

Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

Our Wee School's a Good Wee School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to our March newsletter, which is full of news and forthcoming dates.

'Cost of the School Day' - Class trips/Visitors You may recall pupils, staff and parents voted again this year in favour of spending the Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) towards trips. This means that £1531 of the PEF budget went towards the cost of transport for trips. The Parent Council said they would like for the remainder of the cost to be paid in full by funds raised from the Parent Council. This equates to £800, meaning there is zero cost to families.

Communication Due to recent changes in the terms and conditions of 'X' Social Platform, we will be using it exclusively for urgent alerts and announcements. We have previously used it to share whole school successes to an extent. You will continue to receive essential information via Parents Portal, monthly newsletters and our school website. Class updates will continue to be shared via Learning Journals.

March Best Work Award

Congratulations to our March Best Work Award Winners:

Room 1 – Mack has been a successful learner in Numeracy, working on Fractions, addition and subtraction.

Room 2 – George has been developing his confidence with his fine motor skills activities. George is a successful learner who is developing his mark making and writing skills across his learning.

Room 3 – Room 3 have shown they are confident individuals, communicating information effectively at their showcase.

Room 4 – Best Work award for Room 4 is for Cailan. He is a successful learner in Literacy, making huge progress in creating words during the morning starter activity.

Room 5 – Lola has been awarded successful learner as she has increased in confidence particularly in Maths.

Room 6 – To all of Room 6 for their showcase. They are confident individuals, showing all the learning to their families!

Increase in Lunch Costs The Primary school meal price will increase to £2.62 for P6/7 following Easter holidays. Please click link below for the Go Fresh Menu update.



Go Fresh Club PRIMARY 2025-26 prices.mp4

Live Parents Portal items

Room 1, Room 2, Room 3, Room 5 and Room 6 trip letters have gone live on Parents Portal. Please action these as soon as possible.

Room 1 (Group 2) Forest Schools consents have been posted on Parents Portal for their session due to start on 7th May. Please check if your child has been issued this consent and action this to allow them to take part.

The consents for the Small Schools Football Festival have gone live on Parents Portal to the P6 & P7 pupils who expressed an interest in attending this. Please check if your child has this consent sitting to be actioned.

Cross Country

We are very proud of Thomas, Jack, Paige, Khloe, Mason, Murray and Olivia, P6 and P7 runners who took part in the Large Schools Cross Country Championships. There were approximately 530 participants overall. Thank you to all the parent supporters who were able to make it, hopefully the good weather made it a little easier this year as a spectator!



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel We are one of the 3,000 schools taking part throughout the UK to encourage children to be more active. Well done to everyone who can be active by walking, scooting or cycling to school each day this week and next week. We are currently 24th place out of the 679 schools that are taking part in the small school's category.

Parent Consultation & Review Meetings It has been a busy week with reviews and parent consultations. We pride ourselves on the partnership working we have with parents and the support you give to the school. We had an overall 93% attendance at these meetings which is great.

World of Work Week Next week is jammed packed with parents, businesses etc visiting to sharing their work experiences with the classes. We look forward to sharing a

summary of the week with you. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be part of this.

Themed Lunch On Wednesday 30th April we are taking part in a Stop Food Waste themed lunch to coincide with International Stop Food Waste Day. The menu choices are:

Blue meal - Firecracker Pizza and arrabiata pasta (v)

Red meal - Sausage in a finger roll with potato croquettes

Green meal - Ham sandwich

Dessert – Half and half cookie

Cheese and tuna sandwiches available (orange/purple tray)

Fresh fruit and salad selection also available

Our Stop Food waste menu includes food items from the top 5 menu choices you choose each week from our primary menu. This also helps to ensure you eat everything on your plate and reduce food waste!

Parents as Partners

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is on **Thursday 24th April at 9.30am** 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

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

Events at the Welcome All Hub Please see below some Easter events planned by the Welcome All Hub during the Easter holidays if you can make it along.

