



# Welcome to Cornbank Primary School

25<sup>th</sup> January 2023



# STARTING SCHOOL



# Objectives for Tonight

- Welcome to our School Community
- School Information
- Staffing/People Who Help
- Transition Process
- P1 Curriculum - Play and the Classroom
- Session Dates
- Communication
- Questions



# School Information



- Approx 300 learners in the mainstream across 12 classes
- 56 in our Early Years setting
- 5 learners in our additional needs provision
- Offer a broad and balanced curriculum
- Eco School (8 green flags), Gold Sports Award, Active Schools, JRSO, range of Pupil Voice Groups
- High level of parental support/involvement and welcoming community
- Proactive Parent Partnership
- Strong links with outside agencies who support our learners



# Vision, Values and Aims

## Our Shared Vision

Cornbank - Where everyone works together to inspire learners to be their best now and in the future.

## Values

Respect

Inclusion

Safe

Excellence

#RISE

## Our Aims

- To form strong and trusted partnerships within our learning community
- To support and challenge our pupils to develop and apply their skills in literacy and numeracy
- To use our Cornbank Toolkit to support development of skills for lifelong learning, and for pupils to be Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors and Confident Individuals
- To nurture and support emotional and social well being for all
- To encourage respect for each others' differences, and embrace and celebrate diversity as a Rights Respecting School
- To ensure everyone's voice is valued, and they are able to contribute to and lead improvements



# Senior Leadership Team



Depute Head Teacher  
Mr Andrew Drysdale



Head Teacher  
Mrs Lynsey Stevenson



Principal Teacher  
Mrs Lesley Deas



# P1 Teachers/ELC Staff

Miss Denholm, Mrs Davies and Mrs Macgregor are our current P1 teachers and Emma Daly is our SEYP - these staff and the ELC team will work to support the transition into P1 through April, May and June this year



The process of transition occurs over time beginning well before children start school and extending to the point where learners and families feel a sense of belonging to the school and when educators recognise this sense of learning





# Transition



- Awaiting final confirmation of numbers for children starting P1 following deferral and placement request process
- You must register your child at your catchment school - placement requests follow later (April/May)
- Transition will start after the Easter break
- Early Years staff and P1 teachers will liaise to share information during this time

# Transition



- All children will take part in the Midlothian wide 'Midmouse' project
- ELC/Partnership Nurseries and P1 teachers will liaise to share information and arrange visits to ensure a smooth transition
- Virtual tour available on the website
- Meet the Teacher day - June
- Welcome booklets for learners



# Learning Through Play Across the Curriculum

"We need to foster a positive and supportive environment in order to enable quality play opportunities for all children and value the importance of play"

(Play Strategy for Scotland:2013)



# Learning Through Play Across the Curriculum

- In P1, we create a stimulating and engaging environment for learning that allows all children to develop skills in communication, co-operation and collaboration.



# Curriculum for Excellence



# Classroom



- Classroom layout
- Outdoor area
- Responsive planning - child led
- Learning through play each day
- Visual approach to teaching and learning
- Multi-sensory approach to teaching and learning
- Teaching table
- Clearly defined areas
- Positive behaviour strategies





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# Session Dates for 2023-24

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL  
2023 - 2024 School Calendar

Legend:  School Closures/Holidays  Teachers in Service Day (Closed for pupils)

These are on the Midlothian Council website for downloading and adding to your diary



# Home/School Links



- Phone, email
- Home/school diary where necessary
- BOATS (Bring Our Adults To School) days
- Family learning events
- Assemblies
- Drop off/pick up
- Curriculum evenings
- Parent consultations November/March



# Communication

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Chat to us 😊



# Questions from our Families?

