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.

Morning arrangements - 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.
We have reviewed our morning arrangements, and for health and safety reasons, we ask that all parents/carers drop their children at the school gates and refrain from coming into the playground. This has been going well this week.

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.

**What your child needs for school** - Please ensure that your child has suitable **outdoor** PE clothes, as well as an indoor kit.

Please do not allow your child to bring expensive electronic games, I-pads, 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.

Please can your send your child to school with **plain** water to drink during the day. Re-useable 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.

Please do not send your child to school with lollipops, for health and safety reasons.
**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. If a child’s absence falls below 95%, an attendance letter will be issued in the first instance, requesting that a meeting may be beneficial to discuss the absences.

**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.
Primary Wheelie Wednesday - On the first Wednesday of each month the children may bring a bike or scooter 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.

Best Work Award -
Each month a pupil is chosen from each class for the Best Work Award. The children's work/photo of an activity is shown at Get Together (Assembly) and these are displayed in our picture frames in the foyer area. These pupils are then allowed to come into the canteen first one day and sit at the 'Golden Table'!

Our August Best Work Award Winners are:
Room 1 - Murray, Room 2 - Hunter, Room 3 - Layton, Room 4- Frazer, Room 5- Niamh R, Room 6 - Ava.

Communication - Our school website is currently being updated. Please look for information on our school website. The address is www.carstairsjunction-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk. This is a useful point of reference for diary dates and to read about class and committee news etc.

We also have a closed group Facebook page which parent/carers can join. We hope that you find it a useful way of checking
arrangements etc. Both staff and parents are very good at answering queries.

Our Parent Council requested that we put up reminders/posters for forthcoming events where parents gather before and after school. Notices will be put on the fire door facing the playground between Room 1 and the Nursery. Notices will also be put up on the door at the main entrance.

Credit Union - We are delighted to announce that our Credit Union Savvy Savers scheme will be up and running again this session.

Our P6 pupils will be interviewed shortly for different roles to undertake each week to help with collecting and recording the money pupils save.

We will let you know as soon as we can when we are ready to start with our Credit Union saving again.

If your child is new to the school can you please comment on the Credit Union message on the school Facebook site requesting an application form or speak to a member of staff. If your child is already a member but needs a replacement book, please make contact in the same way.

Committees - We have been busy organising our pupil committee groups for the year ahead. We have consulted with pupils with regards to which groups they would like to be involved in.

We have also increased the number of pupils on committee groups. Our groups are as follows:

- Making Rights Real
- Pupil Council
- Eco
• Junior Road Safety officers
• Health & Wellbeing
• Enterprise/Charities
• Outdoor/Playground

In order to further increase pupil voice in the school, we have also planned regular House Committees meetings. Pupils have the opportunity to discuss forthcoming events, share their views on their learning as well as discuss how to continue to improve the school.

Permission Slips – The School and Nursery will be sending out permission slips to allow all pupils to go on class or group local excursions around Carstairs Junction i.e. the shop, play park or nature walks. The pupils will be supervised at all times as per South Lanarkshire Council Guidelines. Please return these and all other outings and visit slips as soon as possible. Please ensure your child knows you have completed the paperwork and can you remind them to give them to their class teacher that day.

Go for Green in the School – Pupils have settled well into the new school year and have been praised for their responsible and respectful attitudes.

Pupils have created their own class charters based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). All classes agreed to the following articles:

The right to be safe.
The right to play.
The right to an education.
The right to develop your talents and abilities.
We are continuing to focus on encouraging and supporting pupils to respect these rights. Behaviour in the school continues to be tracked and monitored closely. Our Making Rights Real Committee are planning on sending an information leaflet shortly to outline the school positive behaviour policy.

_Pupils have also reviewed the Lunchtime Charter. Many thanks to Room 2 pupils for creating the wonderful artwork for the charter._

**House Points** - These can be earned around the school, particularly out with the classroom as classes have their own incentives to work to in class. House points are awarded if the pupils demonstrate the school values of Respect, Kindness, Caring and Self-Confidence. Pupils are issued a small card when they receive House points so that this can be communicated to the teacher. Pupils are very excited about counting up the points each week at Get Together (Assembly). There are currently 2 joint leaders with the other House in hot pursuit!

