



# Cockenzie Nursery News

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Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our families!

We hope that you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the festive period.

The nursery team returned a day earlier than the children and we spent the morning attending a conference run by East Lothian Council about the expansion of the nursery hours which we are already well under way with and then an afternoon working with Linzi Fowler, Speech and Language Therapist, being trained in LIFT. LIFT is a speech and language therapy programme that support nursery practitioners with providing communication intervention through their interactions with children. We hope to be able to run parent workshops in LIFT next school year once we have completed the training.

The nursery team have been working on Cockenzie Primary School Nursery's vision, values and aims over the course of the past year and you will find the image of this attached to the back cover of the newsletter. Miss Ness will be starting the process of painting this on the main board as you enter nursery and we would love to hear any feedback you have, particularly on the 'aims' that we feel demonstrate our aspirations for our children at Cockenzie Primary School Nursery.

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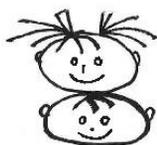
### Dates for the Diary

- Last day before midterm - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February
- Staff in-service day - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Children return - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Preparing for Primary 1 Talk - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1800hrs
- Nursery Parent/Carer Forum Meeting - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1700hrs
- Last day of term - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- All resume - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April



### A huge thank you...

A huge thank you to our Parent Teacher Association for purchasing us our new Vtech cameras, as well as helping Santa to buy the books that were gifted to the children. We are very lucky to have such a supportive PTA. The PTA is always looking for new members and nursery parents/carers are welcome to join.



## Nursery Blog

We have loved receiving the feedback from our parents and carers around our nursery blog. We are so pleased that it is being viewed as a useful way for parents and carers to remain informed about life in the nursery. The blog can be found at [www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery/](http://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery/)



## 1140 Hours

By now our ante-preschool parents/carers should have received communication about the nursery hours we will be providing next year at Cockenzie Nursery as part of the expansion of the 1140hours. We are lucky as we have been running these hours for the past six months. I can confirm that we will be remaining at 38 weeks, however from August we will be offering just:

- Mon to Thur 8.45am - 3.15pm and Friday 8.45am - 12.30pm
- Mon to Fri 8.45am - 12.30pm

If you change your nursery hours via East Lothian Council we would appreciate if you can let us know.



## Lunches

Thank you to everyone who is managing to order their child's lunch online. We are finding it a struggle on a Monday morning or immediately after a holiday as we have a high number of families who have not ordered lunches yet. We appreciate how easy it is to forget to order however it causes a lot of problems and we can lose a member of staff to sorting lunches for up to an hour and a half. We would greatly appreciate if everyone could try and order in advance.



## Stay and Play

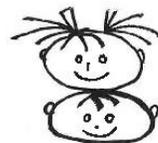
The Stay and Play time table is now up in the nursery. This is a great opportunity to come in and join your child in exploring the nursery together. Please feel free to phone or drop a note to your child's key worker if you will not be physically in the nursery to sign up.



## Nursery Evaluations

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete our mid year nursery evaluation. It was incredibly positive to hear that 100% of our parents/carers agree or strongly agreed with the statements about the general life of the nursery and how we work with parents and carers. We are currently working on compiling the feedback and will look to discuss this at the next Nursery Parent/Carer Forum as well as issuing the results.

If you would like to complete an evaluation then please can you return them asap.



### Parents/Carers of Pre School Children "Preparing for Primary 1" Talk

Incredibly it is that time of year again when we start thinking about our pre-school children's transition into primary 1.

We will be holding our "Preparing for Primary 1 Talk" for pre-school parents/carers on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1800hrs.**

If your child is born in January or February and you are considering giving your child a deferred year in nursery the paper work for this should be coming out from East Lothian Council soon. Please feel free to discuss what a deferred year means with your child's Keyworker if you would like more information.



### Parent/Carer Forum



Thank you to those who have attended the Nursery Parent/Carer Forum meetings so far this year. These will be held once a term and will allow the nursery team to share information with parents and carers about the development work taking place.

If you are interested in attending, the first session will be on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1700hrs.**

### Parent Link Meeting and Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



- The next Parent Link Meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 1900hrs.
- The next PTA Meeting is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1900hrs

All are very welcome to attend.

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

- Small items that can be used for loose parts play, e.g. corks, buttons, beads, discs of wood, curtain rings, cotton reels.

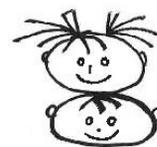
### Can you help us with..

- Tidying up the garden - we are always looking for helpers.

### Finally, a few reminders...

- Feel free to take a new certificate to share with us your child's successes out with nursery. We have loved hearing all of our children's achievements and seeing how proud the children are to share them with us.
- Remember this term's snack money is now due.
- If you have not returned your child's review of their 'All About Me' information or their learning stories please do so ASAP.





# Cockenzie Primary School Nursery's vision, values and aims



Over the course of the past year we, as a nursery team, have been evaluating our nursery vision, values and the aims we hold for all of our children.

We decided to align ourselves with the school's vision and values. You may have heard your children coming home discussing that they were being; Curious Cats, Positive Penguins, Successful Snails and Respectful Rhinos.

We would love to hear feedback from our families on this work so please feel free to drop a comment into our comment box in the nursery.