



Cornton Nursery to School Transition Newsletter

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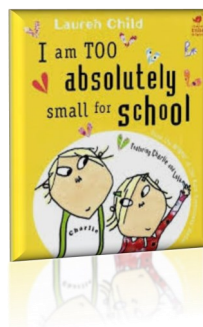
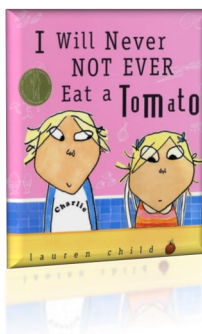
Welcome to Cornton Nursery to Primary School Transition Newsletter. This information has also been posted on Cornton Primary & Nursery School website for your convenience: www.cornton.stirling.sch.uk & <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/corntonnursery/>

For many families, the transition from nursery to school may feel like a journey into the unknown. Both school and nursery have therefore been meeting regularly to plan a seamless transition for all. Our three shared objectives for this years transition programme are:

1. To continue & build upon children's existing learning, knowledge & skills by offering a challenging joint learning context.
2. To ensure children & families are consulted, listened to and fully involved throughout the transition process.
3. To aspire for all children to enter Cornton Primary School feeling excited, confident and ready to continue their journey towards becoming Successful, Confident, Effective & Responsible Learners.

Ambition, Honesty, Respect and Equality are the schools shared values. These will be explored as a pathway from the Nursery values of playing & learning; Fairly, Fully, Responsibly, Respectfully & Joyfully.

Although all areas of the curriculum will be explored during our shared context, progressing children's knowledge about Healthy Eating, Literacy & Numeracy skills, will be our key focus this year. We will introduce this context to children after the Easter holidays through the Lauren Child series of *Charlie & Lola* Books.



We are delighted that our transition programme this year is also being supported by Keep Scotland Beautiful and The Soil Association. There will therefore be a large focus on learning intentions surrounding growing, planting and nurturing food within the school grounds., particularly pumpkins.

School, nursery & partners are exploring the possibility of a visit to Arnprior's Pumpkin Farm for children & buddies. More info will follow re this.

Buddies



Buddies will be given training to ensure they understand and can support the needs of their younger friends as they enter Primary School. Children will play and plant with Buddies at playtime or lunch time during visits.

Parents/Carers

Your Promise?

Moving into Primary 1 requires everyone's input: teachers, educators, children, parents & carers (particularly as we walk to school from nursery each Tuesday & Thursday).

Please speak to Lynne who will allocate each family a minimum of two suitable days (depending on availability) where a family member or friend will support the transition process. Without all families taking part, children will miss out this essential learning context ,as ratios would be unsafe.

Nursery to school visits will be supported by nursery every Tuesday & Thursday from **Tuesday 25th April**, during nursery session times. Children who do not usually attend on these days must bring an adult.

Tuesdays: Health & Wellbeing Focus:

(Gym session/Safe routes to School/Planting & Growing)

(A.M) **9.30:** Children leave nursery, walk safely to school & plant in school grounds.

10.30 : Gym session, Snack & Sneaky Mice visit.

11.30:: We require parents to stay & walk back to nursery.

(P.M) **1pm:** Afternoon children ***meet** nursery staff at Primary School Entrance. (Unless extended Day)

1.1pm: Gym session , Snack & Sneaky Mice Visit.

2pm: Children plant in school grounds & walk safely back to nursery. We require parents to stay & walk back.

Thursdays: (Numeracy & Literacy Focus)

9.15/ 1pm: Children leave nursery and walk to school.

...../1.15: Lunchtime play pm

9.30 /1.35: Classroom session with p.1 .

10.45/: Playtime play am

11am/2.15: Walk back to nursery. We require parents to stay & walk back.

During Nursery Sessions:

Children will be introduced to, and have time to play and learn with children from other nurseries who are enrolled into Cornton Primary. They will also be encouraged to explore their emotions during times of change, in order to build resilience and eagerly anticipate starting in August.

Primary School Visit

All Children & Families are Invited into Cornton Primary on Friday 26th May.

Friday 26th:

10am: Settle your child with their identified Class Teacher (supported by nursery staff) for an exciting day at school.

10.15: All parents/carers are invited to a P1 induction session with the Head Teacher in the school hall. Sample garments and order forms for school uniforms will be available from Logo Express, Tesco and Scot Crest.

Lunchtime: Children will have the opportunity to try a free school meal or to bring a packed lunch.



Each Friday, Mrs Wilson from Primary One is going into nursery to work with small groups of children & educators. This is to ensure that all children are being offered appropriate challenge & progression in their numeracy learning.

Resources for Transition

Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for PE with their name clearly marked on them. We will be practicing changing independently from now until then.



It is hoped that Stirling Council Catering Services will provide a form of "Make & Taste" sessions in the school dining hall with children & families. Thank you to the Soil Association for organising this.

Why Charli & Lola?

The Charlie & Lola series of books allow us to explore Healthy Eating, Growing & Planting, numeracy and discuss and build skills necessary for a smooth transition into Primary One; such as resilience and perseverance. They also allow children to identify with emotions surrounding starting school, communicate and solution focus their concerns.

Children's literacy skills will be developed by joining in with rhyme and nonsense rhyme and by using their imaginations to create alternative beginnings, middles and endings to their own story.

In the school garden children will explore Science in Action by planting food for healthy eating with their buddies. They will return to nursery in September with their produce for a "One Planet Picnic" This Context for Learning supports both nursery & school Health & Wellbeing priorities...What an Adventure Awaits!

Links to the Early Level of a Curriculum for Excellence:

HWB 0-07a: I am learning skills & strategies that support me in challenging times.

MNU 0-01a: I am developing a sense of size & amount by observing, exploring, using & communicating with others about things in the world around me.

LIT 0-19a: I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories, sharing my thoughts in different ways.

Nursery Leavers Event

A Celebration of Transition Learning with families, educators & teachers on:

Thursday 15th June @ 4.30-5.30pm

All families welcome



Transition Dates:

- ◇ Tuesday 25th April Transition begins each Tuesday & Thursday. (**PM children meet each Tuesday** at 1pm at Cornton Primary School, but collected as normal from Nursery).
- ◇ Friday 26th May: Full Day at Cornton Primary.
- ◇ Trip to Pumpkin farm: TBC.
- ◇ Transition Leavers Event : Thursday 15th June.
- ◇ Tuesday 22nd August : School Begins.