

Welcome



Primary 1 Transition
August 2023



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



Introduction

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- Class Organisation
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- P1 Curriculum
- School Day and Routines
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School Information

- Currently 300 pupils and ELC with space for 56 children - 13 classes next session
- Offer a broad and balanced curriculum
- Very good level of parental support
- Very good links with outside agencies who support our pupils
- Eco School (8 green flags), Gold Sports Award, Active Schools, JRSO, range of Pupil Voice Groups



CORNBANK ST JAMES PRIMARY CURRICULUM RATIONALE

#RISE



Ethos and Life of the School as a Community



- All staff values involved in developing Vision, Values and Aims
- Restorative approach across the school
- Cornbank Toolkit, representing learner dispositions, embedded and embedded throughout the school
- All pupils and staff involved in Pupil Voice - ECO - Fairtrade - ASD - Health - WGA
- Eco School since 2007
- Sports Scotland Gold Sports Award since 2018
- Right Respecting School
- Whole school team made up of 4 houses - Eagles, Falcons, Kitts and Ospreys
- House and Vlog House Captains are ambassadors for the school
- Opportunities to work with other stages planned throughout the year
- Community links - Christ Church, Pericuik High School, Library, Police
- Supporting local and national charities, e.g. foodbank, Children in Need, Forth One Mission, Christmas, Green Santa

Opportunities for Personal Achievement



- Celebrating Wider Achievement - displays, fairs, H-classes, assemblies
- Tracking and supporting opportunities for wider achievements, One Book One Year with HT celebrating Cornbank Toolkit, pen with home
- Planned activity days led by Pupil Voice groups and based on feedback by Sports Day, Health week, One Planet Week, Fairtrade Fortnight
- Family involvement in Shared Starts, school Hubs, class assemblies and classroom learning
- Sharing the Learning assemblies with families
- All children involved in Learner Profiles, reporting and consultations
- Wider community involvement - local Church service, Rotary Quiz, Cornbank's Got Talent, Hunter and Lass, Pericuik Heritage Regeneration
- Primary 7 responsibilities - Chums, leading sports clubs, ICT team
- P6 and P7 instrumental teachers
- Extra-curricular clubs led by Active Schools, staff, pupils and volunteers

Curriculum



- School professional involvement in all evaluated and non-evaluated learning
- Consistently raising attainment across Pericuik
- Tools used to support learning
- Meeting Learner Needs based on Wellbeing Indicators
- Targeted and responsive support and challenge
- Play Therapy shop-in - sessions every week
- Lessons for Growth to support children experiencing changes
- Social skills groups to develop skills for life and learning
- Partnership agencies effectively collaborating to support learning
- Collaborative planning across stages and levels
- Play across the school
- Research based teaching and learning - all staff engaged in Inclusive Enquiry
- 4 capacities used to underpin planning
- Outdoor Learning in local area
- Effective transitions between all stages
- ASG Pericuik Learning

Interdisciplinary Learning



- Pupil Conference - whole school involvement
- Focus weeks planned for e.g. Science Week, Eco Week, Scots Week
- Partnerships with outside agencies e.g. University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh College
- Balance across 8 curricular areas from ELCC - P1
- Enterprise opportunities e.g. Book Fair, Green a Pound, Christmas fundraising
- Primary 6 and Primary 7 outdoor residential camps
- School excursions planned for every stage related to learning
- Pupil voice within ELCC choice
- Learning planned to ensure links to Pericuik and Scotland
- Focus on Digital Learning across the curriculum
- Assemblies and Update Mondays focusing on current and significant events

Midlothian Priorities

National Improvement Framework

How Good is our School?

