



# Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 1 August 2022



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## Message from Ms Banks:

What a great start we are having to the new school year. A warm welcome to all our Primary 1 learners and new learners who have joined us from other schools, as well as all their families. We have a number of new staff who are settling in to their new roles at our school and nursery. There is a lot of 'housekeeping' information in this newsletter so please ensure you read it carefully.



This is the first time since March 2020 when we have no COVID restrictions in place and we are extremely happy about this, as I am sure you all are too.

As ever, partnership with parents and carers is hugely important. If you would need to contact us, please do so by phoning or emailing the school in the first instance and your query will be passed to the relevant member of staff.

## What To Bring To School

- School bag
- Filled water bottle – **please ensure this is water and not juice**
- Small healthy snack
- Healthy packed lunch (if required) – please name the bag/box too 😊
- Waterproof coat – named 😊
- Appropriate footwear/clothing for PE

Please ensure your children do not bring any unnecessary items such as toys, etc into school.



**Please, please, please ensure that all items of clothing, uniform, water bottles, snack/lunch boxes, etc are clearly named.**

## Road Safety and Parking

A plea to anyone who is collecting and dropping off children. Please ensure to park safely and away from double yellow lines. Also, please ensure that you are mindful of younger children when you leave the school grounds and their safety. The staff car park is only for staff and not to be used for drop off and pick-ups at all. Thank you.

## Photograph Permissions/PC1 Forms (P2-7 and Nursery)

Every 2 years, we are required by East Lothian Council to update parental/carer permission for photographs, both internal permission (classroom/school displays, etc) and external (for newspaper, Twitter, blog, newsletters, etc). These forms will be issued today. It is very important that these forms are returned for your child so we can update permission details. The PC1 forms (green) will also be issued today. This form gives permission for your child to go on any outings out with the school grounds. Again, these forms must be returned. No form means no outing. ☺ No photo permission forms returned, then we will assume they have NO permission for internal and external photos.

**Please check school bags today for forms and return forms by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August.**

## Flu immunisation (P1-7)

Forms for this will be issued today as well. Again, please return by Monday 29th August.

Nasal Flu immunisations will take place in school on **Tuesday 6th December 2022** for those who have returned consent forms. Please ensure forms are returned regardless if your child is to have the nasal spray or not.

## Our Nursery/School Day

With no more restrictions required, we are back to one break and one lunchtime. Yippee!!!

- Nursery 8am – 3pm

Class	Break Time	Lunchtime	End of Day
P1 - P2	Mon – Thurs: 10.25am – 10.45am Friday: 10.30am – 10.45am	11.55am – 1.10pm	Mon – Thurs: 3.10pm Friday: 12.10pm
P3 - P7	Mon – Thurs: 10.25am – 10.45am Friday: 10.30am- 10.45am	12.25pm – 1.10pm	Mon – Thurs: 3.15pm Friday: 12.20pm



## School Lunches, Free School Meals, Clothing Grant etc

School meals are free to all P1-5 learners in Scotland. All school/nursery lunches MUST be ordered on [SchoolPay](#). Please remember that if you would like your child to have a school lunch on a Friday then you must order this **before 9.30am on a Wednesday.**

Even if your child is having a packed lunch brought in from home, it would be very helpful if you could login to [SchoolPay](#) and indicate this (one less thing for the teacher to do ☺). If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals or you need to renew this, you can now do this online at <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/fsm> Please complete the online application form if you think you are eligible, even if your child is in P1-5. The form is for a clothing grant too so even if your child has packed lunch and or is in P1-5, if you think you are eligible then please do apply. If you need help to complete the form, please don't hesitate in asking for help from Ms Banks or Miss Murray.



## Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a **nut free school and nursery** as we have a number of children with **severe life threatening allergies** to nuts and nut products.

Please ensure that you do not send any snacks containing nuts in packed lunch boxes, this can include some cereal bars, chocolate spreads, some pre-wrapped crepes, etc. Your support and vigilance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Medication in School/Nursery**

If your child requires medication in school, please note that we are only able to administer medication which has been prescribed by a doctor and has the correct pharmacy label with the child's name, address and date of birth. The parent/carer must complete a Request for Medication form if a child does require medication.

Please note that no medication will be administered to a child without the correct pharmacy label.



### **PE**

Please ensure your child has suitable footwear and has trainers/gym shoes in school for PE.

### **Suitable Clothing/Jackets/Coats**

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof jacket every day and that all items of clothing are named. It would also help if pack lunch boxes/bags are named as many children have the same one and this causes confusion.