**House Rewards** - A House reward will be given out at the end of each term to the House with the most points. Our House Committees have already been busy suggesting what they would like as a small treat as/when they are the winners for the term!

**Class Photographs** - The photographer has been in and photographs will be sent out week beginning 17th September.

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**MacMillan Coffee Morning**
**Friday 28th September 2018**
Room 5&6 would like to invite all friends, family and the local community along to our coffee morning from 9:30-10:30am. This has been incredibly well supported in recent years and raises money
for a cause close to many people’s hearts. Please spread the word!

Parent Pay

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 £1.65 per day. Water only is available at lunch time.

Milk – Parents of pupils wishing to have milk need to book this through parent pay. Please allocate which days you wish your child to have milk.

Breakfast Club– Unfortunately this will not be taking place.

Staff Car Park – Please be very careful where you park. Please do not park on bends or on the zig-zag markings. We constantly remind the children about not running out of the school gate, but sometimes they forget. Parents and children who are walking should use the pedestrian paths and not walk through the car park gates under any circumstances.

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

Room 1 P1/2 Mainstream Mrs Gordon
Room 2 P1/2/3 ASN Miss King
Room 3 P3/4/5 Mainstream Mrs Simpson & Miss Walker
Room 4 P3/4/5 ASN Miss Stewart & Mrs Grey
Room 5 P6/7 Mainstream Mrs Arrowsmith
Room 6 P5/6/7 ASN Miss Martin
Inclusion teacher Mrs Crosse
Attainment teacher Mrs Turner & Mrs Brown
Nursery
Mrs Wilson (teacher 0.8)
Miss Thompson (EY Team Leader)
Mrs Joyce
Mrs Hannah
Miss Barr

Support Staff
Mrs Fowler
Mrs Dougall
Mrs Gold
Mrs Hope (0.6)
Mrs Jakeway
Mrs Montgomery
Mrs Steele (0.6)
Mrs Stokes
Mrs McQuigg (Monday – Wednesday am)
Mrs Brown (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Janitor
Mr Lee/Mr Wallace

Canteen Staff
Mrs Warnock and Mrs Kyle

Cleaning Staff
Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Kyle

Parents as Partners

Parent Council/PTA - Our meetings are currently held on a Wednesday at 9am. The next meeting is on Wednesday 24th October. Lizanne McCusker is our Chair Person.

All new members are welcome to come along and help to organise events to raise important funds for our school.
Nursery

We would like to welcome everyone back for the new term to our 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, paid through Parent Pay. This donation goes towards buying snacks for the nursery each week and building up money to buy new toys for the nursery.

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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aileen Murray
Head Teacher
Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 18th  Room 1 Tea with the Teacher
Friday 21st  Holiday
Monday 24th  Holiday
Friday 28th  Non-Uniform Day & MacMillan
           Coffee Morning 9.30 – 10.30am

October

Wednesday 3rd  Wheelie Wednesday
Wednesday 10th  Parent Consultations
Friday 12th  School Closes for holidays at 3pm
Monday 22nd  School Reopens
Monday 22nd  P6/7 to Lockerbie Manor
Friday 26th  Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 30th  PTA Hallowe’en Party 3.30-4.45pm
Wednesday 31st  Nursery Hallowe’en Parties 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 31st  Wheelie Wednesday

November

Monday 19th  In-Service Day
Friday 23rd  Non Uniform Day
           Christmas Fayre
Friday 30th  Pupil Flu Immunisations

December

Tuesday 4th  Nursery Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 6th  Nursery Nativity Performance
Tuesday 11th  School Nativity Performance PM
Wednesday 12th  School Nativity Performance Evening
Thursday 13th  Christmas Lunch
Monday 17th  Pantomime Performance- “Cinderella”
Tuesday 18th  Rooms 3&4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18th  Nursery Christmas Party
Wednesday 19th  Rooms 1&2 Christmas Party

Thursday 20th  Rooms 5&6 Christmas Party
Friday 21st  Christmas Assembly am
Friday 21st  School closes at 2.30pm for Holidays