

Cockenzie Nursery News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Last Thursday Cockenzie Primary School Nursery were joined by Janice Dickson from East Lothian Council to share information with parents and carers about the proposed changes to nursery hours being made from August 2019. It was great to see so many of you there. If you were unable to join us then the power point for this is available on the school blog via <https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzie/>

At this stage Cockenzie Nursery, in conjunction with East Lothian Council, are trying to determine what the demand for hours is going to be for next year. We greatly appreciate everyone taking the time to complete the form received either at the meeting or via your child's nursery pocket to outline what you think you might want next year with regards to nursery hours. The closing date for this is Friday 5th April. All of this information will then be collated and we will determine what hours we will be offering from August.

As you can tell this is a very exciting time for us in the nursery and as always please feel free to ask us any questions you may have, although please be prepared that we may have to go away and find out the answer and get back to you with it.

Natasha O'Connor
Deputy Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary



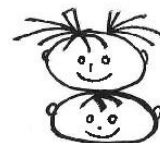
- Last day of term is Friday 5th April
- All resume Tuesday 23rd April
- May Day holiday Monday 6th May
- School closed to pupils Monday 20th May

Nursery Buddies - Pre-School Children



All of our pre-school children have now met their Primary 6 Buddy who will support them in their transition into primary 1. The aim is for our youngest children in the school to feel supported by our eldest children when they begin primary 1. Your child's buddy will remain the same throughout the transition process and on into primary 1, when their buddy will then be primary 7.

The children who do not currently attend Cockenzie Nursery but will be joining us in primary 1 will be able to meet their buddies when they are in visiting school.



Lifecycles

Ten living eggs arrived this week in nursery. The children (and staff!) have thoroughly enjoyed watching the chicks hatch and caring for them. If you get a chance do visit our four remaining chicks as they will be departing the nursery soon to return to their home.



Nursery Drop Off and Pick Up Times

We advise that parents drop off and collect their child as close to the beginning of the drop off/pick up window rather than the end as we do need to close the door sharp in order to continue with other routines we have in place. We really appreciate your support with this.



Change to Nursery Times

All parents and carers have been notified about this but please be aware that on Thursday 20th June **ante pre-school** children are asked to attend nursery in the morning and **pre-school** children are asked to attend in the afternoon. This is to allow ante pre-school children to spend the morning in nursery preparing for next year and our pre-school children to become primary 1 children in the school.

If this causes any huge problems for any of our families with regards to child care then please do let us know as the last thing we want to cause is unnecessary stress.



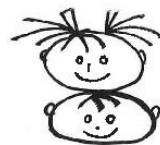
Sports Day

Sports Day for the morning children will take place on **Monday 10th June**. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us **from 10:30hrs** for a 'round robin' of events.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

We thought that for the afternoon children, a picnic would be a lovely end to the nursery year and Parents/Carers are invited to join us on **Thursday 27th June** for an afternoon of activities and fun in the nursery garden **from 14:15 to 15:15hrs**.



Nature Play



A huge well done to Mrs Pollard and Mrs Neil for running a fantastic block of Nature Play over the last term as well as a massive thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported us by coming with us on our visits. Following on from the success of this we are hoping to run this again this coming term for any child who may choose to go. However, we need your help! If you would be able to volunteer on a regular basis to go with the nursery team into the wooded area near nursery with a group of children then please do speak to Karyn Pollard.

Up To Date Information



Can I ask that parents and carers take a minute to ensure that their contact details are current and correct and that any medical information and medication we may hold for your child is also up to date and correct. If your information has changed then do ask for a new contact form or discuss with your child's key worker which medical form you might need to complete.

Parent Link and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meetings



The next meeting dates are as follows:

- PTA Meeting - Tuesday 23rd April at 1900hrs
- Parent Link Meeting (AGM) - Wednesday 1st May at 1900hrs

All are welcome to attend.

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

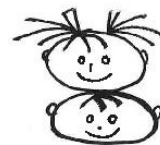


- Pirate figures
- Children's wheel barrow
- Play dough shapes
- Pineapple corer
- Electronic items that can be taken apart for the nursery 'tinker table'



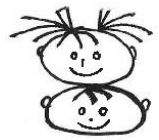
Finally, a few reminders...

Please can parents check the contents of the story sacks against the label before returning them to the nursery



Nursery to Primary One Transition – Key Dates

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| 7 th & 14 th May | 1000hrs | Nursery children & buddies in Infant Playground |
| 21 st May | 1025hrs | Nursery children & P1s in Playground |
| 28 th May | 1000hrs 1800hrs | Garden Party + P1 Parent/Carer Information Talk P1 Parent/Carer Information Talk |
| 4 th June | 1000hrs | Nursery children visit empty P1 classes & playtime |
| 5 th June | | Graduation Photos taken (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>) |
| 10 th June | 1030hrs | Sports Day (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>) |
| 11 th June | TBC | Trip (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>) |
| 17 th - 19 th June | 1100hrs – 1155hrs | Trial Lunch (<i>your child's day will be confirmed nearer the time</i>) |
| 20 th June | TBC | Pre-schoolers become P1s (<i>no morning nursery</i>) |
| 21 st June | TBC | Whole morning in Primary 1 |
| 27 th June | 1000hrs | Nursery Graduation (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>) |



Primary One Transition

Parents/Carers were invited to attend a talk on Thursday 5th February which outlined the main events that their child will participate in as they begin their transition into Primary One. There was also talks on how best to prepare your child for school, [please click here to view the presentation.](#)

In preparation for the term ahead here are the key transition events:

- **Tuesday 28th May - Garden Party**

Parents/Carers will drop off their children and head into the nursery garden, we advise drop off at the second opening if possible so you don't have to hang around too long, and once all the children have arrived they will be put into their P1 class and will meet their P1 teacher. The children will then come into the garden class by class so that you can see who is in their class. We will then have a morning of activities that the P1 teachers will participate in so that the children and yourselves get to know them informally before we end the day with a show, funded by the PTA.

- **Tuesday 28th May at 11:00hrs and repeated again at 18:00hrs - Parent Information Evening**

Parents and Carers are invited to attend. As well as a chat from our Head Teacher, Jacqui Mackinnon, about the school, you will learn about our expectations and housekeeping for Primary 1.

- **Tuesday 5th June - Graduation Photos**

Graduation photos are being taken on Tuesday 5th June during nursery hours and will be available for sale a few days afterwards. We will need two or three parents/carers to come in and assist the photographer and staff putting on/taking off the gowns and mortars, please speak to a member of staff if you are able to help.

- **Monday 10th June - Sports Day**

Parents/Carers are welcome to join us from 10:30hrs for a 'round robin' of events. This event is weather permitting.

- **Tuesday 11th June - Trip**

TBC

- **Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June - Trial Lunch**

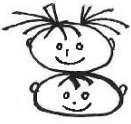
Further details of the specific day children will attend their trial lunch will be confirmed nearer the time.

- **Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June - Transition Days**

The children will spend the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning in their P1 classrooms with their teacher. *Please note this is a different time to your child's normal nursery time of a Thursday morning.*

- **Thursday 27th June - Nursery Graduation**

Children will come into nursery at the usual time and parents/carers will return for 10:00hrs for the graduation starting at 10:15hrs. If the weather is fair we will hold the graduation outdoors and you should enter by the nursery garden gate but if the weather is not suitable we will hold it in the main hall and entry will be via the main office. The graduation will last until 11:30hrs approximately upon which all children should be signed out of nursery.



P1 TRANSITION