### **Nursery**

Welcome back to all of our returning children, it has been lovely, lots of happy faces. Also a big welcome to all of our new children who are settling well and enjoying exploring their new nursery.

Along with getting settled back into our routines and learning our school and nursery values, we are learning about farming and harvest time. We have used shape in our artwork to create farm animals and have also made pictures using oats. We have explored wheat in our investigation area and our house corner has become a farm kitchen with lots of different vegetables to play with.

### **P1 and their Magnificent Things**



Miss Murray and The Early Years Team have been absolutely delighted to welcome our new Primary One learners and their families to Cockenzie Primary School. Miss Campbell, Mrs Clark and Mrs Medlam have been so pleased with how quickly everyone has settled to their new routines, how they are making friends and how they are generally making full use of the curriculum that is available in Primary One.

We were also very excited to see so many 'Magnificent Things' created over the summer break and appreciate the support and involvement of our families with this piece of home learning. Thank you and well done to all involved. This is a great start to the session and we are really looking forward to working with our families and getting to know you all over the coming months and years.



### **Welcome To Our School – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm – 7pm**

We would like to invite you to a 'chat' in your child's classroom on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The same meeting will run twice, once at 6pm and again at 6.30pm to enable parents/carers with more than one child to visit more than one class (apologies if you have more than 2 children but we can't do 3 or 4 meetings 😊). Due to limited space in the classrooms we would ask you not to bring children. If you are coming to the first 'chat', the doors will open at 5.50pm in order that we can show you to the correct classroom. The next classroom 'chat' will start at 6.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing many of you then.

## **Parent/Carer Consultations**

These will take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm – 7pm**. Further information will follow.

## **Message from Parent Council Chairs**

Welcome back to school to all parents, carers, learners & CPS staff! Congratulations we made a full year of 'in school education'. We are looking forward to being able to get into the school, seeing what it looks like from the inside, meeting our HT Lynda Banks, our children's teachers and the staff that keep the whole school running. For some of us this will be the first time even if our children are now in P3.

Just for a bit of background the Parent Council is an opportunity to find out first-hand what is going on at the school and also gives parents and carers the ability to provide governance about their children's learning opportunities. You can listen, chat, connect as a one off and/or as regular Parent Council member have voting rights. We have ELC councillors at our sessions and we have their valuable input too.

The Parent Council is having an AGM in the school on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 7pm – 8pm**. Claire & Marie are stepping down as co-chairs after 3 years. All parents/carers are welcome. If you are unable to join us in person you are also welcome to join virtually at 7pm using the link <https://meet.google.com/dvx-jkau-fcm>

Claire Jamieson & Marie McMath CPS Parent Council Co Chairs.

## **Message from Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

Calling all parents/carers, grandparents and family members. We are looking for new members to join the PTA. Ideally we would have at least one parent/carers from each class to help us organise and host events to raise money for the school. We raise money for Athletics, Shows, Playground Equipment, P7 ties, etc...

If you are interested, we are having a meeting in the Thorntree Inn Lounge at 7pm on Tuesday 6th September. Please join us there. We can't wait to see you!

## **Staffing**

We welcome new staff to our school and nursery –

Mrs Murray – Early Years Practitioner (Nursery)

Miss Rosie – P2B teacher

Miss Aitchison – P3B teacher

Miss Kramers – P4A teacher

Miss Lyness – P6A teacher

Mrs Pringle – Additional Support Needs Auxiliary

Mrs Smith – Classroom Assistant

## **Contact Information**

Please inform us immediately if you change address, telephone number and/or email address.

Annual Data forms will be issued soon.



## **Reporting Absence**

If your child is unable to attend school/nursery, please call that morning as early as possible to let us know on **01875 811327 (Option 1)**. Please phone this number and leave a message giving your child's name, class and the reason for absence. If you have not advised us of your child's absence by 9.00 am on day 1 of an absence, we will contact you by phone to establish the reason for the absence.

## **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022– Welcome To Our School/Classrooms

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Meeting

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – September Holiday Weekend

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 – Individual & Family Photographs taken

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Parent/Carer Consultations (further information to follow)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – last day of term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – In Service Day



## **Contacting Us**

A reminder, like always, that if you would like to contact us, please email

[admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk) and your email will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff.

Please ensure that you inform us by telephone or email if your child has any appointments and requires to be collected from school during the school day or is coming in late due to an appointment. Thank you



Ms L Banks  
Headteacher