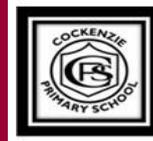


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Hello to you all

It is so lovely to see our Nursery – P3 children and staff back in the school and nursery building. Everyone has settled in really well. This week we had the Scottish Government update with the hope that more children return to schools from Monday 15th March and we will update you on this in the coming days/week when we have further information/guidance from the Scottish Government. Just a quick note to say please don't worry about buying new school shoes as buying school shoes for just one term is costly so we are not expecting children to turn up in new school shoes when they return from remote learning (trainers will be fine for now!). All of us look forward to the day when all the children and staff are back in the school building.

There are 'live' assemblies starting this week for P1-3s in school, as well as P4-7 at home. The daily morning Meets at 0930hrs are a success so thank you to all the P4-7s for joining these meets Monday to Friday.

Thank you to all parents/carers who are following the guidelines about 2m physical distancing in playground, face coverings (unless medically exempt) and 1 adult dropping/collecting children. We ask for your continued support with all the safety measures please in order to keep our school community safe.

Lynda Banks
HT

Staff News

Welcome back to Miss Slevin, P5A teacher, who has been on maternity leave. Mrs Anderson, classroom assistant, has announced that she will be retiring at the end of March. Mrs Anderson was awarded a certificate from East Lothian Council for 20 years' service. Mrs Borthwick and Mrs Currie were both awarded certificates for 30 years' service. We congratulate them all and thank them for all the hard work at the school.

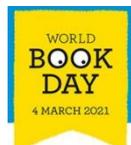


Share your views on our East Lothian's Learning Estate

An online questionnaire to gather the views of local communities on the council's existing learning estate went live on Monday (22 February 2021). Phase 1 of the Learning Estate Review pre-consultation has been designed to offer schools and communities the opportunity to share their opinions on the condition of the existing learning estate. The pre-consultation will also gather views on how well the school estate supports learning. The questionnaire will run from 22 February – 15 March on the council's Consultation Hub, to provide an easy and accessible way for people to participate.

Phase 2 of the process will involve a series of online community engagement workshops, which will run from 10 – 28 May.

The survey [is available to view here](#) and will be live for responses until 15 March 2021. We understand there may be a number of parents/carers who have not actually been in the school building but please answer as best you can.



World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

Please see the World Book Day letter attached to the email.

Nursery

The nursery were excited to welcome back all of the children this week as well as beginning to welcome new children.



East Lothian Council have given every nursery in East Lothian a sum of money to support outdoor play. Mrs Pollard and the nursery team have purchased new play equipment from Community Play including; outdoor blocks, an outdoor water tray and an outdoor reading area. It was like Christmas Day for the nursery team the day it arrived and it is all currently in the process of being built and set up.

Playground Resources

Thank you to the PTA for purchasing playground equipment for each class. The children in each class voted on what they would like. Balls, skipping ropes, bibs, bean bags and bats are just some of the items purchased.



Easter Holidays

The last day of this term is Thursday 1st April. School and nursery will reopen on Tuesday 20th April.

Contacting Us

A reminder, like always, that if you would like to contact us, please email admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk and your email will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff. We are here if you need any support or just a chat.



Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lynda Banks'.

Ms L Banks
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'N O'Connor'.

Mrs N O'Connor
Depute Headteacher

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S Stitt'.

Mr S Stitt
Depute Headteacher (Acting)