

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We are looking forward to Term three and welcoming lots of new children over the coming weeks.

Health and Wellbeing

Before the December rush of nativity rehearsals, Christmas activities and parties we had really began to establish the focus on our wellbeing week at Cornbank. We created a new display in the front foyer which details our daily focus; Memory Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Welly Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Feelings Friday. The children were becoming really familiar with the routine of each day and we will continue to develop this in the coming term. The children are particularly interested in Welly Wednesday and we are looking forward to going out into the woods to explore and enjoy a hot chocolate.

Literacy and English

We have introduced name cards at the mark making table to encourage children to practice writing their names. Each card is backed on the child's group colour and has the child's picture and typed name on one side and their name hand written on the other side.

Learning Across the Curriculum

We have opened up our resources this term and the children now have free choice of various toys in each area. We are working on the children learning to tidy away one box before selecting another. So far this is going really well and means the children can be more independent.

Numeracy and Maths

After the success of the Christmas fayre and the children contributing their ideas for how we can spend the money there has been some discussion about cost and the children have been role playing about going to the shops. We hope to further develop an interest in money and counting this term.

Staff News

As our numbers are going to be increasing over the coming term there have been a few staff changes.

Miss Tweedie will now be working four days a week and will be sole keyworker for the Green Group.

Miss Kelly has taken on an extra day and now job shares with Mrs Leask, they will be keyworkers for the new red group in the afternoon.

Mrs Ballantyne will be working Wednesday and Friday again. We would also like to welcome Stacey Burns Clark to the Cornbank team. Stacey is a Senior Childcare Development worker and has been seconded to us from the Penicuik Learning Community to support with our growing numbers and the proposed pilot scheme for offering parents some flexibility.

Please see the Meet the Team board for exact working pattern of staff.

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Notice Board

We regularly update our nursery noticeboard with information for parents. Please check this for new notices.

Snack money for the term is £22.

Have you got any questions? We will collate questions and answer them to be displayed on a Questions and Answers notice board in the nursery.