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Dear Team Carstairs Families

At the end of another busy week, you may well be delighted to know that this week's newsletter is a short one! 😊 The segments below are taken from last week's newsletter – areas that I would like to draw our parents' attention to once more.

### **School Improvement Planning Session 2023 / 24 – Parental Suggestions Box**

Staff have been collaborating over the last few weeks, taking into consideration impact and outcomes of our school improvements in session 2022/23, considering the feedback that we have received from staff, from children and from parents, alongside our attainment and achievement results. At the moment key areas that we are expecting to appear in Year 1 of this upcoming three-year plan, are largely linked to the following:

- Literacy planning (including spelling and handwriting)
- Health and Wellbeing – updating, refreshing and modernising topics
- Digital Wellbeing – aiming to achieve a Digital Wellbeing Award (which adds to the Digital Schools award we already have)
- Further developing learning through play (Play Pedagogy)
- A continued focus on all aspects of highest possible quality of teaching and learning
- Sustainability – getting the polytunnel that we secured the funds for last year well and truly built and in action, for use by all classes 😊

A relentless drive for securing the highest possible achievement and attainment for all learners is always high up on our agenda, along with being mindful of the Cost of the School Day, and keeping costs incurred for families at an absolute minimum.

If you have any particular ideas for things that you think would benefit from further consideration, to help make our school the *very, very* best we can be, then please use the link below to give provide us with a note of this in our short 'Suggestions Box' survey. Your views matter to us and are always taken into consideration.

<https://forms.gle/W3TgmGWsTNji4DMu8>

### **Transition to P1 – Request for Parental Feedback**

We have absolutely *LOVED* welcoming our new P1 children into school over this last week and a half. Our newbies already seem very much at home, and it is such a joy to have them with us. We very much hope that our new families have felt very well supported throughout the transition process, which began last session and has continued up until now. We would be very grateful if P1 families could share their views with us on how you feel the transition process has gone, by completing the very short survey available at the link below. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/jVhsfJhUXVGfQ7428>

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### **Parent Partnership Meeting – Monday 11 September**

Parent Partnership is the name we use for our school's Parent Council. Our Parent Partnership is a friendly group, who have supporting our children, school and team fully at heart. We look forward to welcoming 'well kent' faces along to our first meeting of the year (our AGM) which is due to take place in our school hall at **6.30pm on Monday 11 September** and we also warmly encourage any 'newbies' who have an interest in the work of our school and supporting us to help provide extras and enhanced experiences for our children to come along and get involved. Faces new and 'old' will be made most welcome. 😊

### **Community Links**

Please see below for information we are sharing in support of our local community:

#### **Boys Brigade returns on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September in Carstairs Community Centre**

*Anchors (P1 to P3) is 6.30pm to 7.30pm*

*Juniors is for boys (p4 to P7) 7.30pm to 9pm.*

*Membership is £12.50 and then £2.50 each night (£15 required for the first night)*

***For more information contact Elizabeth Brown on 01555 870787***

#### **Girls Brigade returns on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September in Carstairs Community Centre**

*Explorers is (p1 to P3) from 6pm to 7pm*

*Juniors is (P4 to P7) 7.30pm to 8.30pm*

*Brigaders is S1 to S6 7.30pm to 8.30pm*

*Membership is £60 for the full term and payment of this should be made by the end of December. This can be made in a one-off payment or instalments (This covers the £35 membership fee to Girls Brigade and a weekly fee of £1).*

***For more information contact Sharon Corrigan on 07748059834***

We often hear lovely stories of enjoyment from children's involvement in Girls and Boys Brigade and we wish all involved a successful year ahead.

### **Happy Weekend**

The weather looks set to be very fair this weekend! We hope that our children and families can make the most of the early September sunshine – have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Yours sincerely

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