Dear Parent/Carer

Staffing Update - Staffing remains the same

Parent Consultation - As usual this was very well attended. All the children are working well and fully participating in the daily life of CJPS. Our annual Book Fair also took place during this week. We received £230 in commission. Thank you for all your support.

Nursery - This term we have been learning about colours. We can now identify primary and secondary colours and have been learning to mix them. We have also been having weekly visits to the library choosing books to take home. The nursery children are enjoying learning a different rhyme every week. Our children are also learning about mathematical positional language such as in, on, under, beside etc.

P6/7 Lockerbie Manor (October 2016) - A reminder that the balance of £211 must be paid before 22nd May 2016. Please don’t leave it to the last week! You can send money with your payment card to the office at any time.
Awards for All Funding - We are delighted to have secured £7479 of funding from the Big Lottery to add active equipment to our playground; swinging logs, a vertical climber and rock and roll logs. It is planned that the equipment and surfacing will be installed on the grass area opposite where the children line up in the morning. We are working in partnership with Scot Play and hope work will be completed before the Winter is upon us.

Languages 1+2 Funding – We also applied for funding to enhance our French resources. We are very pleased to have been awarded £1750. This money will be used to create French book bags which the pupils will get the chance to bring home. The bags will contain French books, games, CD’s, puppets etc. More information to follow.

‘Wear to Scare’ - We are holding our annual ‘Wear to Scare’ Halloween Fancy Dress parade/party on Friday 30th October. The children should come dressed in their costume. The costumes do not need to have a scary/Halloween theme! We would ask all primary pupils to bring in a £1.50 donation to help cover the cost of refreshments.

The Nursery are dressing up and partying during their normal morning and afternoon sessions on the same day.

McMillan Coffee Morning – The Rooms 4 and 5 coffee morning raised a fantastic £300 for McMillan nurses. A big thank you to everyone who donated, baked and attended.
‘Tree of Life’ – Our tree is looking a bit bare at the moment! We have taken down last year’s achievements. These will be displayed in an album in the foyer for visitors to enjoy. Many thanks to the parents/carers who have supported us so far in developing our Tree of Life. Pupils can be awarded for something which is a personal achievement for them e.g. receiving a swimming certificate. We would love to hear of more achievements, including from Nursery. We want to see if we can have our tree full by the end of the year. Pupils seem to be enjoying having their news shared in school and like being awarded with lots of House points for their efforts! Summer Gibson and Erin McCluskey have recently had their hair cut for cancer charities. Well done girls!

£1 Challenge – A fantastic £500 was raised. Thank you so much. The money is going to help buy playground games and indoor Wet Play games for all the pupils. The Pupil Representative Committee are busy looking at which resources to buy.

Committees – We are looking for parent/carers to be on our Eco Committee and Rights Respecting Committee. Our committees require parent representation. Generally, the meetings are held once a month in the afternoon. Eco meetings are usually on a Monday afternoon. Rights Respecting Committee meetings are usually on a Tuesday afternoon. Please contact the office if you are able to help us out with this.

RRSA – We had a busy meeting on Tuesday. The committee talked about news within the school as well as global issues. Please remember the latest minutes can be seen on our RRSA Committee page on the school website.
Pupil Representative Council – The Pupil Representative Council met on Thursday this week. As mentioned above, the committee were busy choosing playground games and wet play games to buy with the £1 challenge money.

**ECO** – Our new committee has been elected and classes have completed our annual Environmental Review to identify what is going well in our school and what we need to work on. As a result of this audit, we have agreed that School Grounds and Food and the Environment will be our focus areas along with the mandatory topic of litter. Our action plan will be agreed at our next meeting.

**JRSO** – Congratulations to our new Junior Road Safety Officers, Cain Logan and Leah Gibson. They were appointed after very successful interviews. Their first duty was to attend a training event run by South Lanarkshire Council’s Road Safety Team at Chatelherault Country Park. Thank you to Mrs Jakeway for taking them. They collected their training packs, met Junior Road Safety Officers from other local schools and got lots of ideas and advice about how to improve road safety awareness at school.

**Parents as Partners**

**National Dyslexia Awareness Week (2nd – 8th November)** – We will be raising awareness with staff, pupils and parents about Dyslexia. Our aim is to look at what is means and what strategies can be put in place at home and in school.
We want to highlight that whether a child is Dyslexic or not, many of the strategies are beneficial to many children.

