



CORNBANK PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME BACK!

I cannot emphasise enough how amazing it is to have all our Cornbank pupils and staff team back together in our school building. There is such a lovely buzz of excitement across the school! I have been so impressed by how well our children have settled into new routines. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your help throughout the start of this term and supporting us with staggered starts, new drop off/pick up areas, hand sanitising and physical distancing. All our children have had a very busy and exciting start to the term and I am sure everyone will be needing a very well deserved rest this weekend, especially our Primary 1 children who have started their full days. We are also delighted to have welcomed back our nursery children to our Early Learning and Childcare setting and we are excited to be meeting new families joining us this session.

I will continue to email regular communication and as always we will be posting updates on Twitter. Please remember if there is anything you wish to discuss with either myself, Mr Drysdale or your child's class teacher to contact the office and someone will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

This newsletter aims to give an update, as well as a reminder, of some of our school procedures. Class newsletters will be coming home at the beginning of September.

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

Kind Regards,
Laura Cameron
Head Teacher

COVID - 19 GUIDANCE

As we return to school, Scottish and Midlothian Guidance continues to support us, ensuring that we are all working safely and our Risk Assessments reflect this guidance. If anyone would like more detail about our Risk Assessments please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Test and Protect is Scotland's approach to preventing the spread of coronavirus. Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough, a fever/temperature, and/or a change or loss in taste and/or smell should self-isolate (with their household) and get tested. Self-isolation and contact tracing in under 18s has been updated. This is a developing situation and guidance is being amended and updated as learning occurs. The below information is then most recent update from Scotland's Health Protection Team.

Self-isolation guidance

Symptomatic individuals: must still self-isolate immediately when symptoms of COVID-19 start and get tested, and their household should all self-isolate as well until the test result is received

Positive individuals for COVID-19: must still self-isolate and complete 10 full days of isolation regardless of vaccination status, or any further test results after their initial positive test.

- Those identified as close contacts will still need to self-isolate unless:
they are under 5 years old and have no symptoms (a PCR test is encouraged, but not required)
- they are between 5 and 18 years old and have a negative PCR test (can end isolation on receipt of negative PCR test)
- they are over 18 and are fully vaccinated with 2 doses (and it has been over 14 days since their second dose) and have a negative PCR test (can end isolation on receipt of negative PCR test)

For other groups, such as the staff who are not yet vaccinated or who have only had a single dose of the vaccine, isolation advice would continue as before, and they should self-isolate for 10 days since their last exposure to a positive case.

N.B. If a close contact has had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days, they do not need to do another PCR test to be exempt from self-isolation, provided they are under 18 or are fully vaccinated and remain asymptomatic.

We thank you so much for your support. If you are unsure about what to do then please contact the school office who can talk it over this guidance with you.

DIGITAL LEARNING

You may have seen in the media information about Midlothian's Equipped for Learning project, which will provide all pupils with a digital device for accessing learning. Over the next few months, our P1-3 pupils will receive an iPad and P4-7 will be working with a Chromebook. Further information will be sent out about this as the project is rolled out.

At the moment, staff are training with our new Google Workspaces. As part of this, new accounts for accessing this session's Google Classroom will be issued to all pupils. Our Digital Learning Group will be sharing advice about these over the next couple of weeks.

This is a really exciting project to help equip children with skills for life, work and learning.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please look out for our Cornbank Calendar of events. This will be in school bags this week as well as a copy attached with this newsletter.

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

CORNBANK PARTNERSHIP

We would like to invite you to be part of our active School Partnership. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th September at 7pm and will be held on Zoom.

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? More details about how you can join will be sent out separately from our Partnership secretary.



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ESTABLISHMENT PHASE

Every class is currently 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 through our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' presentations which will be able to be accessed through your child's new Google Classroom from **Monday 6th September**.

P1 Curriculum evening is on **Thursday 2nd September** at 6pm. The detail about attending this virtual event were sent out separately Please put the date into your diary.

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 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.

We are delighted that we have a new Crossing Patrol at the corner of Bog Road and Carlops Road. Our JRSOs will be continuing to support safe travel to school this session.



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL - SILVER AWARD

We are looking forward to welcoming a Unicef Representative to Cornbank on 22nd September, for our Silver Award Accreditation Visit.

Pupils are aware of their Rights in and out of school, and we see them demonstrated on a daily basis. This visit will give us an opportunity to share our work on Rights with Unicef. Classes have been working hard to create class Charters of Rights, and you may wish to talk to your child about it. Next week, we will be sending out a short survey related to this, and would be very grateful for your support in completing it; the results will form part of our evidence portfolio for the visit.

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.