Dear Parent/Carer

**Staffing Update** - Mrs. Turner will be returning following her Maternity Leave after the Easter/Spring holiday, for 3 days a week. The Nursery have Miss Barr who is a Modern Apprentice working 5 days a week and she will be with us for the next year. Miss Holland our Early Years Worker is in the nursery for 5 days a week for the foreseeable future.

**Scottish Concert** - This took place on Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} January. The standard was high and our judges found it difficult to identify a winner and runner up! Many thanks to Reverend Maudeen, Liz Warnock and Mrs Kay for judging. The audience were entertained with Scottish poetry and songs as well as bagpipe playing from Jamie Brownlie, one of our former pupils. Well done to all our pupils. As usual we had a great turn out of parents and friends.

**Cross Country** - Well done to all the senior pupils who volunteered to take part in the local Cross Country event at Lanark Race Course recently. The pupils did well and the staff commented on how supportive the pupils were of one another.
School Lunches - All Primary 1 to Primary 3 children are still entitled to a free school meal. The cost for children Primary 4 to 7 has increased to £1.65 per day from the start of the new Summer Menu on 23 April.

P.6/7 Lockerbie Manor - October 2018 is now only 7 months away. Please remember that the total cost of £231 has to be paid by 18th May. Any parent wishing further information please contact the school.

Website - Please remember to use our school website to check on diary dates and to read minutes from committees including the PTA. Class pages are also regularly updated.

Gazette - We are also regularly sharing our school/nursery news and achievements in the Lanark Gazette, so please look out for us!

School Lane - Please can parents and visitors to the school remember the access requirements of other users when parking on the school lane.

Parent Council - Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd May at 9.00am. We will be discussing our Improvement Plan for 2018/19.
Pupil Leadership - Chloe, Megan & Leeland volunteered to be sport ambassadors for our school. Part of their remit is to help lead lunch time clubs. They have received training from our Active School Club Coordinator and are eager to start assisting with clubs after the holidays.

Clubs - The school is very fortunate to be able to organise a range of clubs this year free of charge, as a result of Pupil Equity Funding. Pupils have suggested which clubs they would like to see being run at school so we have tried our best to match the clubs to these suggestions. The following clubs have now been confirmed for after the Easter break: P1-4 Football, P4-7 Football, P1-3 Tennis, P4-7 Tennis & P4-7 Multi Sports. A separate letter will go out to with regards to each of these.

Making Rights Real Committee - The Making Rights Real Committee recently invited Mr Jim Burt along from the Community Council to get an update on the progress of the Carstairs Junction play area funding application. At a recent Community Council meeting, the
Landscape Architect from South Lanarkshire Council showed the Community Council a draft plan for the park. Mrs Armour was also at the Community Council meeting and she shared play equipment suggestions made by the school. The architect was very impressed with the ideas the pupils had suggested and some of them were actually the same, if not very similar, to what he had included in the design. The Community Council are waiting to hear back if the funding has been granted from businesses. The Community Council wanted to thank the families of Carstairs Junction Primary & Nursery for the £100 donation from a recent dress down day. This money will go towards equipment for the park. They also wanted to thank the pupils and nursery parents for completing the Play park questionnaires. The questionnaire responses will hopefully highlight the difference the park will make to all the families of the school and nursery.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 2:15pm.

Pupil Representative Committee - The committee have also been involved in suggesting play equipment for the community play park. The pupils were also consulted with regards to what they wanted to eat at the recent International Schools Meal Day.

The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 23rd April at 2:15pm.

Best Work Award - The awards were given to the following people at Get Together for Best Work recently:
January Best Work Award Winners: Sophie (Room 1), Caden (Room 2), Paige (Room 3), Sophie (Room 4), Aaron (Room 5) & Callum (Room 6)

February Best Work Award Winners: Kai (Room 1), Kyle (Room 2), Grace (Room 3), Robecca (Room 4), Sean L (Room 5) & Jodie (Room 6)

Their work is displayed in our foyer, please take a look. Well done to all!

PTA – The Easter Eggstravaganza was very well supported. All the pupils had a great time at the egg hunt and disco. Many thanks to the parents for their support and wonderful baking!

Wheelie Wednesday – This starts again in April and runs on the first Wednesday of each month. Therefore the first Wheelie Wednesday of 2018 is scheduled for Wednesday 18th April, after the Easter break. The children may bring a bike, scooter or wheeled toy to school to play with at break/lunch time. 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.
Late Comers - Parents are reminded to ensure their child/children arrive before 9am as if they are late it is very disruptive for the other children in the class. As you appreciate they also miss out on valuable teaching time. Medical/dental/optical appointments during school time should be kept to a minimum. Appointment cards/letters should be sent to school for copying and inclusion in their child’s pupil record folder.

Aileen Murray
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

April 2018

Monday 16th
School Reopens

Wednesday 18th
Wheelie Wednesday

Friday 20th
Coffee morning
Rooms 1, 2 & 6

Friday 27th
Non Uniform Day

May 2018

Wednesday 2nd
Wheelie Wednesday

Thursday 3rd
Science Centre Bus

Friday 4th
Once Upon Our Time Celebration

Monday 7th
Holiday

Tuesday 8th
Inset 5
Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Tempest Photographer
Friday 11\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Room 3 Coffee Morning
Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} P7 Parents’ Information meeting at Lanark Grammar
Friday 18\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Nursery Reports out
Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd}  \hspace{1cm} P5/6/7 Triathlon
Friday 25\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Eco/Health Day including Sports
Wednesday 30\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Nursery Sports
Thursday 31\textsuperscript{st}  \hspace{1cm} Shorts and Shades Disco

\textbf{June 2018}

Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Wheelie Wednesday
Thursday 7\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Lanimers
Friday 8\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Lanimers
Monday 12\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Pupil Award Ceremony
Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} P7 LGS Transition
Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} P7 LGS Transition
Friday 15\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Nursery Graduation PM
Monday 18\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} P7 Treat
Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd}  \hspace{1cm} Leavers’ Assembly
Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Prize Giving 1:30 PM
Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th}  \hspace{1cm} Non Uniform Day

\textbf{School closes at 1.00}