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
A FUN FILLED DAY PACKED WITH LOADS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHOCOLATE.
EASTER EGG HUNT.....FREE ENTRY
BUT **WAIT!!!**
ONE LUCKY CHILD COULD FIND THE **GOLDEN EGG**
1 WINNER ONLY WILL RECEIVE A GIANT EASTER EGG
BRING ALONG A DECORATED EASTER BONNET FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THREE PRIZES. BONNETS & ACCESSORIES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE HUB.....FREE
TOMBOLA
5 TICKETS FOR £1.00
ANY DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED
CAKE STALL
A CHANCE TO BUY SOME DELICIOUS HOME-BAKED GOODS.
ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE PUT BACK INTO THE HUB .



EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
THERE WILL BE A FEW THINGS GOING ON OVER THE HOLIDAYS INCLUDING 2 TRIPS.

THURS 10TH APRIL
WISTON LODGE (OVER 8s) Only 12 spaces available
For siblings Under 8 a movie afternoon will be held in the Hub.

WED 16TH APRIL
FIVE SISTERS ZOO (UNDER 8s) Must be accompanied by an adult.
For siblings Over 8 a movie afternoon will be held in the Hub.

THESE TRIPS & MOVIE DAYS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. NAMES MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY 21ST MARCH.

EASTER ACTIVITIES IN THE HUB
There will be a range of activities available for the children on the following afternoons...

TUES 8TH APRIL
WED 9TH APRIL
THURS 17TH APRIL
FRI 18TH APRIL

NAMES TO BE IN BY FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

These activities are FREE OF CHARGE. There will be 8 spaces available per day. To allow all children at least one afternoon places will be allocated on a rotation. This may mean that children from the same families may NOT necessarily get allocated the same day.

Diary Dates:

31 st March	P7 Level 2 Bikeability (for identified pupils)
1 st April	P5 Swimming (Lesson 3)
2 nd April	Room 1 Forest School – (Group 1, Session 2)
4 th April	School closes at 2.30 for Spring break
22 nd April	School reopens to staff & pupils
22 nd April	P5 Swimming (Lesson 4)
23 rd April	Room 1 Forest School – (Group 1, Session 3)
24th April	Parent Council meeting at 9.30am
28th April	Room 2 Class Trip
29 th April	P5 Swimming (Lesson 5)
30 th April	Room 1 Forest School – (Group 1, Final session)
30th April	Stop Food Waste Themed Lunch
1 st May	INSET day – no school for pupils
5 th May	May Holiday
6 th May	P5 Swimming (Lesson 6)
6 th May	Room 1 Showcase at 2pm (Invites to follow)
13 th May	P5 Swimming (Lesson 7)
13 th May	Lanark Grammar P7 After School Club
14 th May	Room 1 Forest School – (Group 2, Session 1)
15th May	Small Schools Football Festival (more information to follow)
15 th May	Lanark Grammar Parents' Information Session
16 th May	Room 2 Showcase at 2pm (Invites to follow)
20 th May	P5 Swimming (Lesson 8)
20 th May	Lanark Grammar P7 After School Club
21st May	Room 6 Class trip
21 st May	Room 1 Forest School – (Group 2, Session 2)
23 rd May	School Sports Day at 1.30pm
27 th May	P5 Swimming (Lesson 9)
28 th May	Room 1 Forest School – (Group 2, Session 3)
30 th May	Reports to Parents
30th May	Shorts & Shades Disco (Dress down)
2nd June	Biggar High School (Transition Day 1)
3rd June	Biggar High School (Transition Day 2)
3rd June	Room 1 class trip
3rd June	P5 Swimming (Lesson 10)
4th June	Biggar High School (Transition Day 3)
9th June	Room 5 Class trip
10th June	P5 Swimming (Lesson 11)
10th June	Lanark Grammar (Transition Day 1)
11th June	Lanark Grammar (Transition Day 2)
12th June	Lanimer holiday
13th June	Lanimer holiday
16th June	P7 Treat evening – more information to follow
17th June	P5 Swimming (Lesson 11)
18th June	Room 3 Class Trip
20th June	Room 5 Showcase incorporating P7 Leavers Showcase at 1.30pm (invites to follow)
23rd June	Prizegiving Ceremony (invites to follow)
25th June	School closes at 1pm for Summer break

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,

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 stylized 'A'.

Jill Armour
Head Teacher