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Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon everyone. I hope you had a lovely long weekend. You will see this is a bit of bumper edition but we have lots to share which is a good thing! 😊

Halloween Grab Rail As an Eco school we would like to encourage families to reduce, reuse and recycle in the approach to Halloween. Our Eco committee are asking for any donations of preloved Halloween costumes from Nursery to Primary 7. Please can you send any unwanted costumes to the school as soon as possible. We will let families know once we have a stock of costumes so that they can be on offer to families from our Halloween Grab rail (which will be situation in out 'bubble' at the main entrance).



Book Bug Room 1 had a fantastic time with our visitor, Bookbug last week. Thank you to the families for coming along to support with the story and singing session. Here are a few snaps from the day.



Room 5 Forest Schools Congratulations to Ms Stewart on passing her Forest and Outdoor Learning Leadership SCQF Level 8. There was a lot of hard graft that went into the last year or so, not only for Ms Stewart's professional development but for the benefit of all at Carstairs Junction Primary.

Our Primary 6/7s in Room 5 are enjoying their Forest Schools' sessions. Here are some of their comments:

"We have been den building and we need to show good teamwork." Khloe

"I like the tree climbing but you can only go as far as your own height." Jack

"I liked the den building too and when we had to get in a circle and think of an animal beginning with our first name. I chose an anaconda and had to move like one!" Abbie

Rescheduled Dates We are in the process of trying to see if some planned activities this week can be rescheduled, some we have already rearranged:

26th September – Fakeaway Session – Please bear with us, we are trying to see if this can be rescheduled.

27th September – Room 5 Forest School session - We have planned to add on your missed session to 11th October. Therefore, they have two sessions remaining: 4th & 11th October. This means that Room 4 will commence their Forest School sessions a little later, after the October holidays. Mrs Japp will be in touch with Room 4 families to confirm the dates.

27th September – P1 Workshop 'Getting Ready to Read' – This has now been rescheduled for Wednesday 11th October. We will amalgamate both sessions into one! Therefore, Getting Ready to Read and Phonological Awareness are now one session.

28th September – Small Schools Football – This has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 10th October.

28th September – P2-4 Rounders After School Club – This has been rescheduled to take place on Thursday 9th November 3.00-3.50pm.

School Themed Lunch – 12th October We will be taking part in a themed lunch where our children can try some different food on the menu and would love it if your child could take part. The following choices will be available:

Chris Corns Tray (Blue)

Sausage pastry
chicken poppers
Chips
Sweetcorn

Becky Broccoli Tray (Red)

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Macaroni Cheese
Chips
Broccoli

Colin Carrot Tray (Green)

Ham Baguette
Grated Carrot

All served with Sally Strawberry and Alan Apple fruit salad and Paula Pineapples muffin

Celebrating Wider Achievements We would really appreciate it if you could email or send in any examples of your child's wider achievements. We have received a few this year but our achievement tree is looking a bit sparse! We not only celebrate a

child making progress at a club but also if they have developed a skill or taken part in something which is a personal achievement for them.

Lost Property We have quite a few cardigans and sweaters from Room 1 currently in our Lost Property Box at the school office. If your child is in Room 1 and has lost any of these items, please come and ask to have a look at the lost property.

Captains & Vice Captains The Primary 6 and Primary 7 nominees did us proud as they shared their speeches recently. As stated in previous years, it can take a lot for a child to put themselves forward for such a role. The Captains and Vice Captains for Session 23/24 are:

	Captain	Vice-Captain
Clyde	Daryl	Rebeka
Monteith	Rogan	Mason
Strawfrank	Sayan	Jack

Pupil Voice We are up and running again with our committees. We have introduced a new Reading Schools committee as well as having our existing committees of Pupil Council, Eco, Outdoor & Play, Inclusion & Equalities, Enterprise & Charities and JRSO. You will see that our library has moved to the main foyer. This is a work in progress, with the support of the committee Mrs Seaton is working on a revamp to make it even more appealing to access and with books the children feel inspired to read.

