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Head Teacher Newsletter: 23rd April 2021

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Head Teacher's Welcome

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Welcome back to school to all! I hope that all our families enjoyed the holiday and feel rested and ready for the final term. I am sure that all in our school community are looking forward to enjoying the remainder of session 2020/21.

I know that this has been a very challenging year for everyone. Since this time last year, we have had 2 periods of lockdown/home learning and the school has been going through a prolonged period of change in school leadership. However, as the sun comes out for the start of the summer term and the children return from the Easter break full of joy and enthusiasm, I am filled with optimism for Ratho Primary School! I hope that over the course of this term, we will enter into a period stability both in terms of how we live with the Covid pandemic and also in the leadership and direction of the school for the future.

Please see below for details of events and activities of which you should be aware. Many thanks again for your support in my first month. As always, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Staffing News

A reminder that Depute Head Teacher, Chris Welander, will be leaving Ratho Primary School for his new role at Duddingston Primary School. His last day at Ratho will be next Friday, 30th April. We have begun the recruitment process to appoint a new Depute Head Teacher; the position is currently advertised and an interview date is scheduled for mid-May. I will update you in due course.

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Science Technology Engineering and Maths – STEM

Ratho Primary School Online STEM Club! The Young STEM Leaders and Mrs Dixon are launching a new Online STEM Club. This is totally free and open to all children and families at Ratho Primary School. The activities are suitable for all ages and we encourage you all to have a go at home as a team!

Summer Term theme: Build a park! Each session our Young STEM Leaders will lead an activity for you to try at home. You will need: stationery, scissors, glue/sticky tape, paper, recycled materials such as cereal boxes, food packaging, card tubes etc. Please start collecting these now!

There will be three sessions on Teams in the Summer Term - you can come to any or all sessions. Teams joining instructions have been sent out already.

- Session 1: 2-3pm on Friday 23 April
- Session 2: 2-3pm on Friday 14 May
- Session 3: 2-3pm on Friday 4 June

Check out videos and photos of the super STEM work from Ratho Primary School pupils here: https://sway.office.com/kX6YXER9YRq83XnD?ref=Link .

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood

We will be starting a whole school six-week block of learning about relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP). **This begins next week on Monday 26th April.** This is a well-established programme and includes resources from the www.rshp.scot website which is a a national, government-endorsed range of teaching and learning resources.

Our range of parent booklets and the words that are discussed at each stage can be found on our website for you to read over. An NHS guide on how to talk to your children about Relationships and Sexual Health. These are found here: http://rathoprimary.org.uk/rshp/

Ratho School Voice

Confirmation that the Ratho School Voice have provided £1924 funding towards the Nursery grounds and 'Groupcall'. It has paid for half of the work on the Nursery grounds; the sleepers, borders and woodchip have created a safe, clean area for the children which has been very well received by children, staff and parents/carers! We have also purchased 'Groupcall' which I have used to distribute this newsletter! I hope this leads to better and more efficient communications between school and parents/carers. Finally, the RSV have again agreed to fund the purchase the RPS P7 Hoodies for next session's P7s (current P6 pupils). **A massive thank you to the R.S.V.!**
Find them here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/3924514467560383/?ref=share

Curricular Information Leaflets

Class teachers will issue their **'Curricular Information Leaflets' next week on Thursday 29th April.** This will detail what each class will be learning over the course of this term. Please look out for them!

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Dates for the rest of session 2020-21.

Reporting: We intend to hold parent consultations between Tuesday 18th May and Thursday 20th May. We will use the Parent Booking System to book appointment times as previously. In addition, we intend to issue end of session reports during the week of 7th June. Further details on these will be issued shortly.

End of session: We are planning for our end of session events such as Healthy Living Week, final week of term events, P7 leavers events and so on. Unfortunately, it is likely that these will all remain subject to Covid restrictions and are therefore likely to take place on a class (bubble) only basis. Please rest assured that we will do what we can to provide for end of session celebrations as best we can.

Mid term holidays:	Monday 3 May 2021	(May Day holiday)
	Tuesday 4 May 2021	(In service / staff only day)
	Monday 24 May 2021	(Victoria Day)
Term ends:	Friday 25 June 2021.	
Session 2021-22:	Pupils return on Wednesday 18th August 2021	

Health & Safety

Many thanks to all for their continued observation of all school safety measures:

Covid safety around school: Please observe; one-way system, one accompanying adult per family, wear face coverings, 2m physical distancing and staggered times.

Drivers: Please consider if you can help keep children safer by not driving to school or by parking in a safe area and walking in: 'Park and Stride' or could you walk? Parents/Carers should not use the school car park at any time.

Dogs: Dogs (except guide dogs) are not allowed in City of Edinburgh Council school grounds. Many children are wary of dogs and obviously not all dogs can be relied upon not to bark, jump, foul (or worse) in school grounds. These can be alarming to some children. Can dog owners please consider whether they should be bringing their dogs to school?

Again, many thanks for your continued cooperation.

Gym days reminders

Please see P.E. days below. Children should come into school in their PE kit.

Class	Gym Days		Class	Gym Days
P1	Wednesday and Thursday		P5	Tuesday and Wednesday
P1/2	P.E. on Tues. & Wed. + Forest Thursdays		P5/6	Tuesday and Friday
P2	P.E. on Tues. & Thurs. + Forest Fridays		P6	Wednesday and Friday
P3	Monday and Tuesday		P7a	Monday and Tuesday
P3/4	Tuesday and Friday		P7b	Monday and Thursday
P4	Wednesday and Friday			

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School Closed/Holidays

Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)