



# CORNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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As I write this newsletter I cannot quite believe that we are in our final term already. It has been a very busy start and unfortunately we have been experiencing staff absences. I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during this busy time. We are all working extremely hard to ensure that children are still having high quality experiences.

We are currently preparing our nursery children for starting school as well as planning transition for Primary 7 to High School. We also have many exciting and different events taking place over the term. I have included important dates for your diary within this newsletter.

I returned to school, after the holidays, to go straight off to Benmore Camp with Primary 6. We all had a most enjoyable week; full of activities. Our pupils were absolutely fantastic. They faced many fears and were always up for the challenge. I was so proud of them all and they received excellent feedback from the staff. I would also like to thank Miss Denholm, Mrs Capaldi and Miss Hopkirk for giving up their time to attend the camp. The children really appreciated their support and encouragement.

Primary 7 have only just returned from their transition Camp at Netherurd. I was delighted that all 42 of our pupils were able to attend the camp and get to know pupils from our Associated Schools, as well as staff at Penicuik High School. Again the feedback has been extremely positive, with many children commenting on making new friends and having great fun! I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Capaldi for their hard work at P7 camp. These trips would not happen if it wasn't for staff who go over and above their day job, leaving their own families at home to ensure our pupils have a great experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you all over this term.

Kind Regards,  
Laura Cameron  
Head Teacher

## MUGA and Playground

We are delighted that the MUGA and running track are now in full use. A huge thank you to the Cornbank Partnership for all their hard work in fundraising to allow this facility to be built. We have carried out a risk assessment and children are fully aware of the safety rules which apply when using the MUGA and running track. We are hoping to plant wild flower seeds in the areas around the running track with the children in the next week or so.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in the initial planning of Cornbank's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations. We are planning to hold an open afternoon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Children will be entertaining us with their musical talents and we hope to be able to provide tours round the school for ex-pupils. We do need volunteers to support the celebrations, for example, home baking, teas and coffees, providing memorabilia, mounting photos for displays etc. Please get in touch with the school if you can help in any way. More information will be coming home soon.

## Headlice

There have been a few cases of head lice reported to us by parents. We do not send letters home when this happens, but we would ask parents to be vigilant and check their child's hair regularly. There is further advice on our school website and also on [www.chc.org/bugbusting](http://www.chc.org/bugbusting).

## ECO

Mrs Davies, Mrs Dorren and our Eco group are delighted to have been awarded our 6th green flag - the only school in Midlothian to have achieved this! Please see our website for the letter we received from Eco schools Scotland.

The Eco Pupil Voice Group plan to have a celebration day on Thursday 31st May to mark this. We have planned an eco treasure hunt, a zero waste school picnic lunch and there will be a flag raising ceremony at 1.20 pm outside the front entrance. We would like to encourage our pupils to wear green.



## Transition

Transition work is currently happening across the school. I am in the process of confirming classes and staffing for next session and letters about classes will be sent home during the next couple of weeks. Staff meet during this term to complete formal 'handovers' and sharing of information. Teachers are also in the process of writing Pupil Progress reports. These will be coming home on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.



## PUPIL CONFERENCE

We have recently just held our 2<sup>nd</sup> pupil conference. This was an excellent opportunity for all of our pupils to have their ideas, views, opinions and suggestions heard. Children worked with different pupils from their house to discuss how we can make improvements to the school and will help to form our school improvement plan for next session. Staff from across the school supported pupils throughout the afternoon. As always, our children really impressed us by their feedback and well thought out opinions, views and next steps.

## IMPORTANT DATES: May - June 2018



- 14<sup>th</sup> May Walk to school week
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Primary 5 trip to Bannockburn
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Wear your favourite shoes day
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Hockey Team playing in Prestonpans
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Pupil Voice 9
- 18<sup>th</sup> May SLT assembly - Royal Wedding Celebrations
- 21<sup>st</sup> May In-service day (school closed to pupils)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Nursery Consultations
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May P5-P7 Cricket festival
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Hunter and Lass visiting
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- 24<sup>th</sup> May Sports Awards Recognition Assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> May P3 Assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Special Golden Time
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Hunter and Lass Discos
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Whole School Photograph
- 29<sup>th</sup> May P6 Playmaker Award
- 30<sup>th</sup> May P7 Show at 6.30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> May P6/7 Athletics Event at Dalkeith Campus
- 31<sup>st</sup> May Eco Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> June P7 Leavers Celebrations
- 4<sup>th</sup> June Grounds Awareness Week
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June Transition Days to High school
- 6<sup>th</sup> June Cornbank Partnership Meeting in school 6.45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> June P1 Meet the Teacher
- 8<sup>th</sup> June P5 Assembly
- 11<sup>th</sup> June Bike to School Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> June Pupil Progress Reports come home
- 11<sup>th</sup> June Penicuik Learners at Cornbank
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Charity Fundraiser day
- 13<sup>th</sup> June School Sports Day P1-3 at 9.15, P4-7 at 1.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> June Pupil Voice 10
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Pupil Voice Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Nursery Fun day
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Cornbank Partnership Summer BBQ
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations
- 21<sup>st</sup> June Meet the Teacher P2-7
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June House Assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations in school
- 28<sup>th</sup> June P7 Leavers assembly - 2pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> June School closes for summer 12pm

## Highlights and Next steps

At Cornbank we are always striving to evaluate what has gone well and how we can make improvements. We are at the stage in the year that we are reflecting on our progress. We would really appreciate you taking 5 minutes of your time to let us know what has gone well for you and your child this year at Cornbank. We would love to hear what you feel the highlights of the year have been, so far. We also recognise that we can always make improvements. Please tell us what we can be doing better so we can identify our next steps. Please complete the tear off the below strip and return to school before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. All returned forms will be entered into a prize draw.

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## Feedback

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

What are the highlights of the year so far?

What are our next steps?