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Head Teacher Newsletter: 18th June 2021

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Many thanks for your support recently. It has certainly been busy since my last newsletter! Health week was a great success and all the children enjoyed a lot of fun with both their individual class Sports Days and an individual class Active Sports session. The winners of the annual Sports Day House Cup will be announced at our assembly on the final day of session!

Things have also been going well with all our preparations and organisations for the end of session. The end of session reports were successfully issued and all pupils and parents/carers have been informed of arrangements for next session. We have been organising the handover of information between class teachers this week and ensuring that each class teacher is as prepared as can be for the start of next session.

Please see important details below for arrangements in the final week of session. 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.

Final Day arrangements / times

**** IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT FINISH TIMES FOR FRIDAY 25TH JUNE ****

Schools traditionally finish at 12.00pm for the summer break, however we still need to maintain our staggered finishes. Please note the following:

Primary 1 & Primary 2 (A-L Surnames)	**Finish at 11:50**
Primary 1 & Primary 2 (M-Z Surnames)	**Finish at 11:55**
Primary 3-6 (A-L Surnames)	**Finish at 12:00**
Primary 3-6 (M-Z Surnames)	**Finish at 12:05**
Primary 7a and Primary 7b	**Finish at 12:10**

For their final farewell, we will not split the P7 classes into A-L / M-Z surnames so as they can be applauded as they leave. They will remain in their separate bubbles and leave separately from the rest of the classes. We respectfully request that parents maintain appropriate distancing and safe Covid practices when collecting children.

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Parent Survey

Many thanks to those parents who have responded to the survey that was issued on Monday 14th June. At the time of writing, we have 54 responses! If you wish to send in your views and feedback on either whole school matters or individual / class related matters you still can… Please do! We will then use this information to help inform improvement and future direction of the school for next session and beyond. Access the survey here:

https://forms.office.com/r/xGUquRNq6g

Final Assembly & P7 Leavers assembly

We will have a Primary 7 leavers assembly on Thursday 24th June at 1.45pm. We will share this as an assembly for the rest of the classes and also record and attempt to stream live for P7 parents to enjoy.

We will have a final day assembly on the morning of Friday 25th June for all classes where we will announce the winners of the Sports Day House Trophy, Vision Vouchers Awards, Achievement Awards, Commitment to Sport Awards and more before leaving at the slightly earlier times above for the summer holiday.

Ratho Primary School STEM !

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) news from Mrs Dixon

Well done to our P3-P7 classes who have been taking part in a Science project in partnership with the Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre and other primary schools in Edinburgh and Midlothian, as part of the Great Science Share for Schools. We have been investigating what yeast needs to grow and developing our fair testing skills. Have a look at our findings here... and we are still experimenting, so we will be adding more photos up to the end of term!
https://sway.office.com/JzkhsP2aB8VeoZQZ?ref=Link

Congratulations to Morven Cooper and Zoe Crow in P7 who have achieved their Young STEM Leader Level 3 awards. During this year Zoe and Morven have designed, trialled and led activities for our Online STEM Club, made videos to train teachers and helped to design experiments for STEM lessons across the school. Well done Zoe and Morven!

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly

In line with the City of Edinburgh Council's commitments, we have participated in the NSPCC's "*Speak out. Stay safe.*" online assemblies on Thursday / Friday of this week. Please see this parents/carers Speak Out, Say Safe letter for more details and additional information on activities you can do at home to support your children.

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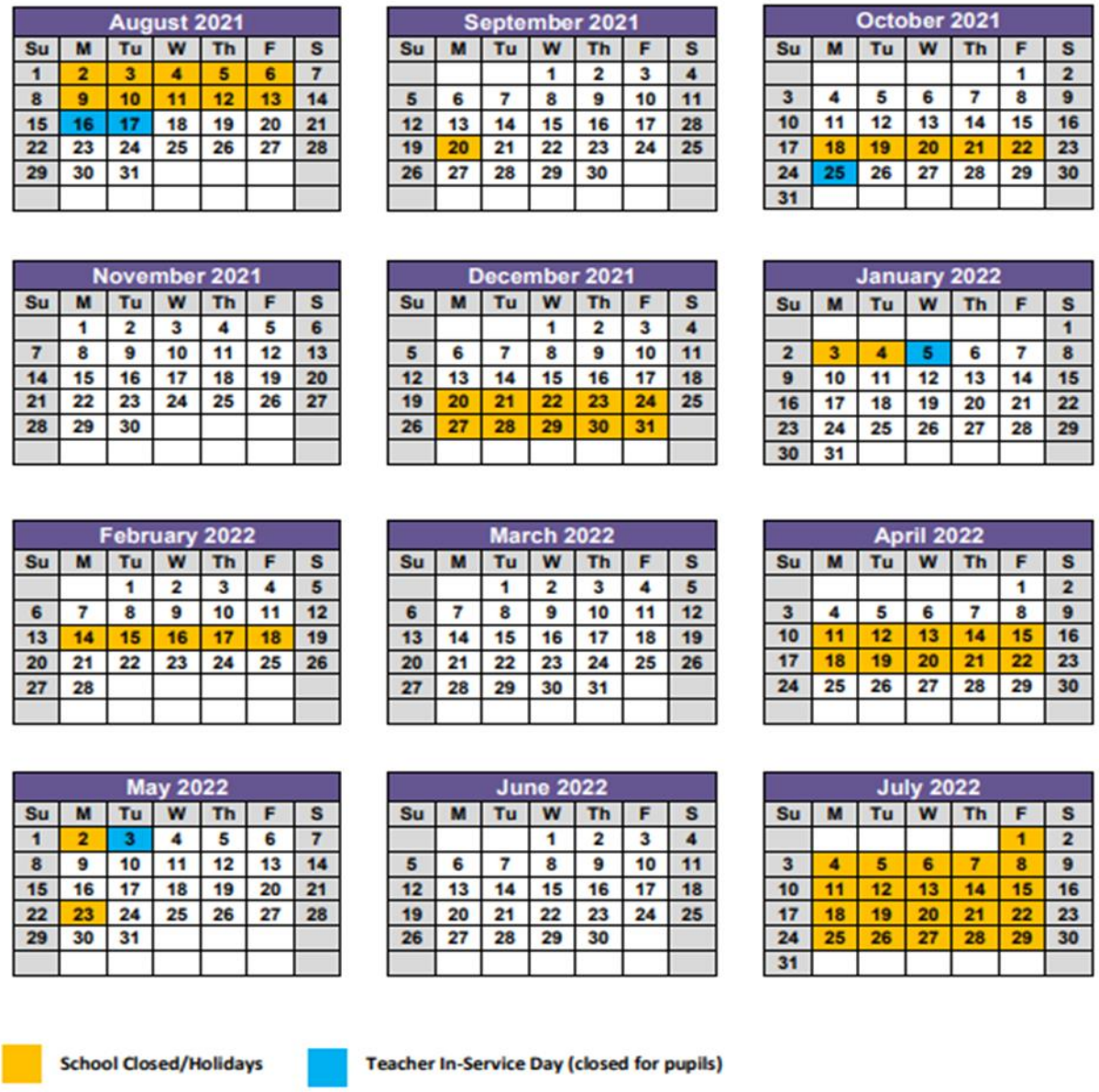
Letter from City of Edinburgh Council & Previous Newsletters.

There is a letter issued today from Lorna French, Acting Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning to all parents and carers. You can access this on the school website alongside all previous newsletters on the tab:

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

Dates for session 2021-22

Pupils return on Wednesday 18th August 2021.