Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and staff, especially the ones joining CJPS and Nursery for the first time.

As usual, the pupils all look very smart in their uniforms and are a credit to us. Thank you! All children are changing into their soft shoes, which helps to keep our carpets clean.

Just to remind you that football colours should not be worn, even on non uniform days. Please also be aware that dangling earrings are a health and safety issue, especially during P.E. and should not be worn.

Please make sure your children are dressed in appropriate **outdoor clothes for the changeable summer weather and have a waterproof jacket with a hood**. The school is in an exposed site which offers no shelter.

In the morning, children should not arrive too early for school. However, as the school day begins at 9.00am, all children should be in the playground by then.

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.
Children will be kept in at playtimes during very wet or very windy cold weather. Children going home for lunch should not return too early in bad weather.

Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor PE clothes.

Please do not allow your child to bring expensive electronic games, I-pads, cameras, mobiles etc into school as we do not have insurance for pupil’s possessions. If they do need to bring a mobile phone to school for some reason it must be left in the office during the school day.

As water is no longer provided by South Lanarkshire Council, pupils can bring plain water to drink during the day. Re-usable water bottles are ideal.

As we are a Health Promoting School, please do not include fizzy cans or bottles with either school or packed lunches.

Reporting absence - If your child is off school or nursery for any reason, please contact the school and leave a message on the answering machine system, on the first day of absence before 9.30am. In your message you should let us know the name of your child, what is wrong and when your child will be back. If we do not hear from you by 9.30am, we will phone or text to find out why your child is absent and make sure that your child is safe. It will save a lot of work and worry if parents contact the school promptly to explain why children are off school. When children return after an absence, please send a note to confirm why your child was off. Please note that an Attendance Officer may visit you, if your child’s absence falls below 95%.
Head Lice - On occasions, throughout the session, parents have informed the school that their child has head lice. Parents are requested to regularly check their children’s hair. A helpful leaflet from the NHS - Health Scotland on facts, detection and treatment of head lice is available on request from the school office.

Medical issues - All children will now keep their Inhalers in their classrooms. Please ensure that the relevant medical forms have been filled in. If your child has a dental/medical/eye appointment during school time, please send appointment card in to us.

Wheelie Wednesday - On the first Wednesday of each month the children may bring a bike, scooter or wheeled toy to school. A helmet must be worn. Please check and correct the adjustment on helmets before sending to school. If your child comes to school by taxi, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to discuss with the taxi driver/escort if they can accommodate bringing bikes/scooters to school. Please note, there will be no Wheelie Wednesday between December and March.

Staff News
Our staff team for this term is as follows:

- **Head Teacher**  
  Mrs Murray
- **Depute Head Teacher**  
  Mrs Armour
- **Room 1**  
  Mrs Grey P1-4
- **Room 2**  
  Mrs Crosse P2
Room 3  Mrs Turner P3/4/5
Room 4  Miss Stewart and Mr Dorrian P5-7
Room 5  Mr Harmon P5/6/7
Room 6  Miss King and Mrs Brown P1/2
Nursery  Miss Holman, Miss Thompson and Mrs Joyce
CCC cover (0.3)  Miss Holman and Mrs Andrews

Our Support Staff Team will be:
Mrs Arlott Mrs Stokes
Mrs Steele Mrs Jakeway
Mrs Gold Mrs Dougall

Janitor Mr Lee

Canteen Staff Mrs Warnock and Mrs Kyle
Cleaning Staff Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Kyle

School Lunches - All Primary 1 to Primary 3 children are entitled to a free school meal. The cost for children Primary 4 to 7 is £1.50 per day. Water only is available at lunch time.

Staff Car Park - Please be careful where you park. We constantly remind the children about not running out of the school gate, but sometimes they forget.

Holidays - Please note there has been a typographical error on the list issued by South Lanarkshire Council last session and we do not finish until 2.30 on Wednesday 23rd December. Some holiday cards have been sent out with Annual Data Check forms and some have been given out with this newsletter.
Nursery

We would like to welcome everyone back for the new term to our new Nursery. We are sure the boys and girls will have lots of fun learning through play and engaging in a variety of activities.

Healthy Snack/Donations - As we are a Health Promoting Nursery we like to encourage the children to have a healthy snack. In line with South Lanarkshire Guidance we also ask that each parent contributes an amount of £2.50 per week. This donation goes towards buying snacks for the nursery each week and building up money to buy new toys for the nursery.

Wheelie Wednesday - Every Wednesday we provide opportunity for the children to bring a wheeled toy from home. Pupils are then given the chance to enhance and continue to develop their gross motor skills during play supported and encouraged by nursery staff. Please note, there will be no Wheelie Wednesday between December and March.

Jeenies Peenie - The first colour of Jeanies Peenie is BLUE. Children are asked to bring something BLUE to the nursery during the course of the month and are given the opportunity to “Show and Tell” to their friends.

Parent Helpers - If you would like to join us in the Nursery as a Parent Helper please speak to the Nursery Staff.

Our core sessions are

Morning       Monday – Friday   8.45– 11.55
Afternoon     Monday – Friday   1.00 – 4.10
Parents as Partners

Parent Council/PTA - Our meetings will normally be on a **Tuesday at the end of each month at 3pm**. Four members of the Parent Forum currently make up the Parent Council. **PTA** - Our meetings will take place on **Tuesdays immediately after** the Parent Council Meetings. The date of the next meeting is still to be confirmed. All new members are welcome to come along and help to organise events to raise important funds for our school.

Please look for information on our School Website. The address is **www.carstairsjunction-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk** We also have a closed group Facebook page which parent/carers can join.

