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Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

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Head Teacher's Report – 23/1/25

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Thanks

I would like to begin by thanking the Parent Council for all their efforts over the festive period. Our Christmas Raffle was a resounding success, overtaking our totals raised from previous years. Given the current economic climate, this really is outstanding. Thank you to everyone who contributed whether this be through requesting and gathering prizes, selling tickets or helping with the smooth running on the day.

Parental Engagement

We are expecting a large turnout at our Scottish Celebration, with just over 100 parents/carers planning to be there.

Our class showcases are now planned for the year with dates to be shared in January Newsletter.

A Messy Play session for ELC families is planned for Monday 24th February at 9:15-10:15am.

School Improvement Plan Update

We are on track to meet our School Improvement Plan priorities for the session. Two of our teachers attended Maths Recovery professional learning yesterday and with a final session on 21st February. We have one final teacher to be trained, and this will take place in April and May. Mrs Seaton is supporting staff in our ELC with Maths Recovery as well as giving input to Support Staff.

Our ELC are currently part of South Lanarkshire Council's ELC NELI pilot (Nuffield Early Literacy Intervention). All learners are benefiting from the vibrant stories and discussion. Identified learners are working with staff on vocabulary development and talking and listening skills.

Our ELC staff have also completed their woodwork online professional learning. We have now audited our resources and Elaine is in the process of trying to see if she can apply for funding to purchase the bigger materials. A letter will be shared with ELC parents soon requesting smaller items such as material, cork, buttons etc.

We are only very slightly behind with timescales for our ELC/classes focus on sustainability, however this is planned for term 3 to bring us back on track with this priority.

Extra-Curricular

We are currently running a Dance After School Club for P4-7. Thank you to Mrs Gibson, one of our Support Assistants for running this.

Our Cross Country After School Club for P6/7 will also commence next Thursday, led by Mrs Seaton and myself.

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