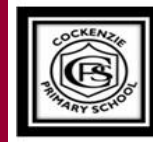


Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 5 26th November 2020



Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

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Curious <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asks questions• Solves problems• Loves to learn 	Positive <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has self-belief• Shows resilience• Is kind and helpful 	Successful <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always tries hard• Wants to improve• Achieves success 	Respectful <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes everyone• Respects others' feelings and property• Polite and shows good manners 
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Hello to you all

School and nursery is very busy, with children learning various topics, from the Romans, Night and Day and The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

Our Building Resilience programme is well under way and, last week, we had children from each stage sharing their learning so far on resilience on our online assembly. As we approach December, we have tried to include many activities for the children, given the current guidelines and restrictions. We have attached the Christmas Countdown calendar for you. So, we will be 'going' to the panto (twice!) but it will be an online performance... although, not one but two as an extra treat!

Restrictions have continued much longer than any of us had thought but together we continue to ensure that the children at Cockenzie thrive. Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation at this time.

Reminders

Please ensure you all adhere to 2m physical distancing when you are in the school playground and wear a face covering/mask (unless, of course, you are exempt). It is up to everyone to keep our school community safe.

The playground is only open from 0835hrs so please do not send your child to the school before this. Children are expected to line up on entering the playground.



Revised Session Dates – Christmas Break

As you have already been informed, the Christmas holidays have been changed by East Lothian Council. The last day in school and nursery this term will be Tuesday 22nd December and we will reopen on Wednesday 6th January.

Staff News



Mrs Blevins, who has taught here at Cockenzie for many years, is retiring at the end of this term. Miss McGuire has been appointed class teacher and she will take over the P4C class on Wednesday 6th January.

Planting Bulbs

P1 and P2s planted bulbs yesterday in old tyres. We are trying to brighten up the infant playground and last year's P5s wrote to Tesco explaining that the playground was rather dull and could Tesco help. Tesco sent us a voucher for £100 and we bought the bulbs. The PTA bought the compost and the Parent Link have helped organise the tyres and bulbs. It has been a real team effort.



Parent/Carer Consultations

We hope that you all found the telephone calls with your child's teacher helpful. Obviously, we would all much rather have face to face meetings and hopefully this will happen in the not too distant future.



Building Resilience

Our classes have been working hard learning all about Building Resilience. This new programme has been rolled out school wide and is proving very successful. Building Resilience is all about learning to cope with the ups and downs in life. The children are being taught about how they can deal with challenges and setbacks, and even learn and grow as a result. Resilience is a key factor in protecting and promoting good mental health.

In the next units of Building Resilience starting in the New Year, we will be learning how to:

- Respect Yourself
- Keep Connected

We look forward to continuing to work together on this with everyone across the school community.



Anti-bullying Week 2020 / Odd Sock Day

Anti-Bullying Week was a big success. As a school we showed that we are committed to supporting each other in our understanding of bullying behaviours. In classes our pupils learned more about what to do if they experience or witness bullying behaviours both in and out of school.



Odd Socks Friday

To celebrate difference and the fact we are all unique individuals, we held 'Odd Socks Day' to finish our Anti-Bullying Week. Lots of staff and pupils wore their 'odd socks' to school for the day - it was fantastic seeing the enormous range of bright and colourful socks on display!

Christmas



Although Christmas at school/nursery will be a bit different this year, we are planning some activities that we can do. We have two online pantos, Rapunzel, performed by The Brunton Theatre and Jack and the Beanstalk, performed by Shoogalie Theatre Group. The children will watch the pantos in their classrooms.

Classes will be having Christmas parties and Christmas lunch will also be served and you have been notified of the dates of your child's Christmas lunch day. Please note that we must receive the Christmas lunch order by tomorrow (Friday 27th Nov). No orders will be accepted after this date. We are also planning Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December (more info to follow). A copy of the Christmas countdown calendar is attached.

This year for the Christmas parties, if your child wishes, they can wear a Christmas jumper and/or tinsel on their Christmas party day. Hopefully next year we can return to party clothes once more!!

Christmas Cards

As we approach December, with reference to Christmas cards, we would like to suggest, as we did last year, a more environmentally friendly and money saving alternative. Last year we suggested that children wrote/drew Christmas messages to each other in school and these were added to Christmas tree displays in each classroom and in nursery. It was a huge success.

We would like to continue with this idea every year as we continue on our journey of being environmentally friendly. Children will be given the opportunity to write/draw Christmas messages/pictures to their friends in December and these will be displayed in the classrooms and in nursery.

PTA News

The School Christmas Fayre this year is a virtual 24 days of shopping via the PTA website:

<https://www.cpspta.co.uk/>

From 18th November to 12th December, various local businesses are showcasing their products which you are able to purchase. The local business has donated £10 'per stall' as well as a raffle prize for The Grand Raffle which takes place on 12th December. Raffle tickets are on sale virtually, costing £1 each. If you wish to purchase a ticket then please email admin@cpspta.co.uk or speak to Jennifer Moodie, Sarah Pryde, Linda Scott, Jo-anne Dudgeon, Pam Stewart or Nicola Clunie.



Also don't forget to check out the PTA website for free personalised letters from Santa along with Christmas Crafts and Games!



PE

PE continues indoors and whilst the children are still not changing for PE, it is recommended that children have suitable gym shoes/trainers.



Homework

The last homework of this term will be issued on Goggle classroom on Tuesday 8th December.

Children in Need

An amazing £500.82 was raised for Children in Need last Friday! A huge thank you and well done to you all.



Nursery

The nursery have enjoyed a busy term learning about Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night and nocturnal animals. As part of our nursery improvement plan for this year we are using Sign a Long signs across the nursery with all of our children. The children have been practising signs relating to Halloween, fireworks and safety, and now we will be moving on to learning the signs for emotions.

As a nursery we value the importance that parents/carers play in their child's early education and have found it hard to be unable to invite our families into the nursery. Therefore Karyn Pollard, Senior Early Year's Practitioner, has created a tour of the nursery and these can be viewed at www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery/.

Reporting Absence



If your child is unable to attend school, 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.

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. 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

Mrs N O'Connor
Depute Headteacher

Mr S Stitt
Depute Headteacher (Acting)