

Carstairs Parent Partnership – Chair Report for AGM –11 September 2023

We had our AGM on 12th September 2022. Jill McQuigg continued in the role of Chairperson, Michelle Gardiner continued with the role of Treasurer and Louise Taylor continued in the role of Secretary. Many thanks to the office bearers for their work throughout the year. A huge thank you also to all our parents who have either attended meetings or supported events.

Further to consultation, this year we are delighted to be able to **donate £2500 to the school funds.**

The **School Uniform Bank** continues, located in the school foyer. Last year we also had Halloween costumes. Many thanks to our parents who support the uniform bank.

We were delighted to get back to running a **Halloween** disco again in October. This was split into two groups as usual and it certainly sounded like everyone had a great time. Thank you to all our helpers on the night and staff for coming along.

Thank you to Jillian Kelly for continuing with **Bikeability**, enabling more children to go through the programme. Many thanks also to Mrs Whitehead for supporting Bikeability.

After consultation we went ahead with the **Personalised Christmas Gift Project**, which saw the children creating their own design to put on cards and gifts. We received over 60 orders and made a good profit which is detailed in the accounts. We have consulted with families again this year on whether we should continue this again this year. Around a dozen replies have been received so far, with a majority favouring this.

It was great to get back to our **Christmas extravaganza** in December. It does take a big effort to organise all the fundraising before the event and it was lovely to see all the support we received from so many parents. Although, this year's event was 1 instead of 2, we still raised a fantastic amount. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event. Here's to the Christmas 2023 extravaganza!

We ran a **Spring Bake Off**, with bakes being displayed and judged at the enterprise morning. Thank you to our judges, children and families who supported this. You could see that a lot of effort had been put into the bakes.

Just before the Easter holidays, we organised a **Spring disco**. Again, this was well attended and very noisy! Thank you to Mr Lewis Snr for his generous donation which enabled us to provide a break time treat for all children.

Fundraising. Money continued to come in from the Rag Bag and Easy Fundraising, both projects being promoted through social media and school communications.

The Parent Partnership continued to offer help and support to the school, as needed, in consultation with Miss Sneddon.

Financially we ended the year in a fairly good position. Michelle Gardiner will go over the accounts detailing income and expenditure. We will continue to seek funding from grants/companies and we are hopeful to find a parent/carer who could support us to do so.

We will continue to provide support wherever needed and look forward to working alongside our families and community.

Jill McQuigg
(Chair 2022-2023)