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Cornbank Newsletter



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MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL

Welcome back:

A very warm welcome back to everyone at the start of another session, especially our new pupils in Primary 1 and those starting in our Nursery. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all new pupils and their families who have just joined our school community. We all hope you are very happy here at Cornbank. A warm welcome also to two new members of staff, Mrs Susan McCall, Learning Assistant and Mrs Laura Barfoot, Child Development Worker, both working in our nursery. We are also in the process of advertising our Principle Teacher post as Mrs Prentice left us at the end of last term when she was appointed Depute Headteacher at Mauricewood Primary. We will miss her but wish her every success in her new role. Until our new P.T. is appointed, Primary 4 will be taught by Mrs Cameron supported by Mrs Cole. This is always an exciting time and the school is buzzing with all the interesting plans and ideas for this session.

Continuing Improvements to the school

Over the summer our roof was repaired, so hopefully no leaks in the winter. Some better lighting was put into the Primary 2 toilets and the perimeter fence was repaired. Unfortunately the planned Trim Track has been delayed and I am waiting to hear when it will be installed. However, it will be worth waiting for! I would also like to say how much the children are enjoying the three new basketball stands and the playground markings. Thank you to the Partnership for working so hard to help improve our outdoor playgrounds.

Newsletters

This is the first of this sessions monthly school newsletters. Every term there will also be a class/nursery newsletter. This newsletter tells you about your child's class, what they will be learning as well as class routines, special events etc.

Communication

At this time of the year we always review our lines of communication and we are constantly looking at ways of improving this. This year there will again be monthly newsletters and class newsletters each term. We will post these as well as any other important letters on our Website. There will also be the school calendar which will in the first instance go up to December. This will be sent home soon. We will also continue to have Thursday as the main letter drop day. However, there are times when important letters cannot wait until a Thursday so I would advise that you check schoolbags, just in case. We do use Twitter but we have no access to Facebook and do not use it as a means of communicating with parents. We also have texting in times of emergency closure etc. Good communication is crucial and I would urge you to contact the school about any concerns you have. If you have any good ideas about improving our lines of communication please do not hesitate to let us know.

Wet Weather

Please remember that even on sunny days your child/children should come to school with a waterproof jacket just in case it rains!

School Lunches/Water bottles

The cost of a pupil's lunch is £1.80. Snack is available at break 30p. Children can bring filled water bottles into school which can be re-filled at our water fountains.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are advised not to bring valuable electronic equipment to school to avoid damage or loss. Pupils who do bring mobile phones should hand them into their class teacher for safe keeping and get them back at the end of the day.

Assemblies

Again this session every class will do an Assembly and parents will be invited to come along and enjoy the fun! Our ACE Assemblies will be starting again at the end of next month.

Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite the parents of pupils in Primary 2 to Primary 7 to come to a very informal "Meet the Teacher" on Monday 31st August. Doors will open from 2.45-3.30pm for P2 and from 3.15-4pm for Primary P3-7. We do hope you will come along to visit your child's classroom and chat to your child's class teacher.

Primary 1 parents will receive an invitation to a P1 Curriculum Evening which will take place on the 1st September 6.00-7.00pm.

As already stated this is a very informal session, if you would like an opportunity to have a meeting with your child's teacher then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school and a meeting can be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

Parents' Consultation meetings will take place on 29th September and 1st October. More information nearer the time.

Parking

We have received some phone calls from residents living close to the school about the double parking and the parking in front of driveways etc. Dropping off and collecting times for schools are always busy times but please be a considerate driver/parker and park sensibly and safely. Thank you for your co operation in this matter.

Next months Newsletter will include information about this years School Improvement Plan.

Kind regards

Susan Bowen

Headteacher