

Cockenzie Nursery News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am really pleased to be sending out my first Nursery Newsletter as Acting Depute Head teacher. I am looking forward to getting to know all the children, parents and carers this term. For those of you who have not met me yet I am trying my best to be around the Nursery at drop off and pick up times so do feel free to catch me at any point if you have any questions or concerns.

On **Friday 19th May** we would like to invite Nursery parents and carers in to school for tea and toast after drop off at 8.45am. This is an opportunity for us to chat about the Nursery. We also plan to share and develop ways parents and carers can be more involved in the Nursery. We appreciate this time may not be suitable for some parents/carers however there will be an opportunity for you to share your views and ideas through a google questionnaire which will be sent out later in the term.

Kind regards

Jill Craig

Acting Depute Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary

- Nursery/School closed to pupils for In-service Day on Monday 22nd May.
- Nursery/School closes for the summer holidays on Wednesday 28th June.
- All return to Nursery/School on Wednesday 16th August.



Transition in to Primary 1

Our transition programme is underway. The pre-school children are enjoying getting to know all the key places in the school. They listened and contributed really well to our early years assembly on Friday. Hopefully, all parents/carers of children moving in to primary 1 have been able to access the transition blog:

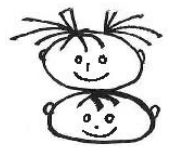
<https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresry/nursery-to-p1-transition/>

Please also continue to check the blog: <https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresry/> to see how we are getting on supporting your child with their transition into primary 1.



Tea and toast for Parents and Carers

Join us and share your views and ideas about the Nursery on **Friday 19th May**. Please **meet us at the main entrance of the school at 8.45am** after you have dropped your child off at Nursery.



Sports Day

Just another reminder that Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 15th June at 9.30am** (weather dependant) . Parents/Carers are welcome to join us. If it is wet on Thursday 15th June, Sport Day will be on Thursday 22nd June at 9.30am.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

We are looking forward to our Teddy Bear's picnic on **Thursday 22nd June** in the nursery garden from 2.00pm (weather dependant) . We hope lots of our parents/carers are able to join us for our picnic to celebrate the end of a fantastic year in nursery.

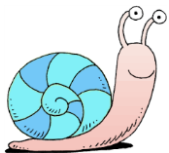


Sun Cream and Appropriate Clothing

Hopefully summer is approaching soon!

Please remember to apply sun tan cream to your child on sunny/hot days as we have an open door policy and many of our children choose to be out at all times. Sun tan cream will be reapplied by staff before lunch time. The Nursery have purchased sun tan cream which everyone can use. Further information will be sent out via the Nursery.

We recommend that you always send your child with an extra layer of clothing in their bag, an appropriate coat and sun hat to allow for changeable weather.



Snail Summer Holiday

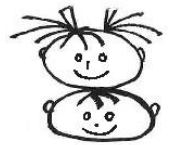
Can you help? Our snails desperately need a home for the summer! If you are interested in finding out more about what this would involve then please catch a member of the nursery team.



Prescribed Medication

Just to remind parents/carers, if your child's health has changed at all please do let us know so that we can be kept up to date on how best to look after your child.

In the event that your child becomes unwell and requires prescribed medication, e.g. antibiotics, for a short period of time, please remember to come into nursery to complete a medical form before we can administer this to your child. Please note that we can only administer medication that has the correct pharmacy label with your child's details on it.



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

- Space toys
- Play dough shapes
- Old phones and cameras



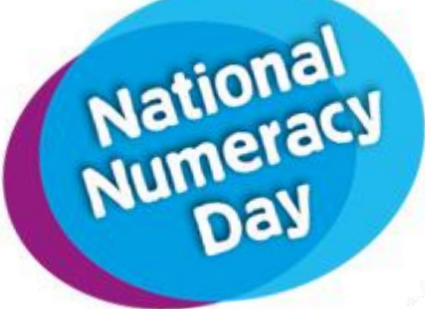
A few reminders...

- Unfortunately we cannot use toilet rolls in our modelling junk due to national health and safety guidelines.
- If you have lost your child's Primary 1 pack please let your child's keyworker know.
- In the morning, over the next week and a half we are going out on local walks and learning about Road Safety. If you are able to accompany us please let your child's key worker know and we will provide further information about timings.

A final thought...



With the 17th May being National Numeracy Day you can support your child with their early numeracy skills by:

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- Spotting different numbers and counting objects in the environment and in the house such as cars, stairs, pasta, coins and toys
 - Practise counting forwards and backwards from different numbers within 20 (and beyond). We sing lot of songs in nursery that help us with counting backwards e.g. 5 little speckled frogs, 10 green bottles
 - Count the dots on a dice pattern when playing board games such as Snakes and Ladders. In time dice patterns will become automatic.
- Ask your child to show you a number of fingers using only one hand "Show me 4 fingers...2 fingers... 3fingers ". When they can do this ask your child to show you a number of fingers but this time using both hands "Using both your hands can you show me 3 fingers...8 fingers...6 fingers, can you make the number in different ways?".
 - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/> - This is one of the websites we use in Nursery. Your child might like to play the following games; Ladybird spots, Gingerbread man game, Teddy Bears, Caterpillar ordering and sequencing.