



# CORNBANK PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

It has been only 3 weeks since our last whole school newsletter however it has been a very busy term and there is lots for us to share.

The most important piece of information to share is Christmas is **NOT** cancelled at Cornbank ☺ This is always an exciting time in a school and we will be doing our utmost to ensure that it is a festive and fun time for all, despite some Covid restrictions. We have attached our Cornbank Christmas Countdown. Some activities may be subject to change but we will do our best to let you know as soon as possible. Our current Scottish guidance states that we are still unable to sing. We will be putting together a whole school signalong to music and look forward to sharing this with you next month. Our Primary 1 team are hoping that guidance will be relaxed next year and we will be able to invite you watch a P1 performance in the final term which will be instead of a Christmas Nativity.

As I am sure you are aware, Midlothian Council has remained in Level 3. Our school Risk Assessments continue to be reviewed on a weekly basis. We want to thank our Cornbank community for their support in keeping our children, families and staff safe.

Primary 1 and 2 are supporting a relatively new and small initiative called Hearts for Homes. There are many people living in our community care homes and who attend local day centres who are dependent on these for access to hot meals and company. Normally at this time of year, we would be planning our festive visit to Broomhill Day Centre to entertain the members with songs and conversation, however, the centre is unable to run in this way at the moment. They are, however, cooking hot meals and doing doorstep deliveries 2 days a week to their members. Our children are writing festive letters and making a heart craft to be distributed to their members. We will also be offering a box or tin of biscuits to be delivered alongside our letters and crafts, thank you for your donations.

This month our teachers have been working on a short video for each of their classes called 'A Day in the Life of...'. The stars of the videos are the children and we hope that these will provide an opportunity for you to have an insight into a typical school day for your child. You will be able to view these in your child's Google Classroom from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you to all our Cornbank families for your ongoing support. As always, we appreciate your feedback and ask that if you have any worries or concerns that you do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Kind Regards,  
*Laura Cameron*  
Head Teacher

### **CAR PARKING**

As the weather declines, could I ask that you continue to ensure that you are parking cars considerately around the school. Our children's safety is a key priority and dangerous parking can cause accidents. Our children are coming in and out of school at different times and we ask that you do not park or turn cars near the school gates. Please also be considerate of our local neighbours and refrain from blocking their driveways.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We were really pleased to achieve our 7<sup>th</sup> Green Flag earlier on this year. At this time of year, we know that children like to send cards to their friends. As part of our Eco work and to limit the amount of material coming between home and school, we ask that children only bring in one for their class. Thank you for your support.

### **CHARITY DONATIONS**

Thank you to all our families for your recent very generous donations. We were able to support Poppy Scotland by sending a cheque for £175. We also raised a fantastic amount, £786, for Children in Need. A huge thank you to everyone who dressed down, played games and handed in donations. Thank you also to Miss Hopkirk for organising a super week.

### **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

At this time of year, families can feel pressure to buy a gift for their child's class teacher. We are always very grateful for families' kind generosity but, this year in particular, ask that you prioritise your family or make donations to other causes. It is always a privilege to work with you and your children - no other gifts are needed!

### **CORNBANK PARTNERSHIP**

We have had another virtual Partnership meeting this term. Thank you to all our families who were able to join us. We presented a school update which is available to view on our school website. Our next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm. If you would like to join the meeting please contact the school for the Zoom link or email our Partnership directly at [parent-partnership@hotmail.com](mailto:parent-partnership@hotmail.com)

The minutes from the last meeting are also available to read on our school website.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Thank you to all of the teaching team who held our first ever phone consultations last month. We asked families for feedback about their experiences and had 69 responses. 100% of families, who responded, stated they found out everything they wanted to know during the call. A few families requested that we held virtual consultations. We have to follow Midlothian Council guidance and virtual meetings for all parent consultations have not yet been agreed. Thank you to everyone who took time to speak with staff and to provide feedback. We hope to be able to have face to face meetings again in the near future.

### **MUDDY PLAYING FIELDS**

Our children are enjoying their breaks and lunchtimes playing outside. As the winter approaches, our fields do become muddier. We are more than happy for children to bring additional outdoor shoes and/or spare set of clothes to change into if they get too muddy to sit in class for the afternoon. I am sure some children are just like my son and look like they have been rolling in the mud by the time they get home - sorry!

### **GOOGLE CLASSROOMS**

We are about to share our 3<sup>rd</sup> set of Linking our Learning tasks on our Google Classrooms. All children have their usernames and passwords and should be able to access their Google Classroom. Please contact the school if you are having any difficulties with this; we are more than happy to help. As well as LOLs and reading tasks, there are also links to our achievement boards, curriculum presentations and Day in a Life... videos.