



# CORNBANK PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER



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11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing October break. We had a fun start to the second term enjoying our class Hallowe'en parties. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in helping to make it a great morning; staff for organising exciting crafts and games, our Partnership for providing a fab treat for every pupil, families for supporting the event with super costumes and, of course, our pupils for their amazing positive attitudes.

This term, we have welcomed Ros Davidson, Learning Assistant, to our team. Ros is supporting our Primary 2 class. We have also welcomed Jonathan Weedon, teacher, on a Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Mr Weedon is part of a team within Midlothian Council supporting children with numeracy. He is working with a number of our pupils across our Primary 6 stage.

As always, this term is due to be a fun time at Cornbank. We are looking forward to reopening our lunch hall on Monday and you should have received information regarding this. So far this term we have already been very busy! All children smiled beautifully for our school photographer. We have had drumming taking place in P2 and Primary 3. Primary 5 pupils have been out on the first trip of the session to Hillend for skiing lessons. Music tuition has started again for P6 and P7 pupils. All classes have been taking part in a virtual cross country competition and an engaging science week. Next week, we will be supporting Children in Need and we have attached information about this to this email. We are already planning for the month of December and will be sharing our Christmas plans with you soon.

We received some exciting news last week. We have been shortlisted for a Sustainable School Award with the Edinburgh Evening News Local Hero Awards. We will find out next month if we have been successful in achieving this. However, after sharing all the fantastic work in our application, I am a very proud Head Teacher. We will keep you updated when we hear the news of the winner.

I would like to thank you 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

## **HARVEST**

Last term Cornbank supported our local foodbank. We received a lovely email from Jan and Alan Naylor who help run the foodbank.

*Can you please convey the thanks from the Foodstore@PNK for the fantastic amount of food which was donated from your Harvest Festival at Cornbank Primary school.*

*Your generosity to us is incredible and we appreciate it very much.*

*We are welcoming families from Afghanistan to be resettled in our community so the help you have given us will be well used.*

*We cannot begin to thank you enough for your kindness and help with this project.*

*All good wishes,*

*Jan Naylor*

We finished the term with a virtual Harvest Assembly, which included a short video from Reverend Nick Bowry, from St James the Less Church. Thank you again for all your support.

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

We are always pleased to be able to support our local community. We recognise that this can be a very difficult time of year for families; colder weather, financial concerns leading up to Christmas and worries about the impact of Covid-19. I have attached information about a local community drop in which may be able to support you. We are also able to support with Christmas food hampers. Please do let us know if you feel you could benefit from further support. All enquiries will be treated confidentially and sensitively.

## **JRSOs**

Mrs Turnbull and Miss Holmes have been working closely with their classes and focussing on travelling to school safely. They recently started a PARKSMART campaign and have shared information with families. We ask that, if you need to drive to school, you park considerately and safely.

## **CORNBANK PARTNERSHIP**

We are really fortunate to have huge support from our Cornbank families. This includes a busy and successful Parent Council called Cornbank Partnership. Our Partnership group has supported us with family events, fundraising ideas and purchasing play equipment, digital devices and even the amazing playground our children get so much enjoyment from.

We recognise a lot has changed recently and our meetings, which take place 6 times a year, have moved to being online. Unfortunately, our last 2 meetings have had to be postponed due to such low numbers being able to attend. We recognise that family life in the evenings are very busy, however we are keen to know what would help to have more of our Cornbank families to join us. Our meetings have been an opportunity to hear about what has been happening in school, discuss wider school matters and to gather ideas and suggestions to support the school in moving forward.

We are working with our Partnership to create a survey which will be sent out soon and welcome your feedback.

## **LOL - Linking our Learning**

Last term, we reintroduced LOLs in Google Classrooms for P2 - P7. We are very keen to continue to support our children's digital skills at home. Following on from surveys and ongoing feedback, we have updated our home learning policy and this is available on our school website. If there are concerns about your child's homework, please speak to their class teacher.