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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our September Newsletter. The weather and beginning of the 'dark nights' certainly make it feel like we're heading quickly in autumn. I hope you all enjoy your long weekend and we look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday.

Celebrating Wider Achievements Just a wee reminder that at Get Together (assembly) on a Friday we love to celebrate your child's wider achievements out with school such as making progress at a club or a personal achievement at home. We have received a few more photos and the pupils have enjoyed these being shared at Get Together. Please keep these coming in. 😊

Halloween Grab Rail We have a large selection of costumes in varying sizes. Our Halloween Rail will be placed in the bubble on Tuesday 1st October. A list of available costumes and sizes will be shared via Parents Portal. If you would like a costume sent home with your child, please let the school office know, and this can be arranged. You will also be able to view the grab rail at Parent Consultation.

Parent Consultation We are always very grateful for the high turnout at Parent Consultation, and we look forward to seeing you next week (Wed 2nd October). Consultations will take place in the main hall and you will be able to view your child's work there also. If you have still to book a slot for Parent Consultations, please do so as soon as possible via Parents Portal.

Participatory Budget We have committed £1531.25 (5%) of our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) to enable pupils, staff and parents to decide how best to spend this money. If you haven't already voted, please can you indicate via the link below where you feel our Participatory Budget (PB) would be best spent.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf18kUVfv075tOrj25KSB6mtnpSIcuI9zo51vQgwwvpUIHurA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Pupils have already voted in school and we have 18 responses so far from families. We will collate responses by end of Thursday 3rd October.

Relationships & Positive Behaviour

'Tea With SLT' (the children are learning this stands for Senior leadership team ie Mrs Armour, Mrs Seaton & Miss Nayyer!) As part of the review of our positive behaviour we

recognised that it is important pupils are recognised for going 'above and beyond'. Staff were consulted over the month of September and in total we had 10 children put forward across the school! Pupils were awarded for different reasons, including having a nurturing approach to supporting younger pupils at playtimes as part of their buddying. The pupils were given a certificate to take home and were treated to 'Tea with SLT' today. We look forward to awarding more in the month of October.

House Events Through staff and pupil consultation, it was identified that they would like more opportunities to have House events. Captains and vice captains are busy making a House Quiz which will take place on 4th October.

House Points Our new House token display has been put to great use with pupils being awarded for demonstrating the school values. We will count the tokens each month and display the winning House. September's winner is Strawfrank. The pupils in this House will receive a House Treat on 10th October.



Bikeability Our P5 and P6 pupils have been participating in Bikeability sessions as part of our Pedal Pals project. With support from Healthy Valleys, some of our pupils have also benefited from additional cycling lessons to increase their confidence and improve their skills.



Active Schools Our Room 1 pupils enjoyed a fun filled afternoon participating in a Boccia Bonanza Festival lead by our P7 Sidekicks Leaders. Many thanks to Active Schools for providing training and support for this. The P1&2 pupils had an amazing time while they developed their hand-eye coordination skills.



Thank you to Alan from Active Schools for providing additional sports activities for our pupils. With his support, we had a very well attended lunchtime rounders club for our senior pupils and a popular after-school tennis club for our P3-5 pupils.



Nut Free School Please remember that Carstairs Junction Primary & ELC are 'nut free'. Please can you be mindful of this if preparing your child's packed lunch. Many thanks.

Diary Dates Forthcoming events and important dates will be shared via Parents Portal, monthly newsletters and the school website. Our diary dates for this term so far as listed at the end of the newsletter. Dates added in each month are noted in bold.

Parents as Partners



Parent Council

A big thank you to our Parent Council for acquiring free toiletries for our Lockerbie residential. A voucher was kindly donated by Tesco Carluke and the Parent Council then purchased body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste for all attending the trip.

If you would like to attend or even come along to the first one to see what it is all about, please can you send a short message to the Parent Council email address: carstairsjunctionpc@outlook.com
Our Chair, Mrs Margaret Turner or Secretary, Mrs Rebecca Muir will be delighted to hear from you.

The next Parent Council meeting is on Thursday 10th October at 9.30am.

Community News

Diary Dates:

27th September	September Weekend (School Closed)
30th September	September Weekend (School Closed)
2nd October	Parent Consultations
3rd October	Bikeability Grp 2 & 3
4th October	House Quiz
8th October	Bikeability Grp 2 & 3
10th October	Parent Council at 9.30am in school
10th October	House Treat
11th October	School Photographs
14th October	October Break (School Closed)
15th October	October Break (School Closed)
16th October	October Break (School Closed)
17th October	October Break (School Closed)
18th October	October Break (School Closed)
21st October	Lockerbie Manor Residential Trip for P6/7 pupils
25th October	Newsletter issued
29th October	Small Schools Football Festival (more information to follow to P6/7s)

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

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 long September weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Armour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Jill Armour
Head Teacher