School Diary for the Session -
A provisional school year diary is included in this newsletter. This is to give you an idea of planned events, dates and times may have to be changed at a later date and are only approximate at this stage.

Go For Green in the School

Once again, pupils in Carstairs Junction Primary are going to be “Going for Good Behaviour” and will be aiming for good work and good behaviour at school throughout session 2015-16. We will very shortly be sending out an overview of our traffic light consequence system used in school in our 'Going for good Behaviour' leaflet. The pupils are also busy choosing with United Nation articles they feel apply to their classes and should form the basis of their Class Charter. Please can you spend time looking over this leaflet when it comes home.
Pupils will be awarded for their positive behaviour by being given a green token/sticker at the end of each day. There will be no Happy Half Hour at the end of each week as in previous years. This session pupils will be trying hard to work towards achieving a larger goal at the end of each term. Again more details will follow in the 'Going for Good Behaviour' leaflet.

House Points can be earned in each class and around the school and House Rewards will be given out at the end of each term to the House with the most points. This is to ensure a balance of pupil numbers and ages.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aileen Murray
Head Teacher

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**August 2015**
- Monday 24th
- P1 Full day
- Friday 28th
- Non Uniform Day

**September 2015**
- Wednesday 2nd
- Wheelie Wednesday
- Thursday 4th
- JRSO Open Day
- Monday 14th
- Finance Week including £1 challenge
- Friday 18th
- McMillan Coffee Morning Rooms 4 & 5
- Thursday 24th
- Non Uniform Day
- Friday 25th
- Holiday
- Monday 28th
- Holiday
- Tuesday 29th - Friday 9th Nursery Open Week & Parent Consultations
- Tuesday 29th
- P1 Parent Workshop Homework/Reading
October 2015

Wednesday 7th

Wheelie Wednesday

Parent Consultation 3.30 – 5.00/ 5.30 – 7.30

Friday 9th

School/Nursery closes for holiday

Monday 19th

School/Nursery re-opens

Friday 23rd

Room 3 Coffee Morning

Friday 30th

Wear to Scare

Nursery Hallowe’en Parties am 10.30 – 11.30 pm 2.30 – 3.30

November 2015

Monday 2nd

Inset 3

Tuesday 3rd

Easimaths workshop

Parents & Children 2pm

Wednesday 4th

Wheelie Wednesday

Monday 9th

Snapshot Jotter week

Friday 13th

Room 1 & Room 3 Coffee Morning

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
Tuesday 8th  Nursery Nativity  Dress Rehearsal AM
Wednesday 9th  Nursery Nativity  PM Performance
Monday 14th  School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 15th  School Nativity  PM Performance
Wednesday 16th  Nativity AM Performance
Nativity Evening Performance
Thursday 17th  Quiz/ Carols Round Tree AM
Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th  Puss in Boots PM
Monday 21st  P4- P7 Party  PM
Tuesday 22nd  Nursery Party (combined) AM
P1-P3 Party  PM
Wednesday 23rd  Christmas Assembly  AM
School/Nursery closes 2.30

January 2016
Tuesday 5th  School/Nursery reopens
Wednesday 6th  Poetry out
Friday 15th  Poetry Judging
Friday 22nd  Scottish Concert
Non Uniform Day
Monday 25th  Burns Supper
February 2016
Monday 8th        Holiday
Tuesday 9th       Holiday
Wednesday 10th    Inset 4
Monday 15th       Snapshot Jotter Week
Monday 22nd - 7th March  Fairtrade Fortnight
Friday 26th       Non Uniform Day
                   Showcase            Room 3

March 2016
Thursday 3rd      Literacy/World Book Day
Friday 4th        Snapshot Jotters Home
                   Mother’s Day Tea Parties - AM Nursery 11.15
                   P1/2  2.15 - PM  Nursery 3.20
Monday 7th        Nursery Open Week
Friday 18th       Reports out
Tuesday 22nd      Parent Consultation
                   3.30 - 5.00/ 5.30 - 7.30
Wednesday 23rd    Nursery Easter Bonnet Parades
Thursday 24th     Easter Assembly
Friday 25th       Easter Holiday
Monday 28th       Easter Holiday
April 2016
Friday 1st
School/Nursery closes 2.30
Monday 18th
School/Nursery Reopens
Tuesday 19th
Bookbag Launch
Friday 29th
Non Uniform Day

May 2015
Monday 2nd
Holiday
Wednesday 4th
Wheelie Wednesday
Thursday 5th
Inset 5
Friday 6th
Come to school afternoon
Friday 13th
Room 6, Room 2 & Room 1 Coffee Morning
Monday 16th
Snapshot Jotter Week
Friday 20th
Nursery Reports out
Monday 23rd
Nursery Parent Consultations this week
Friday 27th
Eco/Health Day including Sports
June 2016

Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} 
Nursery Sports
Wheelie Wednesday

Monday 6\textsuperscript{th}
Pupil Award Ceremony
Dress Rehearsal ‘CJPS’ Got Talent PM

Tuesday 7\textsuperscript{th}
"CJPS’ Got Talent PM evening Performance

Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th}
Snapshot Jotters Home

Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th}
Lanimers Holiday

Friday 10\textsuperscript{th}
Lanimers Holiday

Friday 17\textsuperscript{th}
Leavers’ Assembly

Monday 20\textsuperscript{th}
P7 Treat

Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd}
Nursery Graduation PM

Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd}
Prize Giving PM

Friday 24\textsuperscript{th}
Non Uniform Day

School/Nursery closes at 1.00