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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday despite the weather! We are all really looking forward to welcoming the children on Wednesday. I have detailed a few points below to help with starting back to school on Wednesday as well as sharing a few pieces of news. We will share our ELC and school newsletters as usual at the end of each month which will include further information with upcoming dates etc.

Staffing News

Our beautiful bride - Miss Meek tied the knot during the summer holidays and is now the happily married, Mrs Allison. It may take some time for pupils (and staff) to get used to using her new name!



Miss King had some wonderful news to share just prior to the summer holidays. She is engaged and is looking forward to the big day next year!

Congratulations to both lovely couples!

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Wilson-Seaton as our Principal Teacher. She has very kindly said that children can refer to her as Mrs Seaton! 😊 Welcome to Carstairs Junction Primary School. We would also like to welcome our two new support assistants, Mrs Hislop and Mrs Gibson. We haven't 'lost' any of our existing permanent support staff but as Mrs Japp was successful as Team Leader and Mrs Campbell (who

was with us two days last session) has been allocated another school, we therefore required some hours to be backfilled.

Please find below a reminder of classes and teachers for this session:

Room Number	Stage	Teacher
1	P1/2	Mrs Gordon (Mon-Wed) Mrs Turner (Wed-Fri)
2	P1/2/3	Mrs Palmer
3	P3/4/5	Mrs Simpson
4	P5/6/7	Mrs Allison
5	P6/7	Ms Martin
6	P2-5	Ms Stewart (Mon/Tues) Mrs Grey (Wed-Fri)
	CCC/Additionality	Mrs Brown
	CCC/Additionality	Mrs Wilson
	CCC/Additionality	Mrs Seaton

Breakfast Club Our Breakfast Club will commence on Wednesday on the first day back. Breakfast Club runs from 8.25 to 8.55am in the canteen. If you wish for your child to attend Breakfast Club, please either call or email the school office to let us know which days they wish to attend. There is no cost for this provision.

Punctuality We understand that there are the odd occasions where your child might be late due to unforeseen circumstances and please be assured we understand, as many of us are parents ourselves! For the most part, please try to ensure your child arrives to school by 9am. It is a busy time in school at 9am and it can be difficult with latecomers needing to be let in and ordering their lunch after the class have ordered. This is also an important time where children can receive focused support and key teaching is shared and we don't want your child missing out on their learning.

First Day arrangements for Primary 1 pupils in Room 1- We are planning a slightly later start of **9.15am** for the **first day** for our Primary 1 pupils in the mainstream class. Please bring your Primary 1 child round to the main door. We will meet briefly in the hall. Mrs Turner/Mrs Gordon will come to collect your children and bring them to the cloakroom and class. They will be shown where to put their jackets and bags etc. We will then come along to bring the parents to class to take some photos of their child in class and to spend a short time with them before letting them get on with their day.

Entering/Exiting Arrangements We ask that your child does not arrive at school prior to 8.45am as the playground and MUGA is only supervised from this time.

Room 1, 2 and 3 pupils will enter and exit via the gate to the main playground beside Room 1 classroom.

Room 4, 5 & 6 pupils will enter via the main gate and go to the MUGA prior to 9am. Room 5 will exit via their classroom at the end of the day and will exit via the main gate.

Lunch time Most pupils stay in school for lunch. If you wish for your child to be a home lunch can you please either email or call the school office to let us know as close to 9am as possible so that we don't need to bother you by chasing this up with a phone call.

Lunch Menu

The school lunch menu for 2022/23 remain in place for now with the 2023/24 menu commencing on Monday 28th August. Please see the links below:

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/primary-menu>

Grab Rail Just a reminder that our Grab Rail with pre-loved uniform items will be outside the main door today and tomorrow. Please feel free to pop along and help yourself to anything which may be useful.

School Uniform We look forward to seeing the children in their uniform. On PE days, children are asked to wear comfortable joggers or leggings and suitable trainers- along with their usual school sweater/cardigan. Please do not worry about 'PE' days as your child's class teacher will let you know when this will be.

Please remember in the interests of health and safety no hooped/dangling earrings or false nails are not permitted.

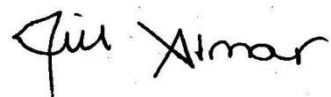
Please can you label all your children's items of clothing and also their water bottles, packed lunches and ties. We encourage children to bring in their own water bottles but please don't worry if they forget one day as we have a stock of water bottles which they can help themselves to. We also ask that only water is in the bottles not diluting juice.

Snack- Snack is provided in class each day at no cost to families. Pupils are consulted over what they would like as a snack and this was well received! This will recommence from Wednesday.

Nut Free Zone – A reminder that the school is a nut free zone. Please bear this in mind when preparing packed lunches.

I hope that all goes well with being back to the 'old routine' on Wednesday or for some a very new routine! I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday morning.

Kindest regards,



**Jill Armour
Head Teacher**