



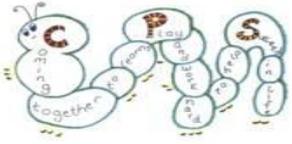
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# Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 29th November 2019



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The busy winter term is in full swing and the next few weeks will be even busier in the run up to Christmas.

## Christmas Cards

**A message from pupils at Cockenzie Primary, PTA, Parent Link, HT and all staff**

It's nearly Christmas and the time for sending cards to friends and family. We understand how important it can be to the children to send and receive cards from their friends but this year we would like to suggest a more environmentally friendly and money saving alternative. We would plan to have a large Christmas poster in the shape of a Christmas tree in each classroom, as well as in nursery, where children write/draw a message to all their classmates. If parents/carers would like to send in a small donation for the local Food Bank instead of buying the cards then please hand in to the school office.

At assembly it was shared with all that 33 million trees are cut down each year for Christmas Cards. One tree is needed every 300 cards. Help us make a difference.

Thank you for your co-operation ☺

## Christmas Fayre

Our fantastic PTA have organised the Christmas Fayre for this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 1-3pm. There will be lots of opportunities to purchase some gifts from the many stall holders, enjoy the festive activities or catch up with friends over a coffee/tea and mince pie.

Many thanks to all who have donated items for the class hampers/tombola and for supporting our school buying raffle tickets. If you are planning to do some home baking, please make sure you put your child's name and class on any containers that you would like returned. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Letters Home/Oldest and Only

In order to cut down on paper, when there is a letter sent out to the whole school then these will be given to the oldest child where there is more than one child in the school as well as all children without a sibling in school. By doing this we will save paper. It's really important that you check children's school bags. As far as possible, when we can email a communication we will use this method, again to cut down on paper.

## Drop Box

We have set up a post box in the porch at the main school reception. If you wish, you can pop any non-confidential correspondence into this box. This will save you time if you are handing things into the office, especially at busy times. The box will be checked daily. All confidential items should continue to be handed to the school office staff.



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## Children in Need



Massive thanks to everyone who donated their coppers. We raised a fabulous £320.62! ☺

## Christmas Church Service

The Church Service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December will begin at 0915hrs and last for approximately an hour. P5 will be leading the service and everyone is welcome to join us at the church.

## Schoolpay



As Cockenzie Primary School is a cashless school please remember to use our online payment system for school lunches, milk and trips. Don't forget that if you do choose to pay for lunches with cash, we are unable to give change. Please visit our school blog for more information.

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

## Class News

P5 children enjoyed a visit last week, to the John Muir Birthplace Museum in Dunbar! They loved learning more about the life and work of John Muir, and were inspired by his love of nature and conservation. The children were very curious and were able to ask lots of questions, as well as being set challenges to find out certain facts from around the museum.

In P2, children have been exploring the book, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. The children were curious about how they could help save Mr Grinling's lunch from the seagulls so they have been busy learning all about different types of materials and their properties. More fun learning around this wonderful story will continue next week. ☺

P3 held a very successful ceilidh last night. Many thanks to the children and staff for their hard work in preparing for this.

As Christmas approaches, P1 are preparing for their Nativity on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets have been sent out for this.

## Girls Football

The girls' football team had a match on Wednesday afternoon. The girls all played brilliantly against a more experienced team. The final score was 2-0 but it was a fantastic game of football. Thank you to Vanda for her continued support and coaching.

## Flu Immunisations

Just a reminder that Cockenzie Primary's vaccination session will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (within the school day) for those that have completed and return their child's form.



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## Pantomime

The panto is fast approaching. Children should wear school uniform as normal on Panto Day (this makes the children easily identifiable at the theatre). Children are very welcome to wear Santa hats if they would like to.



## Parent Link

The next 'Tea and Toast' meeting will be held in school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. This is an informal opportunity for you to come along to school and discuss any school related issues you may have before the next Parent Link meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 1900hrs.

## Christmas Countdown

The Christmas Countdown starts soon! To help you plan for key dates around this time please click on the link to view our Christmas Countdown calendar of events:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzie/christmas-countdown-2019/>



## Nursery Blog

Cockenzie Primary School Nursery have been working hard this year as part of the implementation of increased nursery hours to find ways of keeping parents and carers informed about the day to day life of the nursery. As part of this, there is now a nursery blog which is updated on a regular basis with important information as well as photographs and news from the nursery.

Follow the nursery at [www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery](http://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery)

## Dates for the Diary

Please click on the link for the Christmas Countdown calendar

<https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzie/christmas-countdown-2019/>



## Get your Newsletter emailed

We are trying our best to cut down on our paper usage. We also try to be sensible with the school budget! It would help us enormously if we could email the majority of our newsletters. If you would like your newsletters emailed to you please email us at the following address with your request - [admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk).

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