



# 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 later this month.

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 endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Laura Cameron

Head Teacher

### STAFFING UPDATE

Following Midlothian Guidance, we have minimised the number of staff working with each class in one day. We have restructured our weekly timetables and this has led to some changes with how our visiting specialists and other teachers deliver some lessons. Information about when children will have outdoor PE with Mrs Jones has already been shared and this will be shown on our weekly diaries too.

Mr Higginson, our caretaker, has unfortunately had a major operation over the summer and is unable to return to work this session. We are all wishing him a speedy recovery. We have welcomed Mr Oxtoby in the mornings and Mr Wakefield in the afternoons.

Mrs Chatham is currently unwell. We look forward to seeing her back at school soon. Mrs Cole will be teaching P2G one day each week in the meantime.

## COVID - 19 GUIDANCE

Scottish and Midlothian Guidance continues to support us, ensuring that we are all working in school 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.

We know lots of illnesses have some symptoms similar to Covid-19. Without a test, anyone experiencing those symptoms should self-isolate for a least 10 days (and 14 for their household). Acting early and getting tested means that, should the test be negative, you are able to come out of isolation once symptoms improve and you feel well enough to do so. We are aware that test results are being sent really quickly. We will ask see your result (either text or email) before your child is able to return to school.

If you child's result or a family member's test comes back positive then all household members must self-isolate for 14 days. We have activities on our school website for all classes if children feel well enough to complete these.

If your child is experiencing other symptoms e.g. blocked/runny nose, headache, sore throat etc., but not including any of the classic Covid-related symptoms, we ask your child stays off school until their symptoms improve and they feel well enough to return, but there is no need to self-isolate for 10 days or to be tested.

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 with you.

## ACHIEVEMENTS



In Primary 1 - Primary 7 we are continuing to recognise the different learning dispositions which help us daily. Children who are using one of the Cornbank Tools will be awarded a Postcard from their class teacher. Mrs Cameron is spending a Friday morning delivering these postcards to classrooms and celebrating the different achievements.

We continue to love to hear about our pupils' achievements outside of school. We celebrate these in class, on Twitter, on wall displays and ask children to record these in our class Wider Achievement books.

## PLAYGROUND



As you may already be aware we have had some recent damage to our nursery gardens and playground as well as to our roof. I have had a meeting with Police Scotland and reported all the items that have been damaged. We really appreciate the support of our community and ask if you see anyone causing damage to the school that you report this to 101. We are encouraging young people not to gather in the playground in the evenings and at weekend.