JRSOs

Congratulations to Murray and Logan on being appointed as our Junior Road Safety officers. We look forward to hearing about all their plans for the year in due course. Logan attended the JRSO Open Day at Chatelherault and came back with a wealth of knowledge and resources.



Best Work Award for August Each month staff within each class select a child who has demonstrated one of the 4 capacities (Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Responsible Citizen & Effective Contributor). We celebrate this at get Together and talk about the skill they have developed. We display their photos and/or work in our phot gallery near the school office. Please feel free to take a look when you are in for Parent Consultation. Well done to our August Winners.

Room 1 - Jasmine enjoyed taking responsibility for the task of sorting recycling & non-recycling materials in class. Well done!

Room 2 – Well done to all of Room 2 for starting to learn to follow instructions and the daily routine within our Room 2 classroom and outdoor environments. The children are beginning to become responsible citizens with these new routines.

Room 3 - Kayden engaged in Literacy tasks, summarising the main events and also engaged in discussion. Definitely showing he is a Successful Learner.

Room 4 - Hunter, you worked really well on STEM activities showing resilience and were supportive of others.

Room 5 - Charlotte was able to select the key information when visualizing, another pupil showing they are a Successful Learner.

Room 6 – Alisha added detail to her drawings to illustrate a special event and was able to tell us all about it.

Parents as Partners

Parent Council

Halloween Disco Our Parent Council are organising a Halloween Party for ELC and Primary classes on Tuesday 31st October during the school day. Children are asked to come in fancy dress if they wish. A letter will follow shortly.

Autumn Cakes & Coffee Morning Friday 17th November 9.45am-11am

We would like to invite all families and friend of Carstairs Junction to our Autumn Cakes and Coffee Morning. The children and Parent Council will make some tasty Autumnal treats in preparation for the morning. We will arrange for you to have your coffee along with your child. Why not come along and enjoy a cosy cuppa.



Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th October at 9.30am**. It was really nice to see everyone in school for the meeting, with a few new faces. We plan to have our next meeting in person as it went so well.

If you would like to attend or even come along to the next meeting, please send a short message to the Parent Council email address: carstairsjunctionpc@outlook.com Our Chair, Mrs Margaret Turner or Secretary, Mrs Silviya Savova will be delighted to hear from you.

Community News

Diary Dates

2 nd October	Challenge Poverty Week (there will be a focus on this at Get Together)
3 rd October	Fakeaway Cookery Session 2

4 th October	Room 5 Forest School Session 3
4 th October	Parent Consultation
5 th October	P5-7 Rounders After School Club (Session 1)
9 th October	ELC & School Photographer
10 th October	Fakeaway Cookery Session 3
10 th October	P6/7 Small Schools Football Tournament (this is the rescheduled date)
11 th October	P1 Workshop 'Getting Ready to Read' & 'Phonological Awareness'
11 th October	Room 5 Forest School Session 4
12 th October	P5-7 Rounders After School Club (Session 2)
12 th October	Themed Lunch
16 th October	October Holiday
23 rd October	Return from October holiday
25 th October	Room 4 Forest School Session 1
26 th October	P5-7 Rounders After School Club (Session 3)
27 th October	Non-Uniform Day & Newsletter to be issued
31 st October	Halloween Disco during the school day (separate letter to follow)
25 th October	Room 4 Forest School Session 1
1 st November	Room 4 Forest School Session 2
2 nd November	P5-7 Rounders After School Club (Session 4)
8 th November	Room 4 Forest School Session 3
9 th November	P2-4 Rounders After School Club (rescheduled session)
13 th November	INSET 3 – School closed to pupils
15 th November	Room 4 Forest School Session 4 (Final session)
17 th November	Autumn Cakes & Coffee Morning

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and you will be directed to an appropriate member of staff.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Jill Armour
Head Teacher

