



Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

'Inspiring all to Flourish'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you to all the support from the families of Colgrain during our MacMillan Coffee Morning and PTC jumble sale. It was a good chance for me to say hello and meet parents and extended family members and I look forward to more of the same as the year goes on. The staff and pupils have worked hard this term and achieved many successes to be proud of, some of which have been included in the newsletter.

You will have noticed at drop off in the morning that there are staff supervising areas from 8:45am. This is to begin to look into ways we can tackle the build-up of traffic in the drop off zone. **Please be aware that the drop off zone is not a parking area.** Painted bays are for safe areas to drive into during drop off. No car should be left unattended or parked for any length of time in this zone, cars should not be left running for any length of time either before or after drop off. When this occurs, it impacts on the safe drop off for other parents and families coming in next. All staff present are part of the school Senior Management Team and are responsible for certain classes, please see the newsletter for further information. Parents or carers who would like to take their Primary 1 or Primary 2 child into the infant playground should park out with the school grounds and walk in to do so. I am sure you understand that the safety of our pupils is of the highest importance and is at the heart of this issue.

Along with this month's newsletter, you will also be sent a further document - the Parent Planner. This has been made to help parents and carers plan for school events and activities for term 2. If you do not receive this, please do not hesitate to inform the office. All communication will be sent through the usual procedures; text, on Twitter and on the school website.

Happy October Holidays to all our families!

Mrs P Walsh

Head teacher

Assemblies!

The children take part in weekly assemblies in either Upper (P4-7) or Lower (P1-3) settings. We use this time to look at themes for the week and to share the 'Score Board' where classes can gather points for attendance, on time for school, Clan points and STAR points.

There will be an end of month assembly where we come together as a whole school to celebrate pupils selected by staff for one of the following; Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor and Responsible Citizen. Parents and carers with pupils receiving certificates will be contacted by the office to invite them in to celebrate their child's achievement with us!



FLU Immunisation Day

Pupils will receive the Flu Vaccine by school health on the 29th October



Scooters and Bikes – Safety First!



During our school assembly we spoke to the children about coming to and from school safely on scooters and bikes. This came about after some reports to the school that there was some unsafe travelling to and from school.

I would like to say a big thank you to the children who have taken this on board. I have been extremely impressed with the quick turn around and safe travelling of pupils using scooters and bikes. We will continue to monitor the use of scooters and bikes and thank all our families for supporting their children in this.

School Clubs on offer in term 2!

Staff and volunteers have offered their valuable time to support school clubs in term 2.

As we move through the year, there will be further opportunities for different classes to participate in this type of activity.

So far we have: Meditation, Football, Junior Athletics, Games, Arts and Crafts, Netball, Gardening, Choir, Reading, British Sign Language and Construction clubs running during and after school.

We are delighted with the variety of activities on offer and have tried where possible to include as many stages as possible. Pupils who miss out this term will be given first refusal on new term opportunities!

Please note that the Football on offer is for formal school football team for P6 and P7 pupils' participation at this time. More development clubs will be considered at a later date.

Outdoor Learning

Please ensure that children come to school with suitable clothing for the changing weather. Class teachers continue to use the available space in the school grounds to carry out learning outdoors for subject areas. Children should bring waterproof jackets and suitable foot wear for this. PE can



A Massive congratulations to our P6 and P7 children who took part in the Active School Football Tournament. They took second place against some difficult teams and have made us all very proud!

Nursery Updates!

The staff at Colgrain Nursery would like to thank all the parents for their help this term, particularly those who took home washing!

After the October holidays the children will go straight in to play when they enter nursery. A member of staff will be placed on the door for security. Parents are still welcome to discuss anything with their child's keyworker if needed.

A soft start and shared finish will be introduced after the break too. This will take place weekly initially. More information will follow on return to nursery after the holidays.

Seesaw is going well and the staff appreciate all the wonderful comments from the parents and carers.

A gentle reminder that staff require the Christmas card order forms back by 22nd October. There are samples of the items available to buy in display.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who donated materials and voted for the Colgrain Nursery Scarecrow! This was a super community project which our children thoroughly enjoyed.

IMPORTANT!

Please remember Nursery times are:

Start – 8.45am

End – 2.45pm (doors open @ 2.35pm in order to speak to keyworkers and get children ready to leave at 2.45pm)

The Senior Management Team

Mrs P Walsh

Mrs L Candlish

Mrs C Ross

Mrs E Osorio & Miss K Young

Mrs A MacGillivray

Head teacher

Depute Head teacher

Principal Teacher of P1-3

Acting Principal Teachers of P4-5

Acting Principal Teacher of P6-7