

Cockenzie Nursery News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet another year has flown by and we are fast approaching the summer holidays. With this comes lots of exciting times ahead as we say farewell to our children transitioning into primary 1 and we move forward with our expansion of the nursery hours in August.

I am sure the parents/carers of our morning children have been hearing lots about their children's P6 buddies recently. Our primary 6s have been taking their responsibilities as nursery buddies very seriously, taking every opportunity to visit the nursery. If your child does not currently attend Cockenzie Nursery but will be with us in primary 1, they will meet their buddy when they come and visit the school. The morning children have been visiting the school and having fun playing in the infant playground. We hope lots of you can join us on Tuesday 28th May at 10:00hrs at the Garden Party where the children will have a chance to spend time with their new primary 1 teachers.

Thank you to all of our parents/carers of children remaining with us next year for their patience as we gather information in about the expanded hours for August. We are hoping to have this finalised any day now by East Lothian Council and offers of hours for next session to be issued soon.

Kind regards

Natasha O'Connor

Depute Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary

- School closed to pupils Monday 20th May
- Please remember 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.



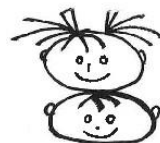
Teddy Bears' Picnic

We cannot wait for our Teddy Bear's picnic for our afternoon children on **Thursday 27th June** in the nursery garden **from 14:15 to 15:15hrs**. We hope lots of our parents/carers are able to join us for our picnic to celebrate the end of a fantastic first year in nursery.



Sports Day

Just another reminder 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.



Sun Cream and Appropriate Clothing



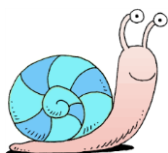
Finally, hopefully summer is approaching soon! With that, please remember to apply sun block to your child on sunny/hot days as we have an open door policy and many of our children choose to be out at all times. Unfortunately we are not allowed to apply sun screen to children so please ensure this is done before coming to nursery.

However, as there sadly seems to be no sign yet of any prolonged heat wave we would recommend that you always send your child with an extra layer in their bag, an appropriate coat and sun hat to allow for changeable weather.



Dogs on School Grounds

East Lothian Council holds a policy where by only assistance dogs are allowed on school grounds. We ask parents/carers to please ensure that dogs are left outside of the school grounds before they drop their child off at nursery.



Snail Summer Holiday

Can you help? Our snails desperately need a home for the summer! If you are interested in finding out more about what this would involve then please catch a member of the nursery team.



The Courier Pre-School Photograph Spread

Photographs of all of our pre-school children will be in the Thursday 9th May edition of the East Lothian Courier newspaper.



Prescribed Medication

Just to remind parents/carers, if your child's health has changed at all please do let us know so that we can be kept up to date on how best to look after your child.

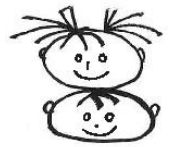
In the event that your child becomes unwell and requires prescribed medication, e.g. antibiotics, for a short period of time, please remember to come into nursery to complete a medical form before we can administer this to your child.



Parent Link Meeting and PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on Tuesday 4th June at 19:00hrs. All are welcome to attend!

The date of the next Parent Link meeting will be confirmed shortly.



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'



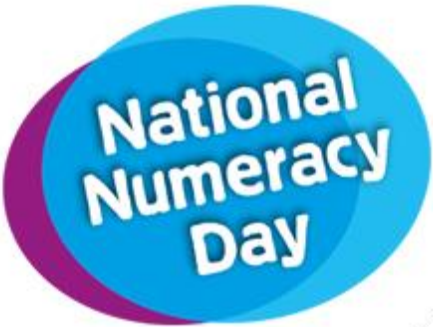
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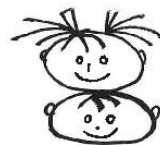
- Please remember to check your child's pocket regularly for any letters.
- Unfortunately we cannot use toilet rolls in our modelling junk due to national health and safety guidelines.
- If you have not yet paid snack money that is due please do so asap!

A final thought...



With the 15th May being National Numeracy Day you can support your child with their early numeracy skills by:

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- Counting up to 20 (and beyond) every time you climb the stairs or scoop out the cereal
 - For every time you count forwards try and count backwards as well - this will help in primary 1 with subtraction. We sing a lot of songs in nursery that help with this, e.g. 5 little speckled frogs, 10 green bottles
 - Count the dots on a dice pattern when playing board games. In time these will become automatic.
- Ask your child to show you a number of fingers using only one hand "Show me 4 fingers...2 fingers... 3 fingers". When they can do this ask your child to show you a number of fingers but this time using both hands "Using both your hands can you show me 3 fingers...8 fingers...6 fingers".



Nursery to Primary One Transition – Key Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
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>)
17 th - 19 th June	1100hrs – 1155hrs	Trial Lunch (<i>your child's day will be confirmed nearer the time</i>)
20 th June	1315hrs – 1500hrs	Pre-schoolers become P1s (<i>no morning nursery</i>)
21 st June	0900hrs – 1150hrs	Whole morning in Primary 1
27 th June	1000hrs	Nursery Graduation (<i>current CPS pupils only</i>)