

NEWSLETTER Session 2018 – 2019



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Fond Farewells!

We start by saying a happy and fond farewell to our P7 pupils. Their show last Monday showcased a fantastic array of talents which ranged from public speaking to singing, dancing and performing. We were all astonished and proud of the musical talent which was displayed through the performance 'One Last Time'. Huge thanks to Miss Matusazack, Miss Slevin and Mr Backe for all their hard work and commitment in P7 this term. We wish every one of our P7 pupils much success and happiness as they leave us to embark on the next stage of their school journey.

Staffing

We would also like to say good luck and farewell to several members of our teaching staff this year. Both Miss Mackie and Mrs Bell, who were our NQTs this year, have enjoyed a very positive start to their teaching careers in P1 and P3. We wish them all the very best for the future and I am sure both will be missed next year. We would also like to wish Mrs Smith the best of luck next year. It has been a pleasure working with Mrs Smith and we look forward to hearing about the next stage in her teaching career too.

Ms O'Neill, who is currently our Support for Learning Teacher, will be significantly reducing her hours next year as she looks to develop her First Aid Training business. She is still at Cockenzie one day a week and we are delighted that she will teach in P4A on a Thursday for Mrs Blevins.

Mrs Corr will also return next session. She will teach in Mrs Greenwood's class every Wednesday.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our two new NQTs for session 19/20. They are Miss Craig (P1) and Miss McGuire (P5).

And of course we wish Mrs Mackinnon all the luck in the world as she embarks on the next stage of her career as Head Teacher of Law Primary School. We will all miss Mrs MacKinnon very much but I am sure you will all join me in wishing her all the best at Law. Mrs Mackinnon's post has been advertised and we will look forward to hearing who her replacement will be in the new session.



Successes!

Our girls' football team have enjoyed a phenomenal season. Currently unbeaten, the girls have won the league, the John Home Robertson Outdoor Tournament and the Indoor Tournament. Well done, girls! The treble for Cockenzie would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of their football coach, Vanda Dow. We are also delighted that our boys' football team secured the league for Cockenzie. This is a fantastic achievement for the school and we're very proud of all boys who play for the team.



Sports Day



We are so glad the sun shone for us last Tuesday and we were eventually able to enjoy a fantastic sports day. Ms. Dougal, our visiting PE Specialist does a great job of organising a range of events for our children to enjoy. We would also like to say a big thanks to the senior students from PLHS who came down to help on the day.

Key Dates and Information

Don't forget to access our school blog to find any key dates or information. Our blog is updated regularly and links to our school Twitter page. One of the most useful tools on the blog is the School's interactive calendar. The calendar includes dates and times for a range of events across the school.

Our interactive calendar looks like this:

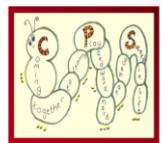
Our calendar on the blog can be found here:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzie/holidays/school-calendar>



SCHOOL CALENDAR

To assist you with keeping on top of all the key dates that crop up during the term, please view the interactive school calendar below.



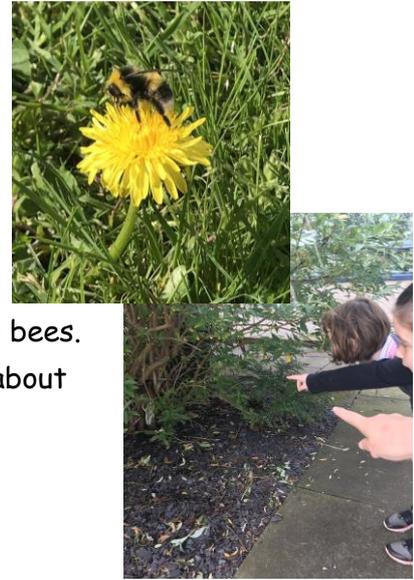
Additional In-Service Days

Two additional in-service days have been granted for session 2019/20 as part of the Scottish Negotiating Committee for Teachers' pay negotiations. The dates for these are: **Tuesday 22 October 2019 and Tuesday 7 January 2020**. Pupils will not attend school on these dates. All school holidays for session 2019-20 and 2020-21 can be viewed on East Lothian Council's website.



John Muir Award

We'd like to congratulate all our P5 pupils and teachers on successfully completing their John Muir Discovery Award. Part of this award has included discovering and preserving a wild place. The children chose an area of our playground and have created our very own bee garden. They have planted bee friendly flowers and plants and regularly surveyed the garden for bees. The John Muir Award has been a great opportunity for the children to learn about the environment, sustainability, teamwork and outdoor learning.



Single Use Plastic Bottles



As from August 2019 we'd like to, when possible, discourage and eventually stop the use of single use plastic bottles in school. Instead, please encourage your child to bring their own reusable water bottle to school every day. We very much appreciate your support with this as we all try to do more for our environment.

Sweatshirts P6 >> P7

Our current Primary 6 pupils have chosen sky blue as the colour of their P7 school sweatshirt for next session. Please purchase via Davie, at the Workshop Port Seton - there are currently some in stock.

Enjoy the Break!

We hope you all enjoy a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 14th August at 0845hrs.

Mrs. D. Mercer

Depute Head Teacher