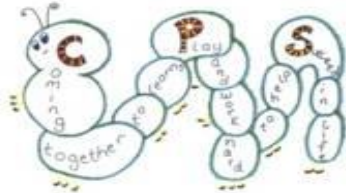




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Whole School Photograph

We began the new session by gathering together in the playground for our whole school photograph. The sun shone children all looked happy and enthusiastic to be at school in the photograph. If you would like to purchase a copy of the photograph, you can do so by following this link:

<https://tracelarguephotography.pixieset.com/cockenzieprimaryschool/?pid=1259818707&id=1&h=NzkyMzg5MjYz>

Password: CPS50years

Huge thanks to Tracey Largue for her patience and expertise with this.



Curriculum Evening

Huge thanks to all the parents and carers who supported our very well attended curriculum evening on Wednesday evening. It was great to see so many of you attending and supporting the work we do in school. Some of the positive feedback received included:

Found the info evening very helpful.

Looking forward to **'s year ahead.***

Really interesting to hear how the school is moving forward.

Points for improvement included:

Incorporating Support for Learning into the Education Evening and its role within the new frameworks.

Author Studies

Our whole school focus this term is reading for enjoyment. We started this off by studying a range of different children's authors. Each year group in the school chose their very own author, studied the life of the author, read books by the author and, in some cases, got to meet their author in person. This project has promoted lots of worthwhile discussions with the children and hopefully continues to promote a passion for reading across the whole school. Please ask your child who they studied and the books they've enjoyed reading.



Homework and Learning Logs

Your child will have come home with their first home learning task on Tuesday. Just like in previous years, homework will always be sent home on a Tuesday and returned to school the following Monday for marking. This week we started with a family homework task on bridges to coincide with the completion of the new Queensferry Crossing. We're looking forward to displaying lots of completed work on our family homework board. Learning logs will also be sent home on Tuesday to be returned by the following Monday. Please check your child's learning log for weekly updates on your child's learning and progress in school.



PTA

The PTA AGM will be held on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone, including new members are always welcome to attend.

P6 Camp

Please note that the next residential camp for our upper school pupils will be in **October 2018**. This will be for our current P6 pupils who will, by then, be in P7. We have changed the camp from P6 to P7 to give the children in P7 and opportunity to form positive relationships with their P7 teachers in preparation for the year ahead. We will send more information and dates in due course.

In the Community

OVO Energy Tour of Britain 2017

This year the Tour will be coming to East Lothian, as part of Stage One Edinburgh to Kelso, on Sunday 3rd September. The Tour will come out through Musselburgh along the coast via Prestonpans, Cockenzie and Port Seton to Longniddry, up over the Garleton Hills and into Haddington before heading to Pencaitland, East Saltoun and Gifford and then over the Lammermuirs into the Scottish Borders. For more information on the route and timings for the race visit www.visiteastlothian.org/tour-of-britain2017

Waggonway Project 2017

The Waggonway Project is run by the 1722 Waggonway Heritage Group - created to preserve and enhance the route and associated industries & environments of Scotland's first railway, the 1722 Tranent - Cockenzie Waggonway. The Big Dig will take place between 1st- 10th September. If you are interested in this fabulous, local project and would like more information visit <https://www.1722waggonway.co.uk/>



Dates for the Diary

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 28th September** to take individual and family photographs of children in nursery to P7. All children will receive an individual picture. If you would like a family picture taken, **please return the slip by 15th September** at the latest.

If you can spare a few hours and would like to help on Thursday 28th September please contact the school office.

September Holiday

School will be closed on Friday 15th September and Monday 18th September 2017.

Parents' Consultations

Parents' consultations will take place on the following dates below. This is an excellent opportunity for you to speak to your child's teacher in person about your child's learning and progress at school.

Tuesday 14th November 2017 - 1600-1900

Thursday 16th November 2017 – 1600-1900

Just a reminder...



Scooters & Bikes

It is great to see lots of our pupils cycling and scooting to school every day. However, we would really appreciate it if you can please remind your child that, due to safety reasons, they are not permitted to cycle or scoot in the playground at any time, including the end of the day. They should use the bike and scooter racks available.

Please help us by:

- Ensuring your child makes it to school on time. The bell rings at 0845 for all our pupils, P1-P7
- Ensuring your annual update has been returned
- Pay as much as possible using the online service
- Signing up to receive your newsletter by email
- Follow us on twitter - @CockenziePS
- Register for email alerts from the website
- Familiarise yourself with the online calendar for any new dates
- Tell us if you would like information about anything specific in the next newsletter.

Jacqui Mackinnon

Jacqui Mackinnon, Head teacher.