

Colville County Primary School



Friday 28 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I really enjoyed the Wagtail Class assembly yesterday, the children's enjoyment and the enthusiasm for their songs was superb. The actions, dancing and smiles were great to see. They showed excellent stage presence, speaking loudly and clearly and everyone remembered their parts and the words to the songs. I think they enjoyed the costumes as well!

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations for today's hamper day, I am looking forward to disappointing so many of you at the Christmas Fair when other parents win them! It was good to see some of the confusion where children thought they had to wear the colour for their class rather than bring a donation of that colour.

You will have noticed the tree is up in the playground, the lights are on and we are feeling like Christmas is just around the corner. If your children are telling you there is a full-size reindeer, sleigh and Polar Bear in school, it is true, they are spaced around the school amongst our various displays. Please make sure you have checked the calendar for when your child's class are singing around the tree or taking part in the Christmas performance. We also have some music assemblies and concerts coming up for you to enjoy.

Unfortunately, I have had to make the very difficult decision that we will not be visiting the Panto this year. The costs have risen each year and we are no longer able to subsidise or pay for this trip. Whilst the Arts Theatre have tried to help with reduced tickets again this year, the transport costs are a significant barrier, due to the timings and number of children we need to use coaches and this pushes the cost to over £5000 for the whole school to attend. We are looking at different ideas for future years, we know how much the children enjoy it, but do not feel it fair to ask parents for upwards of £25 for this trip so close to Christmas. I will be talking to the School Council about different possibilities for the future. Thank you for your understanding with this matter, I know many of the staff are as disappointed as the children are.

It was really pleasing to see such a good turn out at the SEND coffee morning yesterday, I hope that the parents attending found it useful, it was good for us to be able to spend some time discussing issues with you and it will hopefully help our working together. If you were not able to attend, but are interested in what was covered, please contact myself or Mrs Widdowson for more information.

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