



Cornton Nursery to School Transition Newsletter



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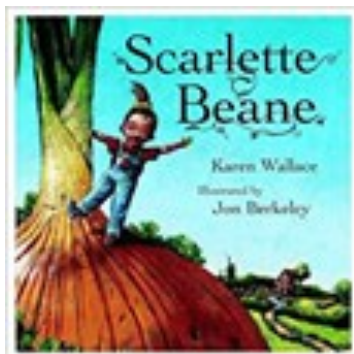
Welcome to Cornton Nursery to Primary School Transition Newsletter. This information has also been posted on Cornton Primary & Nursery School website for your convenience: www.cornton.stirling.sch.uk & <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/corntonnursery/>

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.

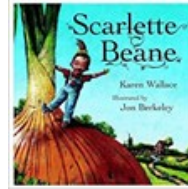
Ambition, Honesty, Respect and Equality are the schools shared values. These will be explored as a pathway from the Nursery values of playing & learning; Fairly, Fully, Responsibly, Respectfully & Joyfully.

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 book 'Scarlette Beane' by Karen Wallace.



We are delighted that our transition programme this year is also being supported by Eco Schools and Green Flag. There will therefore be a large focus on learning intentions surrounding growing, planting, nurturing, rights and responsibilities in my local community.

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 Mairi 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 and Thursday from Tuesday 17th April, during nursery session times. Children who do not usually attend on these days must bring an adult.

Tuesdays: Classroom Visits: (Numeracy, Literacy & HWB focus)

(PE, classroom sessions with P1, Buddy time & snack)

(AM) 0850-0910: Children leave nursery and walk safely to school.

0920-0950: PE session with P1

0955-1045: Classroom session with P1

1045-1100: Break time with their Buddy (please bring a healthy snack)

1100-1115: Children walk back from school to nursery

(PM) 1300-1315: Children leave nursery and walk safely to school

1315-1330: Break time with their Buddy (please bring a healthy snack)

1330-1420: Classroom session with P1

1420-1510: PE session with P1

1510-1525: Children walk back safely from school to nursery

Thursday: Scarlette Beane Activity & Familiarisation:

0945/1315: Children leave nursery to walk safely to school

1000/1330: Scarlette Beane Activity

1015/1400: Break time with Buddy (please bring a healthy snack)

1045/1415: Familiarisation Activity

1100/1430: Children leave school to walk back to nursery

During Nursery Sessions:

Children will be introduced to and have the 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.

Primary School Visit

All Children & Families are Invited into Cornton Primary on Tuesday 5th June 2018 .

Tuesday 5th June:

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.



Once a week, for a period of 4 weeks, Lynne McKay from the Oak room is going to work with small groups of children on Numeracy. 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.

Why Scarlette Beane?

The Scarlette Beane story was chosen to follow some of the children's personal interests. It promotes a sense of Community and our Nurturing Ethos. The book also allows the Nursery 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. It 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 exciting ways in which the children can work to help achieve our Eco and Green Flag status by planting food for healthy eating and flowers with their buddies. 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 14th June @ 4.30-5.30pm

All families
welcome



Transition Dates:

- ◇ Tuesday 17th April Transition begins each Tuesday & Thursday. (PM children meet each Tuesday at 1pm at Cornton Primary School, but collected as normal from Nursery).
- ◇ Tuesday 5th June: Full Day at Cornton Primary.
- ◇ End of Transition Party: TBC.
- ◇ Transition Leavers Event : Thursday 14th June.
- ◇ Monday 20th August : School Begins.