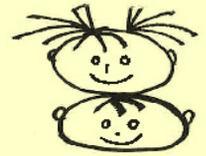




Cockenzie Nursery News

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Dear Parent/Carer

Let me begin by thanking so many of you for joining us for parent/carers consultations over the past few weeks. What a fantastic opportunity it was to share with parents and carers their children's achievements as well as providing time to get to know all of our families a little better. All of our new ante preschool parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet with their child's key worker in January in order to discuss how your child is settling in.

Parents/Carers are free to take their child's learning story at any time to look at it and find out more about their child's development. If you are unsure where these are located in the nursery then do ask a member of staff next time that you are in.

The nursery have a busy month ahead in the run down to Christmas. Outlined below are all of the key dates that you will need for December and do not forget to check the board everyday on your way in and out of the nursery for further information.

Natasha O'Connor
Deputy Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Sat 1st December PTA Christmas Fair, 13:00-15:00hrs
Thurs 20th December Last day of term



Morning Children

Thurs 13th December Nativity performance, 10:30-11:30hrs. Children will receive 3 tickets (any tickets not required can be returned to the nursery). Requests for additional tickets will be re-allocated on a first come, first served basis. Donation welcome for John Bellany Centre on entry.

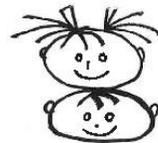
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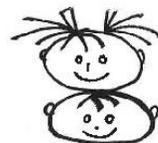
Afternoon Children

Wed 19th December Carol Concert, 14:00-15:00hrs. Due to this being held in nursery, we are limited for space and 2 invites per child will be issued.

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	<p>Vision Screening</p> <p>The vision screening for the morning nursery children will take place on Monday 7th and Monday 14th January 2019. Consent letters will be issued to parents/carers shortly.</p>
	<p>Snack Money</p> <p>A huge thank you to everyone who has already paid their snack money for this term. Just to remind those who have not yet paid, £10 is now due. This can be paid, preferably via Schoolpay, in cash or by cheque made payable to East Lothian Council.</p>
	<p>Sickness and Diarrhoea</p> <p>Please can everyone be reminded that in this season where sickness bugs are more common, keeping your child off from nursery for 48hours after the final symptom of sickness or diarrhoea is the only way to stop the spread of it to other children and staff.</p>
	<p>Helpers Needed</p> <p>We look for as many opportunities as possible to take our children out of the nursery however we need helpers in order to do so. Would you be free to walk with your child's group or another group on any of these dates?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orange group library visit- 27th November• Yellow group library visit - 4th December• Purple group library visit - 11th December• Red group John Bellany Centre - 5th and 19th December
	<p>Food and Sweets in Bags and Pockets</p> <p>Please do not send your children to nursery with sweets or food in their coat pockets or bags as some of our children are being tempted to go into bags and eat things during nursery time. If you have food in your child's bag for a specific reason please let a member of the nursery team know so that it can be kept somewhere safe.</p>
	<p>Stay and Play</p> <p>The Stay and Play time table is now on display in the nursery for January. This is a great opportunity to come in and join your child in exploring the nursery together. Please feel free to phone or drop a note to your child's key worker if you will not be physically in the nursery to sign up.</p>
	<p>Ranger Visit</p> <p>In the nursery we have been learning about nocturnal animals and the children really enjoyed a visit from Leigh McCrum who is a ranger.</p>



Morning Children - Story Sacks

Over the course of the next week you will receive information about our story sack lending library that we will be starting up. As always we are looking for a couple of volunteers to help us to organise and maintain the story sacks. If you or someone you know might be interested in this then do let us know.



Afternoon Children - Travelling Teddy

This coming week information will be sent home about our two nursery teddy bears who will be working their way around all of the children in the nursery and coming home with them for a weekend visit. We hope that all of our children enjoy having our travelling teddies home for a visit. If you have any specific events that you think teddy would enjoy coming to visit, then let us know and, where possible, we will try and accommodate requests.



Parent Teacher Association (PTA) & Parent Link Meetings

Below is a note of the next meeting dates:

- PTA Meeting - Tuesday 27th November at 19:00hrs
- Parent Link Meeting - Tuesday 4th December at 19:00hrs
- Parent Link 'Tea & Toast' - Friday 7th December at 09:00hrs

All are very welcome to attend the above events.



Can you help us to source any of the following second hand items?

- Tea set
- Play kettle
- Factual books



Finally, a few reminders...

- Please do not send your child to nursery with toys in their bags as we would hate anything to get lost or cause upset if it were to be played with by another child.
- As always, remember to label all of your child's belongings.