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 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

- **(Acting) Depute Head Teacher**  
  Miss King

- **Room 1**  
  Mrs Crosse

- **Room 2**  
  Mrs Brown/Mrs Grey
Room 3  Mrs Turner/Mrs Simpson
Room 4  Miss Stewart/Mr Dorrian
Room 5  Miss Henderson/Mrs Simpson
Room 6  Mrs Arrowsmith
Nursery  Miss Thompson and Mrs Joyce

Our Support Staff Team will be:
Mrs Arlott  Mrs Stokes  Mrs Dunlop
Mrs Steele  Mrs Jakeway  Mrs Gold  Mrs Dougall
Janitor  Mr Lee/Ms Reilly

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

We currently have no teacher in the Nursery and Mr Dorrian is absent.

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 £1.60 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 at school does not close until Tuesday 27 June at 1pm. Please amend your holiday list card.
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 are currently held on a Thursday at 2pm. The next meeting is 6th October.

PTA - Our meetings will take place on immediately after the Parent Council Meetings.

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.

Please join us for coffee/tea at 9.30 am on Friday 30 September. Rooms 4 and 5 will be hosting this coffee morning which is open to all parents.

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 2016-17. The pupils have also chosen some of the United Nation articles they feel apply to their classes and have used these to form the basis of their Class Charter. Staying “GREEN” all day, means the children have respected their rights and the rights of others. The aim is for children to try to stay “GREEN” every day, all week, every week, all term, all session! If children choose not to respect their rights and the rights of others they will face consequences for these choices. These are the 4 steps in our behaviour policy and the colours used to represent them:

- Green - pupils have earned time towards their 10 minutes of green choosing (daily for Room 1, 2 and 6) or their end of term class treat (Room 3, 4 and 5).

- Verbal Warning - pupils are reminded about what rights they are not respecting and given a chance to change their behaviour. Children are still on green at this time.

- Yellow - this consequence means pupils have not earned full 'green choosing' time (Room 1, 2 and 6) and time will be deducted. A 5 minute time out will be issued for break/ lunch time (Room 3, 4 and 5).

- Red - pupils will be sent to the HT/DHT where they will complete a Thinking Sheet which will focus on the right they have chosen not to respect. Parents will be informed if there is no change in behaviour.
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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aileen Murray
Head Teacher

September 2016

Monday 12th £1 challenge
Friday 23rd Holiday
Monday 26th Holiday
Tuesday 27th P1 Parent Workshop Homework/Reading
Friday 30th Non Uniform Day
McMillan Coffee Morning Rooms 4 & 5
Flu Immunisation for whole school

October 2016

Thursday 13th Parent Consultation 3.30 – 5.00/5.30 – 7.30
Friday 14th School closes for October week
Monday 24th P6/7 Lockerbie Manor until Friday
Friday 28th Nursery Hallowe’en Parties am & pm 2.30 – 3.30
PTA Hallowe’en Party 4pm – 5 pm

HALLOWEEN
November 2016

Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd}  
House Coffee Morning & Learning Chats 9.30 - 10.30

Monday 7\textsuperscript{th}  
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th}  
House Coffee Morning & Learning Chats 9.30 - 10.30

Friday 11\textsuperscript{th}  
Room 5 Showcase

Monday 14\textsuperscript{th}  
Snapshot Jotter week

Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th}  
House Coffee Morning & Learning Chats 9.30 - 10.30

Monday 21\textsuperscript{st}  
In-service Holiday

Friday 25\textsuperscript{th}  
Non Uniform Day
Christmas Fayre

Monday 28\textsuperscript{th}  
Snapshot Jotters Home

December 2016

Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd}  
Rooms 3 & 4 Showcase

Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th}  
Nursery Nativity Dress Rehearsal AM

Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th}  
Nursery Nativity PM Performance

Monday 12\textsuperscript{th}  
School Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th}  
School Nativity PM Performance

Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th}  
Nativity AM Performance
Nativity Evening Performance

Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th}  
Christmas Lunch

Monday 19\textsuperscript{th}  
Quiz/Carols Round Tree AM
P4 - P7 Party

Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th}  

Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st}  
Nursery Party (combined) AM
P1 - P3 Party

Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd}  
Christmas Assembly am (Room 5)
School closes 2.30
January 2017

Monday 9\textsuperscript{th}  School reopens
Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th}  Scottish Poetry out to pupils
Friday 20\textsuperscript{th}  Poetry Judging
Friday 27\textsuperscript{th}  Scottish Concert/Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 31\textsuperscript{st}  Scottish Opera Performance

February 2017

Monday 13\textsuperscript{th}  Holiday
Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th}  Holiday
Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th}  In-service Holiday
Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} to 3\textsuperscript{rd}  March Fairtrade Fortnight
Friday 24\textsuperscript{th}  Non Uniform Day
Showcase Rooms 1, 2 & 6
March 2017

Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} Literacy/World Book Day
Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} Snapshot Jotters Home
Room 3 Coffee Morning
Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} Come to School afternoon
Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} P1/2 Mother’s Day Tea Party
AM Nursery at 11.15
P1/2 at 2.15
PM Nursery at 3.20
Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} Reports out to Parents
Nursery Easter Bonnet Parades
Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} Easter Assembly
School closes at 2.30

April 2017

Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} School Reopens
Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} Coffee morning Rooms 1, 2 & 6
Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} Non Uniform Day

May 2017

Monday 1\textsuperscript{st} Holiday
Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} Inset 5
Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} Come to school afternoon
Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} Nursery Reports out
Wednesday 24\textsuperscript{th} Parent Consultation/ASP review
Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} Eco/Health Day including Sports
Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st} Nursery Sports
June 2017

Thursday 8th  Lanimers
Friday 9th   Lanimers
Monday 12th Pupil Award Ceremony
           Dress Rehearsal 'CJPS' Got Talent PM
Tuesday 13th 'CJPS' Got Talent PM evening Performance
Friday 16th Nursery Graduation PM
Monday 19th P7 Treat
Friday 23rd Leavers' Assembly
Monday 26th Prize Giving PM
Tuesday 27th Non Uniform Day
           School closes at 1.00