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Carstairs Junction Primary School

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Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November Newsletter. I appreciate it is a very busy time for everyone and thank you in advance for taking time to read the newsletter as there is a lot going on.

**Lockerbie Manor Photos** We would like to invite the parents/carers of pupils who attended Lockerbie Manor in October to a photo afternoon. Huge thanks to Ms Martin for organising this. This will take place on Friday 17th January at 2.15pm. Please reply to the invite which will come to you via Parentsportal. Many thanks.

**Christmas Plans**

**Nativity – 10th & 11th December** If you could please let us know how many tickets they would like by Monday 2nd December, we can then offer any spaces out to our reserve list.

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**Christmas Raffle Draw – 12th December** There are still tickets available if you (or any family members, friends, neighbours!) would like to purchase these. Please contact the school office and tickets can be sent home in your child’s bag. We have a huge host of prizes, including vouchers and hampers. Here is a photo from a previous Christmas raffle and this year we have surpassed our variety and volume of prizes!

**Panto – 13th December** We are looking forward to our trip to see “A Crackin’ Christmas Carol” on Friday 13th December. We will provide snack for the panto. Please can you ensure your child is dressed in school uniform as normal. Pupils will have lunch in school on their return, with the menu choice as normal.

If you have yet to action consents on Parents Portal, please do this by Monday 2nd December. We kindly request that payment of £6 per child is made via Parent Pay.

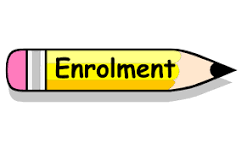
**Christmas Parties –**

16th December – Room 4 & 5

17th December – ELC, Room 1 & 2

18th December – Room 3 & 6

Your child can dress down/wear something Christmas-y on this day!

**P1 enrolment** Children who are age 5 between 1 March 2025 and the end of February 2026 are required to register their child for starting school in August 2025 by completing an online registration form which will be available from **Monday 6 January 2025**. If your child falls into this category or you know of anyone who has children this age, please make a note of this date. Please do not enrol before this date as it won’t be processed, and you would then be required to enrol again from 8th January. The registration form is available on the SLC website [Enrolling your child for school - South Lanarkshire Council](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school). The school will then contact the family between Monday 13 and Friday 17 January to discuss the enrolment submitted.

**Adverse Weather** If it is snowing in the morning and the ground is covered our janitor, will make every effort to ensure a path is available to the door nearest the main school gate. Whilst it is rare for the school to be closed due to adverse weather, in the event of an ELC or School closure or delayed start, Parents Portal (School) and Learning Journals (ELC) will be our first and main method of communicating updates to families. As you will appreciate, in the event of adverse weather, staff may have difficulty getting into school themselves and therefore there may not be anyone in the building to answer the telephone. Please ensure push notifications are enabled to receive updates in real time. Please also check the South Lanarkshire Council website (www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk) or on the school website http://www.carstairsjunctionpri.s-lanark.sch.uk/ for updates.

Adverse weather packs have been prepared for your child to carry out at home and these will be shared via Google Classroom in the event of a school/ELC closure.

**Parents as Partners**

**Community Cycle** Thank you to Health Valleys and Elaine (our YFCL) and Ms Nayyer for supporting us with our Community Cycle event. The morning involved pupils sharing their Bikeability skills with their parents as well as everyone taking part in some cycling challenges! We are now thinking ahead to Spring/Summertime to extend our Community Cycle into using the local area.

**P1, 2 & 3 Bookbags** The sessions were well attended and saw the parents and children really engaged in the activities. Thank you to Elaine our YFCL for leading this. We hope the families enjoy the book bags kindly gifted by The Scottish Book Trust.

On Wednesday, Lanark library also came into school to lead a Makaton Bookbug session.

**Your Views Matter** As part of South Lanarkshire Council’s *Review of the use of Progress and Achievement in the Broad General Education for reporting and tracking purposes*an ASN working party (of which our school is part of)are seeking the views of parents/carers in relation to Reporting. Below is an online form we would ask that you complete if your child is in a supported (ASN) class. It is a short form which will take a couple of minutes to complete.

[Reporting to parents](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKQSIQpO2PS1AnWnhS0WqPR5URVIwV0gxQTk4U0NJT1JDUzJMUUpKWkxWTC4u)

**Parent Council**

Many thanks for your patience and understanding as our Bonfire Bake didn’t go ahead as planned due to a substantial water leak. Thankfully it was resolved which did not impact on the rest of the day. In true Carstairs Junction spirit, we all rallied round and had a takeaway service to ensure families were still able to come and support the fundraising event and get the delicious home baking. A fantastic sum of £316 was raised.

The next Parent Council meeting is on **Thursday 23rd January at 9am** in the school gym hall.

If you would like to attend please can you send a short message to the Parent Council email address: [carstairsjunctionpc@outlook.com](mailto:carstairsjunctionpc@outlook.com)

Our Chair, Mrs Margaret Turner or Secretary, Mrs Rebecca Muir will be delighted to hear from you.

**Community News**

**Grotto visit** The local Welcome All Hub have kindly invited classes to visit their ‘Grotto’ on Thursday 5th December. The pupils will visit in their classes during the school day.

**Diary Dates:**

10th December School Nativity, 1.30pm

11th December School Nativity, 1.30pm

12th December Christmas Raffle (to be drawn during school day)

12th December Christmas Lunch

13th December Panto visit, Lanark Memorial Hall, 10am

16th December Room 4 & 5 Christmas Party

17th December ELC, Room 1 & 2 Christmas Party

18th December Room 3 & 6 Christmas Party

19th December Christmas Service/ Carols Round the Tree (for staff & pupils)

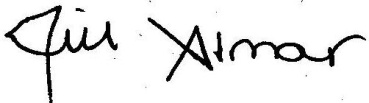
20th December School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas holiday

6th January Staff & pupils return to school

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.

Kindest regards,



**Jill Armour**

**Head Teacher**