Midlothian Learner

Curriculum for Excellence



Senior Leadership Team



Depute Head Teacher
Mr Andrew Drysdale



Head Teacher
Mrs Lynsey Stevenson



Principal Teacher
Mrs Lesley Deas



P1 Teachers



P1M Miss Jennifer Melvin

P1D Miss Sarah Denholm



People who help us

Mrs Annie Young
Admin Officer



Ms Nicola Wright
Admin Support



People who help us

Mrs Alison Cole

Support for Learning Teacher



People who help us

Mrs Tracey Mitchell

Our School Cook



People who help us

Mr George Templeton
Our School Caretaker



Cornbank School Partnership
are the Parent Council
Committee for Cornbank St
James P.S.

parent-
partnership@hotmail.com



The Partnership run several fundraising events throughout the year with funds being used to buy extras for the school that perhaps can't be afforded in the regular school budget.

They hold meetings each month with the school leadership team where we work together to achieve a wonderful environment for all the children and adults of Cornbank School Community.

You are all welcome to attend.



Active Schools Penicuik

- Active Schools work with coaches and a variety of local organisations to run after school sports clubs for children from P1-P7
- activeschools@midlothian.gov.uk



Class Organisation

- You have received details of your child's class teacher for August
- P1 classes are a maximum of 25
- Next session, we have 2 very small P1 classes (16 max)
- Class organisation is reviewed annually to best meet the needs of the school
- Composite classes are organised by age and is likely in the future due to the small class sizes for P1 this session
- Differentiation applies to meet the needs of children within the classes



Transition



- ELC children have been taking part in the Midlothian wide 'Midmouse' project
- ELC and P1 teachers are currently liaising to share information to ensure a smooth transition
- Our P1 teachers are in touch with Partnership Nurseries to share information and make visits
- Please bring your mouse on your first day of P1

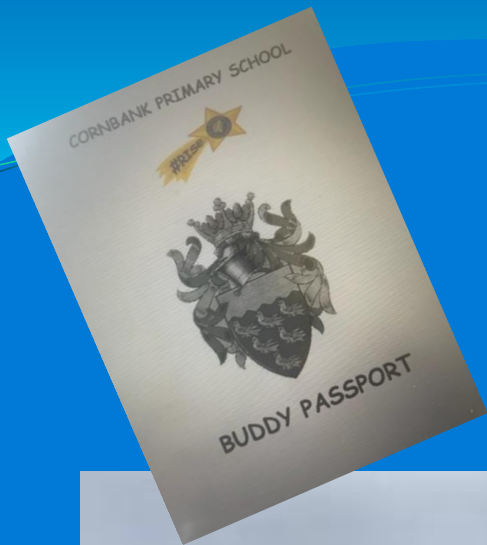


Transition



- Virtual Tour available on the school website
- Welcome from new P7s
- Session in ELC
- Meet the Teacher
- Buddies
- Welcome booklets for children
- Ongoing Midmouse project





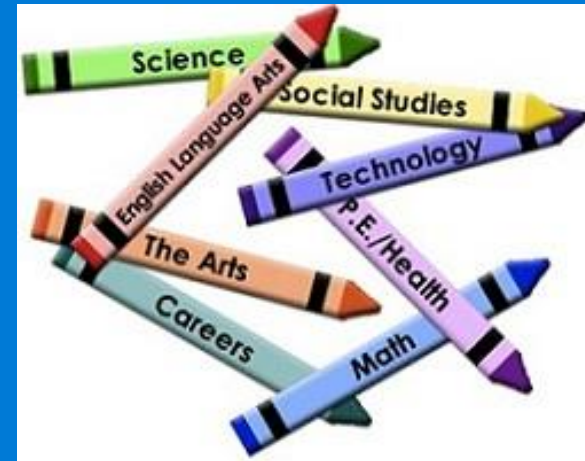
P7 Buddies



Curriculum for Excellence

Children in P1 are working within Early Level:

- Free and structured play
- Active learning
- Social and attainment groupings
- Literacy)
- Maths and Numeracy)
- Health and Wellbeing)
- Social Studies)
- Science)
- Technologies)
- Expressive Arts)
- RME)



All curricular areas covered



Curriculum for Excellence



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.





