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Nursery Newsletter  
January 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our January Newsletter!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very 'Happy New Year'.

Parent Workshops

At Colgrain Nursery we recognise the importance of parents and carers as one of our main partners in a child's early education. In order to keep you informed of developments which are key to our nursery provision, we would like to invite you to attend a number of information sessions over the coming months. We trust that you will find these sessions helpful and supportive.

Sessions will include:

- Developmental Milestones
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Seesaw

Please return the attached tear-off slip indicating your attendance by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**.  
Watch this space for our full calendar of family learning events for January – June 2020.



## Volunteers

Please keep an eye on our Nursery Noticeboard for our volunteer list. If there is a 'job' you feel you could support us with then please pop your name down. We look for helpers to co-ordinate the children's lending library, wash aprons, support activities and to share their expertise....to name but a few things!

Your child's key worker will also provide you with a copy of our parental involvement form. We would love to hear about your skills and how you would like to play an active role in our Nursery. Please return this form by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**



## Outdoor Play

We would like to remind everyone that it is important to bring wellingtons, a waterproof jacket and other appropriate clothing every day to nursery.

Please ensure that all personal belongings are labelled with your child's name. We can provide a permanent pen, should you require one.

If there is a yellow weather warning in place, we will not allow the children to play outdoors.



## Reminder

Nursery drop-off is at 8:45am. The cloakroom area will be open from 8:40am. We must request that following drop-off, you leave the drop-off zone as efficiently as possible. For health and safety reasons, the school gates will close at 8:55am and re-open at 9:15am. If you require to speak to a Key Worker, please do so at the end of the day or contact the School Office who will make the necessary arrangements for you. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.



## Loose Parts



As we continue to plan for the development of the nursery outdoor area, we would gratefully receive donations of 'loose parts'.

**Loose parts** are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, re-designed, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways.

Items may include, but are not limited to:

- Wooden pennies (slices of wood about three inches thick)
- Logs of different heights and widths
- A variety of lengths of wood
- Sticks – various lengths
- Stones, pebbles and cobbles
- Baskets
- Pots and pans
- Wooden spoons
- Natural items like pine cones, seashells and pebbles
- Curtain rings and jar lids
- Cardboard tubes
- Empty cotton reels
- Boxes
- Ropes
- Tyres
- Chalks
- Palettes

Loose parts are springboards for play, and are an essential element of a rich, child-centered play environment. We would also like to request support to remove and build new planters in our outdoor area. Please let us know if you can help!



## Parent Planner

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 available in the Nursery 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.

## Early Level Topic

### January

Alongside our friends in P1, we are learning all about Scotland over the next few weeks. The boys and girls have shared what they already know about Scotland and Helensburgh, and what they would like to find out more about. One area they would like to find out more about is important people! We look forward to sharing our experiences with you! If your child expresses a keen interest in anything at home, please let us know. We would love to take this forward in the nursery setting.



## Toy/Shack Fund

Following a review and reflection upon the changes to the nursery day and the introduction of 1140 hours, we are now in a position to lower the weekly toy/shack fund contributions to £2 per child, per week. This will go into place week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. If you have already paid for upcoming weeks, this credit will be recalculated and carried forward.



## Dates for the Diary

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

P1 Registration Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

New entrant school tours

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

New entrant school tours

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

New entrant school tours

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Nursery registration week

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January (1:45pm – 2:30pm)

Tea and a Blether

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

PTC Bingo Night

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

School/Nursery closes

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

School/Nursery reopen

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February (1:45pm – 2:30pm)

Tea and a Blether

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day (dress up)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March (1:45pm – 2:30pm)

Tea and a Blether

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

PTC Easter Sponsored Walk

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School/Nursery close 2:30pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

School/nursery reopen

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April (1:45pm – 2:30pm)

Tea and a Blether

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May (1:45pm – 2:30pm)

Tea and a Blether

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June (1:45pm – 2:30pm)

Tea and a Blether

