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Ratho Primary School

Head Teacher Newsletter: 24th June 2021

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Many thanks for your support over this final term of the session. Although I have only been with you for a short while, I am pleased to see how much the pupils enjoy school and their learning. It has been wonderful to get to know the children this term and also to meet many of the parents and carers. I hope to be able to get to know pupils, parents/carers and the community so much better next session and beyond as we look forward to life without Covid restrictions in the future.

Please see below for some reminders and updates for the last day tomorrow. I will then send a final announcement tomorrow to share the details of all our award winners and House Captains once these details have been shared with pupils at our final assembly.

I hope that you all have happy, peaceful and restful summer break.

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**

Primary 7s leaving: 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 do not want any P7 parents/carers to congregate or gather in any way that would contravene our Covid safety guidance. To that end, any P7 parents/carers who wish to see their children leave for the final time are requested to **stand at the top of the hill at the fence (not on the path) wearing masks and maintaining appropriate distancing. The P7 classes (only these classes) will then leave out of the gate and leave heading East towards the library so as to avoid a bottleneck on the path or crowding on North Street.** We respectfully request that parents/carers please adhere to this safety guidance. Thank you.

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Final Assembly & P7 Leavers assembly

We had a Primary 7 leavers assembly today. The recording of this and a P7b video from Mr Anderson have been shared with parents/carers via a secure link to view the videos on the Learning Links Youtube page.

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 house captains. I will send details of these to parents/carers.

Staffing updates

There are always comings and goings at this time of year. We are sad to say goodbye to our PSAs Miss Gemma McDade, Ms Ailsa McAdam and Ms Lynn McClory and we wish them well for the future. We are also sad to say goodbye to our teachers; Mrs Sam Mitchell and Mrs Yvonne McColm whose contracts end at the end of session and also Mr Neil Rae who will be moving on from Ratho Primary School next session. We wish them well for the future. I am pleased to inform you that Miss Eleanor Campbell will remain at Ratho Primary next session and will be the Primary 6 teacher next session. A full list of staffing for next session is below:

Class	**Teacher**	**Pupil Support Assistant**	**Office:** Administrator: - Mrs Dixon School Support Assistant: - Mrs Ellaway
Nursery	EYO – Mrs MacNeil EYP – Mrs Maclean, Miss Cook, Miss McGrorty, Mrs Ritchie,	EYA - Miss Marr EYD - Ms Palmer	
P1	Mrs Brown	Mrs Mitchell Mrs Mitchell Mr Riley-Morrison Mrs Wallace Mrs Robinson Miss Clark Miss Todd Mr Dredge Mr McNally Ms Rodden Ms Williams	**Senior Leadership Team:** Business Manager: - Mrs Wingate Principal Teacher: - Mrs Nicolson Depute Head Teacher: - Mrs Smith Head Teacher: - Mr Gibb
P1 / 2	Miss Davis		
P2	Miss Tumblety		
P3a	Mrs Nicolson		
P3b	Ms Mansur / Miss Ogilvy		
P4	Mrs Masterson / Mrs Tukalo		
P4/5	Miss McGhee		
P5	Miss Forrest		
P6	Miss Campbell		
P6/7	Miss Ogilvy / Mrs Marshall		
P7	Mr Anderson		
SFL	Mrs Humphries		
STEM	Mrs Dixon		**Facilities Management:** Facilities Technician - Mr MacKerracher Cleaning Staff - Gina, Karen, Lynsey, Margaret.