We are holding a short Whole School Get Together (Assembly) on Tuesday 3rd November from 9:05 – 9:30am. We would like to invite you to come along to this and hear more about Dyslexia and what/how your child will be learning that week. A separate tear off letter will come to you shortly.

Please note that there is not a Room 1 & Room 3 Coffee Morning on Friday 13th November as stated in error in the last newsletter.

Parent Council – Next meeting is on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 2p.m.

PTA – All members are very busy making preparations for our Christmas Fair. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 17 November at 2pm to finalise preparations. This will take place on Friday 27th November from 10.00 until 12.00. Please keep the date free. More information will follow.

Best Work Award – The winners for August/September from each class were:
Room 1 - Cameron McAllister, Room 2 - Kieran Rourke, Room 3 - Tori Campbell, Room 4 - Sophie Hutchison, Room 5 - Erin McCluskey, Room 6 - Cayden Lawrie. Sophie received the overall Best Work Trophy. Well done to all!

Ragbag Community Fundraising – The uplift will be on Tuesday 3 November. Bags have been sent out. Not only does the school benefit but also Poppy Scotland.
Uniforms – Some parents have requested long sleeved knitted school jumpers as part of the school uniform. There has also been interest in Nursery jogging bottoms with the Nursery badge. We have been in contact with ALJ and they are happy to supply both these items.

Road Safety – Please remind your children not to run out of the school gates, especially at 3p.m. There are cars both moving and parked immediately on the road outside.

Winter Weather – Please make sure that children are dressed in warm clothes for the winter weather and have waterproof jackets and hoods for wet weather. Don’t forget to pop a pair of gloves into their jacket pockets! The school is in an exposed site which offers no shelter. In the morning, children should not arrive too early for school. Please note that in bad weather there is no guarantee that children will be allowed into the school building before 9.00am. This will depend on staff availability for supervision and most staff members are not available before 9.00am. Children will be kept in at playtimes during very wet or very cold weather. Children going home for lunch should not return too early in bad weather. If it is snowing in the morning and the ground is covered, Mr Lee will make every effort to ensure a path is available to door nearest the school gate (the door the children exit at 3pm) for school pupils and a path to the Nursery door for Nursery children.

Winter Closures – During the Winter it is really important that the school has someone they can contact if you are not at home during the day because there are occasions when the children need to be sent home due to the weather conditions etc.
We have found that some numbers do not accept incoming calls and mobile phones are often switched off, out of range or out of credit. Please make sure that the school has an active telephone number.

**Pennies for Peanuts** - We are about to start feeding the birds this winter. Any spare pennies you have can be handed into the office. Two of our primary 5 pupils will be keeping the feeders topped up and in the past the feeders have encouraged a good variety of different birds into the playground.

Aileen Murray  
Head Teacher

**Diary Dates**

**October 2015**
- Friday 23rd
- Room 3 Coffee morning
- Friday 31st
- Wear to Scare.
- Nursery Hallowe’en Parties

**November 2015**
- Monday 2nd
- Inset 3

**Dyslexia Awareness Week**
- Tuesday 3rd
- Easimaths workshop for Parents & Children 2pm
- Wednesday 4th
- Wheelie Wednesday
- Easimaths workshop for Parents & Children 4pm
- Monday 9th
- Snapshot Jotter week
- Tuesday 17th
- Christmas Fayre Production Day
- Friday 20th
- Room 5 Showcase
- Monday 23rd
- Snapshot Jotters Home
- Friday 27th
- Non Uniform Day
- Christmas Fayre
December 2015
Monday 7th
Tuesday 8th
Wednesday 9th
Monday 14th
Tuesday 15th
Wednesday 16th

Thursday 17th
Friday 18th
Monday 21st
Tuesday 22nd
Wednesday 23rd

HSP Christmas Crafts (Nursery)
Nursery Nativity Dress Rehearsal AM
Nursery Nativity PM Performance
School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
School Nativity PM Performance
Nativity AM Performance
Nativity Evening Performance
Quiz/ Carols Round Tree AM
Christmas Lunch
Pantomime “Puss in Boots” PM
P4- P7 Party PM
Nursery Party (combined) AM
P1-P3 Party PM
Christmas Assembly AM
School/Nursery closes 2.30

January 2016
Tuesday 5th
Friday 8th
Wednesday 6th
Friday 15th
Friday 22nd
Monday 25th

School/Nursery reopens
Nursery Fun Day
Poetry out
Poetry Judging
Scottish Concert
Non Uniform Day
Burns Supper