



CORNBANK PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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VERY WARM WELCOME BACK



I hope everyone had a lovely summer holiday. The children all look very smart, healthy and well rested. Our pupils have returned to school ready to work hard and to enjoy learning. Everyone at Cornbank would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year and hope that everyone has an exciting and successful year ahead.

We would like to welcome Miss Maxwell and Miss Melvin who have joined our teaching team this session. We also welcome Mrs Thomson, Mrs Lavery and Mr Hermiston to our nursery team. I am sure all of our new staff will be made to feel very welcome in our Cornbank Community. An up-dated staff list is available on our school website.

We are very pleased and proud of our new Primary 1 children who have already settled into life at school very quickly. They have been exploring the school and learning about our new routines. Thank you for all the positive comments about successful transition experiences.

Our new Nursery children will be joining us gradually over the next few weeks and we look forward to welcoming them and their families to our school.

This newsletter aims to give an update, as well as a reminder, of some of our school procedures.

Everyone at Cornbank is looking forward to working with you all to ensure a happy and successful school year ahead.

Kind Regards,
Laura Cameron

Laura Cameron
Head Teacher

ABSENCE AND LATENESS



If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please telephone to let us know as early as possible on the first day of absence. The school office has an answering machine so if your call is not answered please leave a message and our office staff will pick it up as soon as possible.

If you do not contact the school we will text and phone home to let you know that your child has not arrived at school. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact numbers in case we need to get in touch.

It is really important that your child gets to school on time as they may miss important information shared by the teacher about the day ahead, if they are late. If children are late then we ask them to report to the school office so we can note that they are in school.

PE



Children should come to school each week with their PE kit consisting of shorts, 'house' or white t-shirt and gym shoes. This should be kept in a gym bag in school. Earrings should be removed on PE days and no other jewellery should be worn. Long hair should be tied back for PE. It is also essential to have all items of clothing named, however old the children are!

SAFETY and PARKING



We know that you share our concern for our children's safety. We would like to remind you to enter the school via the main entrance and report to the school office. Here, if required, you will be asked to sign our visitor's book and will be issued with a 'Visitor' badge. This ensures that we know at all times who is in our school building.

We encourage our families to walk to school. If you are bringing your child to school in the car please ensure that you park safely avoiding neighbours driveways and not on the yellow markings. We also ask that you do not park in the staff car park.

PLAYGROUND



Our pupils thoroughly enjoy being outside at break times and lunchtimes. However, we can never rely on the Scottish weather staying dry so we ask that you please send your child to school with a waterproof jacket (even if it looks lovely in the morning). We will always aim to have the children outside unless there are extreme weather conditions. P3-P7 pupils have access to play on our open grass fields. We encourage children to change their shoes if they have been playing outside on the grass. This is to minimise dirt and mess being brought into the carpeted classrooms.

ESTABLISHMENT PHASE



Every class is participating in our Establishment Phase. During this time each class establishes their Class Charter, learns about the routines and expectations within their classroom and link these to the Rights of the Child.

We will be sharing further information about our year ahead at our 'Meet the Teacher' event on **Monday 2nd September** for P2-P7 at 6pm. P1 Curriculum evening is on **Thursday 29th August** at 6pm. Please put the date into your diary.

OPEN DOOR POLICY



At Cornbank Primary School we aim to have an open door policy. Should you require to meet or pass information onto the class teacher please contact the school office. The class teacher, if required, will then contact you and an appointment can be made.

Please remember class teachers often have meetings or training courses after school so they will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Mrs Deas, Mr Drysdale and I are also available should you wish to speak to us.

BIKEABILITY



Bikeability provides pupils in P6 with lessons in safe on-road cycling, usually during Term 4. We benefit from the support of a Midlothian Bike Officer and trained volunteers, who work alongside school staff. However, to provide the most effective training for the children, we would love to have some adult volunteers; you don't need to have children in P6 to become involved! If you would be interested in finding out more, please email the school office. Thank you for your support.

CORNBANK PARTNERSHIP



We would like to invite you to be part of our active Partnership. The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th September at 6pm in the school staff room.

There is no requirement to be an office holder, but your support would be gratefully received. Why not come along and see if you would like to be involved?

LINING UP



We are encouraging a high standard of behaviour in our lines each day. Please support us by ensuring your child is in the playground for 8.45am and lined up ready for the bell at 8.50am.



CORNBANK COURTYARDS

We are very fortunate at Cornbank to have two great courtyards. Last term, we had some parents and staff family helpers who came to help us with some maintenance of the areas. Over the summer there has been a number of weeds growing areas that need trimmed back. We are hoping to have some more families who would be interested in coming in to help with a tidy up. There will be access to the courtyards for any willing volunteers on **Friday 30th August from 8.50am - 12.25pm**. Please come along with a pair of gardening gloves and some gardening tools. We will provide the tea, coffee and biscuits.



CYCLING/SCOOTERS

We would really appreciate it if you could talk to your child about the importance of not riding their bikes or scooters in to the school playground at the start or the end of a day. All children should dismount from their bike or scooter at the school gate. This way we can continue to keep everyone safe.

We would also like to encourage everyone to wear a helmet when travelling on their bike to and from school.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please look out for our Cornbank Calendar of events. This will be in school bags this week as well as an email copy being sent.

We will aim to give you as much notice as possible about events occurring in the school.