

# Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

*Our Wee School's a Good Wee School*

## **Head Teacher's Report – 19.6.25**

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### **Our Sincere Thanks**

Thanks to everyone for working hard to support the school in its improvement priorities, also giving the children the best experiences whilst continuing to keep to zero or very minimal cost. This is no easy task in this financial climate we live in.

Special thanks to the office bearers for their support of the school throughout session.

### **Funding of benefit to all**

As a result of the Parent Council fundraising, the children were able to benefit from the following:

Christmas Panto trip was heavily subsidised by the Parent Council, which meant a cost of £5 for each child.

Class & ELC excursions have been one of the highlights of the year and throughout Participatory Budget and funding from the Parent Council, there was again zero cost to families.

The P7 hoodies, were also paid in full by the Parent Council as well as the P1 & P7 ties.

The Halloween and Shorts & Shades disco was also a great success and only a donation of £1 was requested.

### **Staffing**

As lettered to parents, Mrs Paterson will return to her substantive post as DHT in August after the summer holidays. Mrs Seaton will revert to her role as PT for a short period before commencing maternity leave. Ms Nayyer will continue in her role then as Acting PT.

Mr Stewart will finish here at the end of term as he was with us as an NQT.

### **Classes for 2025/26 - 3 mainstream and 3 ASN classes**

Mainstream

P1/2/3

P4

P5/6/7

76 pupils in total

20 in ELC over the course of the session

### **School Highlights and Successes:**

- ❖ Interventions, improved outcomes for learners and upskilled support staff
- ❖ NELI (ELC and Primary)
- ❖ Attention Autism
- ❖ Residential
- ❖ World of Work Week
- ❖ Forest School
- ❖ Bikeability & training pupils to learn to ride a bike
- ❖ John Muir Award
- ❖ Behaviour Blueprint Consistency/House system improved

- ❖ Break, lunch and after school clubs
- ❖ Cycling Friendly Award
- ❖ Silver Sports Scotland Award
- ❖ Enhanced transitions for P1
- ❖ Focused attendance tracking
- ❖ Planning meetings format with ELC
- ❖ ASN teachers visiting pupils in their own classes as well as step up days

**School Improvement Plan (SQIP) 2025/26:**

**This will be shared 'on a page' with the school community in August.**

Key priorities are:

- Learning Community focus on moderation
- Improving our Writing
- Developing a Sensory curriculum
- Celebrating Diversity & Equality
- Maths Recovery to continue for identified groups (PEF)
- Reading support to continue for identified groups (PEF)
- Attendance focus to continue for identified families (PEF)
- Maintenance agenda – highlighting the good practice to continue

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