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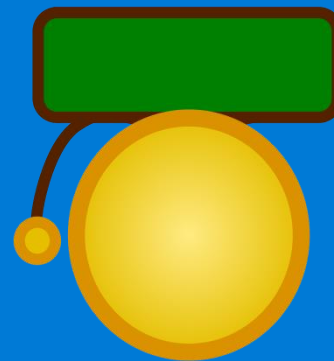


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School Day

The start and finish times for your child(ren)'s classes are in your pack - these do differ very slightly to support with transitions and entering and exiting the school building



Break and Lunch

- Bring a snack
- Water only throughout the day
- Milk can be ordered
- School dinners are free for P1-5
- Menu available on the website
- Bring your own healthy packed lunch
- Nut aware school
- Fruit one afternoon per week
- Buddies system to help and support P1s in dinner hall and playground
- Staff in the playground and dining hall



What should my child bring to school?

- School bag - not too small
- Pencil case - pencils, coloured pencils, rubber, sharpener
- Blue reading bag
- Gym bag - shorts, coloured t-shirt and gym shoes to keep in school for PE. Currently children should come to school dressed for PE on set days
- A healthy snack
- Water bottle - no fizzy juice
- Old paint shirt



What if my child is unwell?

- Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell
- Telephone the school by 8.50am
- If you don't phone, we must text and/or phone to establish the reason for absence
- If your child becomes unwell at school, a member of staff will contact you to discuss



What if my child has medication?

- All staff are trained in Emergency First Aid
- Consent form
 - Regular medication e.g. inhaler
 - Self-administered medication - see the office staff



What should my child wear?

- A Cornbank sweatshirt or cardigan
- A white or blue polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers or skirt/pinafore (or checked blue summer dress)



PLEASE

- We would ask that you label all clothing and accessories with your child's name!



School Sweatshirts



Houses

Golden Eagles

Red Kites

Green Falcons

Blue Ospreys



Session Dates

These are on the Midlothian Council and our own website for downloading and are in your packs

These may be subject to change

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
2023 - 2024 School Calendar

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School Closed/Holidays
 Teachers In-Service Day (Closed for pupils)



Payments

- Payment for trips, uniforms etc can be made via Parentpay (preferred option)
- www.parentpay.com
- Accounts for families new to the school cannot be set up until August

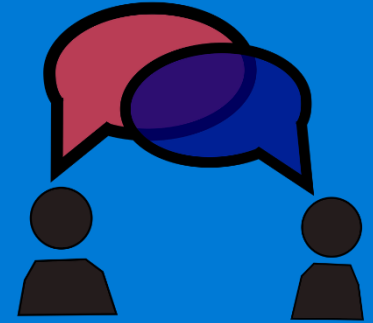


Welcome Packs



- School Handbook
- School Holidays
- Local Outing Form
- Uniform Order Forms
- Photo/Video Consent Form
- Friday Meals Form
- Parksmart information
- Active Travel information
- Information about Houses
- Milk Order Forms
- Headlice leaflet
- Zones of Regulation and Restorative Practice Information
- Help Me Prepare for School
- Formation of classes leaflet
- Too ill for school
- Food allergies
- Active schools
- Schools Out information

What communication can I expect from school?



- Regular newsletters from the Head Teacher
- One class newsletter per term from the class teacher
- Regular comments in the reading diary
- Informal discussions with the class teacher before or at the end of school day if necessary
- 2 Parent Consultation appointments per year
- Written Progress Report in May/June
- Regular updates on the school website and Twitter
- An invitation to our Shared Starts, Curriculum Evenings, Open Days, Nativity and Assemblies
- The school operates an open door policy - please do not hesitate to contact us



Communication

http://

cornbank.mgfl.net

@CornbankPS



E-mail!

Cornbank.PS@midlothian.gov.uk

0131 271 4575



Chat to us 😊

How can you support us?

- Ensure the school has up-to-date contact details
- Check your email account and your child's blue bag for letters etc
- Make sure everything is labelled
- Come along to our School Partnership meetings





We hope your child will be very happy at Cornbank.

A positive partnership between home and school ensures the best possible educational experience for your child.

We look forward to working with you and your child.



Questions



ENJOY!

We would like to wish you a really
enjoyable summer and we all
look forward to
seeing you and your children in
August

