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Head Teacher Newsletter: 10th May 2021

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Head Teacher's Welcome

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

We are well and truly into our final term of this session… Let's hope the weather starts catching up and we can enjoy a warm and sunny summer term! Since returning from the Easter break, the school has been constantly buzzing and all pupils and staff are busy in their teaching and learning.

We have had several whole school assemblies, whereby all classes log in to MS Teams in their classroom and we have enjoyed virtually being together, albeit in our separate classrooms. We have also had a couple of level specific assemblies and it has been great to celebrate whole school/stage appropriate themes (and birthdays!) together again. I am hoping for updates from the City of Edinburgh Council this term regarding how we can change our restrictions both as the term progresses and for next session… We are all certainly looking forward to being able to do more together normally and not just virtually!

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

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

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Staffing News

Mrs Nicolson and Mrs Smith have reassumed their Acting Depute Head Teacher (ADHT) roles following a brief 2 months of them reverting to their substantive Principal Teacher Roles. The arrangements are that Mrs Nicolson is ADHT on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Mrs Smith is ADHT on Wednesday and Thursday and she retains her teaching commitment to P7a on Monday and Tuesday to provide continuity and stability in support them through their important final term. The recruitment process to appoint a substantive Depute Head Teacher is well underway and I will update you in due course.

We are also recruiting for an Early Years Officer to lead the team in the nursery from next session. Again, the recruitment process is well underway and I will update you in due course.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We will hold our Telephone Parent/Carer Consultations between **Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th May 2021.** Parents/Carers will have a 10 minute telephone consultation with their child's teacher where they can discuss learning and progress this session. We request parents/carers book their consultation by using the link below to select their time slot:

https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?code=2htx7

Bookings will open at 7pm on Monday 10th May. Please ensure you put your phone number in the booking details.
(**Please only book one teacher for P3/4. Mrs Humphries will send a separate invite email for SFL Consultations.**)

Reporting to Parents/Carers

Class teachers issued their '**Curricular Information Leaflets**' last week detailing what each class will be learning over the course of this term. Many also asked for feedback and parental comment… Please send them back in if you wish!

In addition to this and the parent/carer consultations, teachers will post 2 further Learning Journal Observations this term and we will also issue End of Session reports on 10th June.

Organisation of Classes/Teachers for next session.

Some Parents / Carers have enquired about the organisation of classes/teachers for next session. We will make an announcement on this in the final fortnight of the session. We will ensure that pupils who need extra support in transitioning will have opportunities to meet and understand the changes that happen at the end of a school session.

In-Service training 5th May 2021.

All staff received the City of Edinburgh Council training on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) during the in-service. We also had training on the Council's new policies "Preventing and Responding to Bullying and Prejudice Amongst Children and Young People" and "Tackling Racist Incidents and Creating an Anti-Racist Culture".

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Emotion Maters - Seasons for Growth!

'Seasons for Growth' is a support group that we offer at key points throughout the school year for children aged 6+. This group is run by trained staff, 'companions' and is designed to support children who are facing big changes in their life. This group is run during school time and uses the imagery of the four seasons to teach children that change is a normal part of life. Children self-refer for this group, parents and carers are contacted before the group starts

Mrs Smith and Miss Tumblety have created a video explaining how 'Seasons for Growth' is used. It can be found here: https://youtu.be/c4PAJELjOLU

Due to the restrictions we have faced, this current session, Mrs Smith has been supporting small groups with some of the class bubbles, using an adapted Covid-19 3 week programme. We hope to return to delivering the full 8 week programme as soon as possible.

Please see the Emotion Matters section of our school website for more details of how we are supporting the mental health and well being of our children. http://rathoprimary.org.uk/emotion-matters/

Ratho Primary School Online STEM Club!

The Young STEM Leaders and Mrs Dixon successfully launched a new Online STEM Club and really enjoyed their first session. Session 2 is next Friday and (for anyone who can't attend the live session) instructions for the activities are provided on the Online STEM Club Teams site. You can also contact the school office to request a paper copy of the activities.

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

The club is 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!_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.

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

Previous Newsletters.

Remember to check the school website to find school information and also to check for previous newsletters if required. They are all there on the tab:

http://rathoprimary.org.uk/newsletters/

I will send the links via Groupcall (SMS text & email) with a link from now on.

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Dates for the rest of session 2020-21.

Mid term holidays: 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:

Litter: We have had ongoing issues with litter, smashed glass, etc. especially on a Monday after the weekend. We will discuss with the Community Centre Management how we can make the school safer for all. In the meantime… Please take care and help the local community take pride in their local school.

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. 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)