temporarily suspended, you can still help us to raise money by using the easyfundraising app when you shop.

It's easy to sign up, won't cost you anything and there are lots of participating retailers such as; Asda, Amazon, Just-eat.

Please help us to support our school by signing up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colgrainptc/>

Reading at Home

Reading at home with your child is one of the most valuable ways to spend time during lockdown. There are many statistics that show how 20 minutes of daily reading aloud at home can help children in their learning. While at home, try to read with your child each day if possible. Find a book, comic, anything that interests your child and read to them. Older children can enjoy this activity as much as younger children and reading together will help set a relaxing environment.



Important Dates:

Thursday 21st May 2020 - Whole school In-Service Day

Friday 22nd May 2020 - Teaching staff only In-Service Day

Monday 25th May 2020 - School Holiday

➤ Staff will not post learning on these days

