

Dear Team Carstairs Families

We hope everyone has had a great week! Welcome to our end of week update. 😊

### **Carstairs Connect – P6**

It was great to welcome P6 families into school on Thursday this week, to help children in this class learn more about area and perimeter. A lovely ‘buzz’ of learning and activity was generated throughout. **Well done and thank you, P6 and Mrs Guthrie for a job well done** and thank you to all who were able to come along and support. Thanks also for the online feedback forms already returned – if you have not yet completed, please spare us a few moments to complete the link shared yesterday.

### **Lime Walk Woods – Forest School Sessions**

It has been a bit of a topsy turvy week in school, with daily changes to the week’s planning for various reasons, including both planned and unplanned staff absence. Thank you to P4 and P5 parents for returning permissions to allow P4 and P5’s trip to the woods for this week to take place today, instead of earlier in the week. And thank you to all families for the support with making sure that children have the attire that they need to participate fully, without concern. These sessions are going down very well with our children, and we are grateful for your support in this. **Our normal schedule for these visits resumes as of Monday: P1/2 and P7 – Monday, P2/3 – Tuesday, P4 – Wednesday, P5 – Thursday, P6 – Friday.**

### **Upcoming Enrolment**

We received dates this week detailing the schedule for infant enrolment for session 24/25! South Lanarkshire Council’s online system for enrolment will ‘go live’ on **Monday 08 January** and during this week, new August intake families should make use of the online system and then we will make contact, using the details provided, during week commencing 15 January. We sometimes lose out on potential P1 cohort members who are part of our catchment, coming to our school because families opt to make placing requests to the bigger schools, that their children have attended the nursery of. We can understand the reasoning behind this, but we are of course eager to keep our own numbers up! 💖 If you happen to have friends in our school catchment that have children in the bigger nurseries in Lanark, please be sure to big our wee school up and let them know of the warm welcome and high standards we promote here in their catchment school. 😊

### **Parents Portal**

We are waiting on approximately 27 families signing up for Parents Portal. Please remember that this will become our go to method for sharing all letters, all permissions and general updates with you in the very near future. **Friday 22 December will be the last day that our school app is operational.** To access [parentsportal.scot.gov.uk](https://parentsportal.scot.gov.uk/) go to <https://parentsportal.scot/home/> and from there you will be prompted to link your child. If you have difficulties when trying to sign up, please don’t hesitate to contact our school office. Next week we will have limited cover in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, so times out with this for calls are best! Thank you.

### **Christmas Extravaganza**

We have received some **hamper and tombola donations** already – thank you for these and we look forward to more arriving, from anyone who feels able to help. Please refer to the **letter issued on Monday** this week for all the detail of the help requested, including how to get your **tickets**. Please be sure to have your returns in for this by the **deadline** provided (**Monday 04 Dec**). Please see attached for detail on our **Silent Auction** – the beautiful framed print up for

grabs is on display in our school bubble area at our foyer. For further detail on this year's **Luxury Raffle**, please see letter attached with today's update.

### **Dates**

**Wednesday 13 December** – 9.45 - Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal

**Thursday 14 December** – 9.45 - Christmas Extravaganza – Whole School Event – pupil performances and Parent Partnership stalls

**Friday 18 December** – Christmas Lunch – normal menu does not apply today – flyer for this menu will be issued

**Monday 18 December** – 9.30 – Carol Singing & Coffee Morning – School Hall

**Tuesday 19 December** – PM – P1, P2 and P3 Christmas Party

**Wednesday 20 December** – PM – P4 and P5 Christmas Party

**Thursday 21 December** – PM – P6 and P7 Christmas Party

**Friday 22 December** – **DRESS DOWN DAY** (Christmas jumpers welcome – but entirely optional)

**Friday 22 December** – 9.15 – Whole School Panto Treat (Hopscotch Theatre Company to our hall)

**Friday 22 December** – 11.00 – P5 to Beechgrove Care Home to treat residents to some Christmas Carols

**Friday 22 December** – School closes at 2.30pm for Festive Break

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend. 

Best wishes

Miss Sneddon, HT