

END OF WEEK UPDATE EMAIL – 01 Dec 23

Dear Team Carstairs Families

Please see below for some reminders, as this week draws to a close.

Christmas Show and Raffle Tickets

The **deadline** for your requests for tickets, in an envelope together with full payment, is **Monday 04 December**. *If you wish to purchase tickets, please ensure the deadline is met.* The list of numbers for this, impacts other actions, such as the possibility of offering more tickets and possible attendance at the dress rehearsal. Your support in meeting the deadline is appreciated. The **deadline for raffle ticket orders**, together in an envelope with full payment, is **Friday 08 December**. Thank you.

We appreciate the **tombola, raffle and hamper donations** already received and offer a wee reminder that we are still looking for donations, should anyone feel able to contribute.

Lime Walk Woods - Final Week

The last visits for all classes for this block will take place next week. **Monday - P1/2 and P7, Tuesday P2/3, Wednesday P4, Thursday P5 and Friday P6 - all PM sessions**. Please ensure children come appropriately equipped. It adds extra pressure to resources available in school when children do not bring their kit. Please help us ensure the final week runs as smoothly as possible. Thank you.

Punctuality

Please help us to ensure our punctuality rates are kept as high as possible. We know the dark mornings are harder on everyone, however the expectation is that **all children should be in school and ready to go into class at 9am, each day**. This is best for pupil learning and class routines, and also for the smooth running of our school office and the tasks that staff need to do each day.

Football Colours

Please be reminded that **football colours** (ie, football team representation) are **not permitted** in school, in line with South Lanarkshire policy. Thank you.

Parents Portal

If you haven't signed up yet, please see link below. Please contact the school office if you need help.

parentsportal.scot

Remember that our school app will no longer be active from 23 December onwards.

Pupil Learning Journeys (Learning Targets)

These are available in P2 - P7 Google Classrooms, for Term 1 - along with evidence of how these have gone, and for ongoing Term 2 targets. Parents are encouraged to have a look and leave a comment. Please see video linked here to find out more about what these are all about: [Gallery | Carstairs Primary School \(carstairs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk\)](https://www.carstairs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) (see Learning Targets Video for Parents - May 2023).

Magnificent Me

We have extended the time available for making nominations for our next batch of **Magnificent Me** certificate winners - certificates will now be presented next Friday. If your child has an **out of school achievement** that is deserving of recognition, please **leave a note of the achievement in your child's diary** no later than **9am on Wednesday 06 December**. Nominations already received will be included - no need to repeat. Thank you.

Adverse Weather - Emergency Arrangements

Thank you to those who have returned the form to confirm **emergency arrangements**, should we find any arise owing to adverse weather. If you have not yet returned this, please adhere to the **deadline** given - **Wednesday 06 December**. Thank you.

Dates *(no change from last week)*

Wednesday 13 December – 9.45 - Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 14 December – 9.45 - Christmas Extravaganza – Whole School Event – pupil performances and Parent Partnership stalls

Friday 18 December – Christmas Lunch – normal menu does not apply today – *Xmas menu will be issued on Monday 04 Dec, with returns required by Thursday 07 Dec*

Monday 18 December – 9.30 – Carol Singing & Coffee Morning – School Hall

Tuesday 19 December – PM – P1, P2 and P3 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20 December – PM – P4 and P5 Christmas Party

Thursday 21 December – PM – P6 and P7 Christmas Party

Friday 22 December – **DRESS DOWN DAY** (Christmas jumpers welcome – but entirely optional)

Friday 22 December – 9.15 – Whole School Panto Treat (Hopscotch Theatre Company to our hall)

Friday 22 December – 11.00 – P5 to Beechgrove Care Home to treat residents to some Christmas Carols

Friday 22 December – School closes at 2.30pm for Festive Break

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Sneddon, HT