

End of week update email – Friday 19 January 2024

Dear Team Carstairs Families

It seems we have, thankfully, missed the worst of the weather this week and it has been so uplifting to see the beautiful sunrises and glorious blue skies - and the big yellow ball in the sky too! 🌻 It has been a smooth running and hard working week.

End of Day Collection

We have made a slight adaptation to the end of day pick up and we will continue this going forward: those waiting in the MUGA to come through the playground to collect children should now come through first, as soon as the gate is opened for you (a few minutes before 3pm) and collect your children from their classes. This leaves the playground clear and supports my organisation of the *huge* line that now comes out to Avenue Road! 😊 Thank you for your help.

Carstairs Connect - P4

P4's Carstairs Connect session will take place on Thursday 25 January at 9.30am. Details have been shared with P4 parents on Parents Portal this afternoon and a response is required, please.

Health and Wellbeing - Our Curriculum, Your Voice

As part of this year's school improvement targets, we are reviewing and enhancing some of our Health and Wellbeing planning. Schools are strongly encouraged to consider local contexts when reviewing aspects of the curriculum, and we would like to be able to benefit from your first hand knowledge of health and wellbeing within OUR community when completing this piece of work. Answering based on your own knowledge of the local community, what do you consider to be the greatest health and wellbeing priorities for children in our local area? We will collate your responses and areas that you consider to be particularly pertinent for our local area will be prioritised as part of our ongoing review. You will find a little more information in the link here, as well as the space to share your responses with us:

<https://forms.gle/AG8TpAzGv2YX7VmWA>

Thank you, in advance, for getting involved. The form will close at 5pm on Friday 26 January.

After School Clubs

We are pleased to have a strong package of after school clubs planned for the term ahead and these got off to a great start with our P1 Multi Sports on Thursday. Well done to all P1 attendees - excellent engagement from all! 😊 Keep it up, P1.

P5 now have the opportunity to sign up for three sessions of Netball with Mrs Aitken on a Monday, starting on 22 January. Details have been shared with P5 parents on Parents Portal today and a prompt return is required if you wish your child to attend, please.

Parent Partnership Meeting - Tuesday

A wee reminder that our next Parent Partnership meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 January at 6.30pm in our school hall. Our agenda will reflect on the work done by our

Parent Partnership for our Winter Fundraiser and Christmas Extravaganza, as well as planning for the coming months. All welcome.


Support Our School - Fundraising - Please Support Our Cause

We are delighted to let you know that our Parent Partnership have once again managed to gain us a spot in the running for another Tesco grant, with our cause on display in Tesco in Lanark - patiently awaiting your blue tokens! PLEASE help us to bag the top prize, gaining us additional funds to help us provide our children with as many extra curricular experiences as possible, by adding your own tokens and encouraging ALL of your friends and family to do the same. Thank you - and thanks so much to our Parent Partnership for setting up this fundraising opportunity for us.

Equalities

Today in assembly, we spent time learning about Dr Martin Luther King Jr and his civil rights activism. We ended the assembly with a quote from Amanda Gorman's Presidential Inauguration poem, *The Hill We Climb*:

*'There is always light, if only we are brave enough to see it.
There is always light as long as we are brave enough to be it.'*

We continue to encourage, daily, all children to be that light, showing respect and kindness to one and all. 

Wishing one and all a lovely weekend. Take care and enjoy.
Best wishes
Miss Sneddon, HT