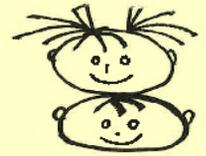




Cockenzie Nursery News

October 2019



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Welcome back everyone!

This term we begin by welcoming our new Head Teacher Lynda Banks. I am sure you will all get the opportunity to meet her over the course of this term and we are thrilled to have her at Cockenzie Primary School.

The nursery team had a very productive two days in-service working collaboratively on professional reading, developing our nursery rationale and beginning to develop the play opportunities we are providing. We also felt it was a good time to review our nursery values, aims and visions. This is a work in progress and we will be asking for the input of our children, parents and carers on this. The board as you enter the nursery is being developed to display this so 'watch this space' as we progress with this work.

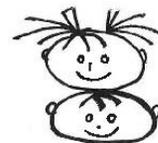
This term we also welcome new members of staff to the team; Alexandra Ness who will be taking over the Green Group and Rowan Banks (who we hope will be starting asap) who will be supporting the orange group with Sami Neil. We also welcome Tanya Gear and Nicola Henderson who join the team as Nursery Support Workers. The role of Nursery Support Worker is the same as our Nursery Nurses however they do not have responsibility for key children or the same level of planning. Ms Gear and Ms Henderson will each be working two hours a day and they will be in nursery as we cover the wider team's lunches.

It is a top priority for us to keep parents and carers informed of the increasing changes taking place in the nursery. Information will be coming out in the next week about our Parent Consultations and there is information later in the newsletter about our new Parent/Carer forum. Karyn Pollard has been working hard at creating our very own nursery website and we hope you will all find it a fantastic way of keeping up to date about the day to day life of the nursery. It is under development so we will continue to add information. You can now follow us at:

www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery/

I hugely appreciate all of the support from our wider nursery community at the moment as we work hard to implement the increased nursery hours. Please take the opportunity to sign up to Stay and Play if you would like to come and see first hand how we are getting on.

Natasha O'Connor
Depute Head Teacher



Halloween

Please feel free to send your children to nursery on Halloween (Thursday 31st October) in a costume although this obviously is not compulsory.



Parent/Carer Forum

Mrs Pollard and myself have decided to establish a Parent/Carer Forum. This will not take away from the fantastic work being done by our Parent Link or PTA but hopefully will work more as information sessions for specifically nursery parents/carers. At the Parent/Carer Forum we will be able to update everyone on the work taking place in the nursery whilst allowing the opportunity for our parents/carers to ask questions and add to our development work.

If you are interested in attending this, the first session will be on **Tuesday 5th November, 5pm - 6pm**. Please enter the school via the nursery door.



Parent Link Meeting and Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The next meeting dates are as follows:

- ❖ PTA meeting - Tuesday 5th November at 1900hrs.
- ❖ Parent Link meeting - Wednesday 27th November at 1900hrs

All are welcome to attend.



Christmas Dates

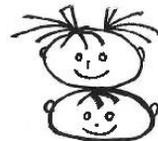
We hope that all of our children are able to attend all of these sessions, even if this is not their normal time to attend nursery. If your child is able to stay please can you let your child's key worker know.

Tuesday 10th December - Christmas Lunch - *information to follow*.

Thursday 12th December (*time to be confirmed*) - Christmas Carol Performance for all parents and carers.

Thursday 19th December (1.00pm - 2.30pm) - Christmas Party for *all* nursery children. Parents/carers are free to join us at 2.00pm to see Santa arriving.

Friday 20th December - last day of term



Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this term in our Cauliflower Card and our Obstacle Course fundraisers. We have incredibly raised over £1000! We are working hard to develop our use of technologies within the nursery and this will go a long way towards helping us to resource this.



A few reminders...

- Please remember to label everything you are sending in to nursery.
- Remember this term's snack money (£9.00) is now due. Please only pay snack into 'Term 2 Nursery Snack 23 Oct -20 Dec' fund and not via pre-ordering school meals. Thank you
- Please ensure that if your child needs an inhaler we have one in nursery.

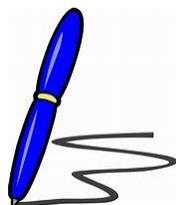
Primary 1 Enrolment

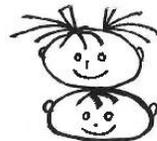
By now all of our Pre-school families should have had their information about primary 1 enrolment.

Please remember if you want to enrol at Cockenzie Primary School but do not live in catchment then once you have sent your form away applying for Cockenzie, you must also enrol at your catchment school to ensure there is a space there if needed. I can not stress enough how important it is that you do this as unfortunately it is not guaranteed you will get a space at Cockenzie.

If your child has their birthday in January or February and you are considering deferring their entry to primary 1 until 2021 then, again, please ensure you have still enrolled them for this coming primary 1 session but do let your child's key worker know you are considering deferring. I am always happy to discuss a deferred year with any family who would like more information.

My final word of advice is please ensure you arrive to enrol with all of the required paper work, particularly the council tax part as, from experience, this is the part people find the hardest to get a hard copy of. Unfortunately we can not enrol any child for primary 1 who we have not seen all of the paperwork for and we will ask you to come back again with what is required.





COCKENZIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

P1 AUGUST 2020 - ENROLMENT

THE ENROLMENT PERIOD FOR CHILDREN STARTING P1
IN AUGUST 2020

YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR CHILD
ON

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER BETWEEN 0730 - 0930HRS

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER BETWEEN 1000 - 1200HRS

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER BETWEEN 1800 - 1900HRS

OUTWITH THESE TIMES BY ARRANGEMENT ONLY

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO BE CHECKED AT
ENROLMENT FOR CATCHMENT ONLY CHILDREN ARE

COMPLETED YELLOW ENROLMENT FORM AND WHITE
PHOTOGRAPH FORM

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

MOST RECENT COUNCIL TAX LETTER
(AS PROOF OF ADDRESS)

UTILITY BILL DATED WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE DAY
OF REGISTRATION