



Carstairs Primary Newsletter

November 2024

RHET Agricultural Visit

Our P6 children had a fabulous day, early November, at the Royal Highland Education Trust's Food and Farming day.

Our children learned lots and had lots of fun on their visit.

Thank you to all parents who made me aware that this freebie was on offer, having seen it on Facebook – this allowed me to get in quickly to book and our P6 children benefitted greatly.

Well done to all.





Christmas Extravaganza 2024



We need your help.

Our Christmas Extravaganza needs donations to support the stalls.

See the list shown on the right for our requests, aside from home baking, which are due by Friday 06 December, as far as possible, please.

Last call for tickets – if you haven't returned for our 02 December deadline, please send in your request, with payment, tomorrow 04 December.

We are looking for:

Luxury raffle donations – can you help? Or know someone who can? Please let us know, if so.

Tombola donations – prizes suitable for both children and adults are welcome. These should be dropped to school office, if any contain alcohol.

CLASS Hamper Donations – P1/2 Kids Hamper, P2/3 – Movie Hamper, P4/5 – Christmas Hamper, P5/6 – Chocolate Hamper, P6/7 – Ladies Hamper

So far these donations are limited and we hope some more can arrive soon. Thanks to those who have already donated.

Home baking – we are asking for donations for this to come in labelled boxes (so we know who to return to) via school office, during week commencing 12 December.

School Improvement Plan

It's been a few years since we undertook a whole school drive to drive home and promote the importance of reading for pleasure. As a result, we decided in the summer term this year that we would sign up to work towards achieving a 'Reading Schools' award. However, today, we would like to let you know that while we will, of course, continue to actively promote reading for pleasure (and we strongly encourage that you advocate for daily reading for pleasure with all children), we have decided **not** to pursue this award this school session.

Instead, we will use the time allocated for this within our planning, to further develop our school curriculum around the theme of EQUALITIES.



Sadly, the reason for this change is an increase in number of comments / information coming to the attention of staff that indicate a lack of tolerance for / and / or understanding of, certain protected characteristics (such as particular disabilities or sexuality). We will look at ways in which our school resources and direct lessons can support the enhanced development of tolerance, fairness and compassion for all, and seek to invest in new materials to help further enhance this aspect of the curriculum. **We stand firm in our commitment to ensuring that no bullying behaviours or disrespect will be tolerated in our school and seek to further enhance our curriculum in support of this.**

November – After School Clubs

Clubs in the month of November have been a great success.

Thank you to Alan, our Active Schools coach for running three great multi sports sessions for our P3 and P4 learners this November and for taking charge of 3 fun football sessions for P7 pupils, reaching completion yesterday.

Miss Watson has run a great Glee Club (singing club) for P5 – P7 pupils over the last few weeks. Children involved have engaged well and showed high levels of enjoyment as they have learned to sing in harmony in their songs:

- It's Time, by Imagine Dragons (Glee Version)
- Sing, from Trolls 2

Thank you for your time and effort, Miss Watson and well done to all participants. A lovely club to be part of.

Aside from pupil led lunchtime clubs, our after school clubs are complete for 2024 and we look forward to these resuming early in 2025.



Thank you



Parent Partnership Fundraiser

We would like to say a **HUGE thank you to our Parent Partnership** for running such a hugely successful fundraiser at Tesco in Lanark at the weekend.

We are grateful to all who organised and supported the event, in different ways. And we say a **HUGE well done to all children** who got their legs going in our honour, cycling their way to success.

The effort, warmth and heart everyone put into this event was tremendous. Thank you.

Total Raised

We are absolutely blown away by the total that was raised from the day long static cycle.....

£1718.33

Simply outstanding. In time, this will go towards our school fund and will help us to continue to enhance our learners' experiences.











**CARSTAIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**
Prizes and auction items:
Cementex Golf Club 4 Balls, Linnik Linnik
Linnik Linnik, Top Hat, Crown Eggs
Dawn Devisors, Waffle Batter,
Jawing Eggs, The Fizz Machine,
Thomas, Bobbin Soft Play, Linnik Linnik,
Buster Biscuits, 50 Linnik Linnik,
Mighty Heroes, Adventure through
Western Empires, Snake, Helium
Tranquility and Beyond, Romanic Books
Set, Awardy 2011, Cello Biscuits,
Professor M & Charlie (new),
Linnik Linnik

Card Donations Accepted

We can also take
donations/payment
by debit or credit card

Thank you for your support

**CARSTAIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

£1 per ticket

Supporter of the school
Thomas 1271 in school
Cementex 2011 2011
Thank you for your support



Be Safe, be happy

Date reminders / updates for December 2024

06 December – donations for raffle, tombola and class hampers

06 December – Reverend Harrison will join us for assembly

06 + 09 + 11 + 18 December – we will be short staffed in our office, please leave a message or email if you need to make contact and cannot reach us

12 December, 9.30 – Christmas Extravaganza (ticketed event + further finer details to follow)

12 December – Normal lunch menu not in use – Christmas Lunch Menu today

16 December – PM – P1 to P3 Christmas Party

17 December – P4 to P7 Christmas Party

19 December, 10.00 – Christmas Carols in School Hall, all welcome (no fee – teas, coffees and sweet treats available) – children should come to school in full uniform as normal

20 December – Non Uniform Day + Hopscotch Panto Treat in hall for all children + school closes for festive break at 2.30pm



The month of November has quite literally flashed by, in the blink of an eye – and with all that is going on in December, this looks set to be another very quick month! We hope our families enjoy all preparations in the lead up to Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas events and thank you so kindly for your continued support.