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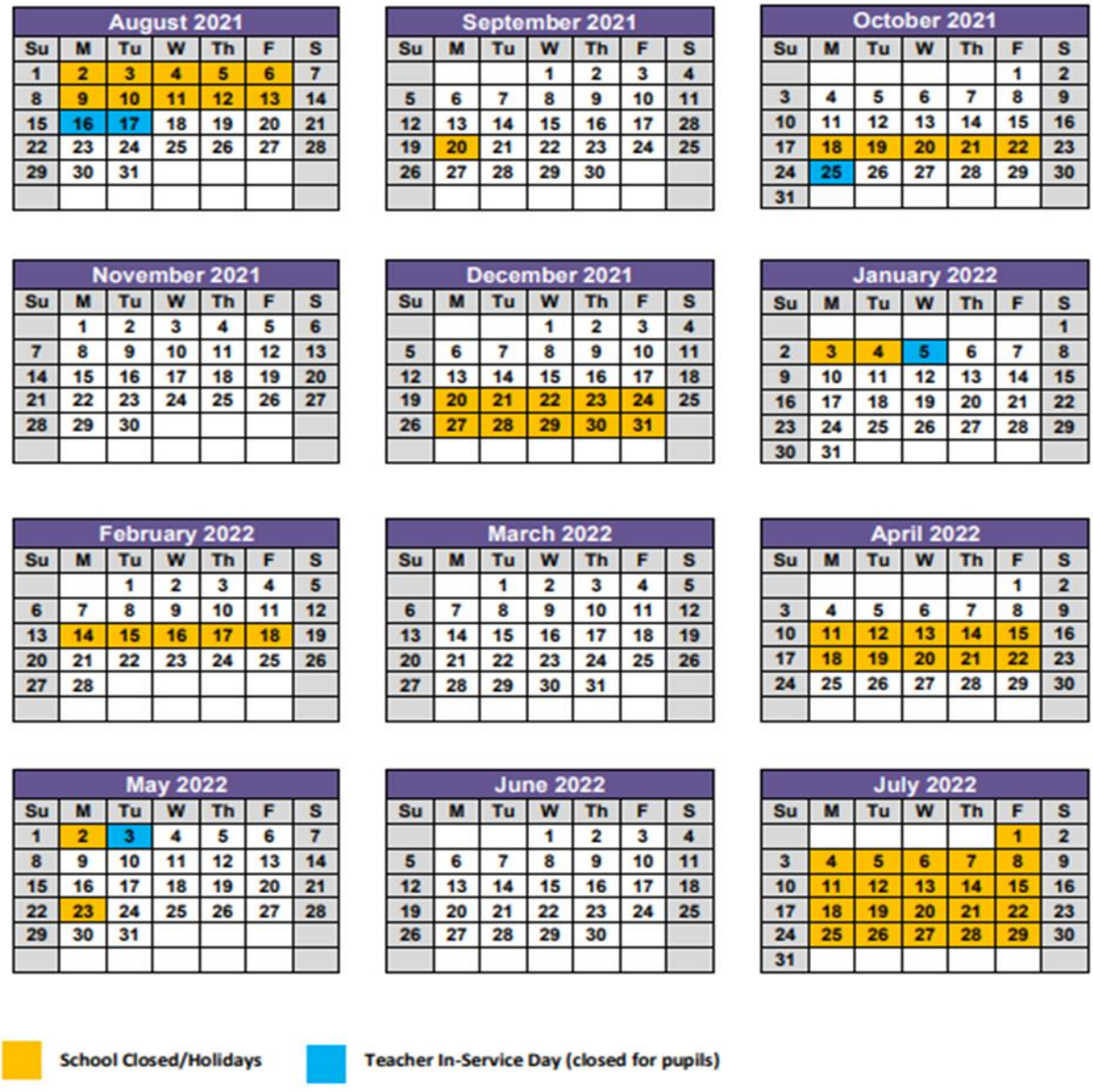
Covid reporting over the holidays

During the school holidays, if your child has had a positive test result for Covid-19 please call 0131 200 2000 to let the City of Edinburgh Council know.

Dates for session 2021-22

Pupils return on Wednesday 18th August 2021. **I will write on 16th August to confirm times and Covid safety arrangements at that time.**



City of Edinburgh Council – Summer of Fun

CEC are really looking forward to bringing the summer fun (safely) back to our centres across the City this year. They want to support everybody to get active and enjoy their summer so have identified several opportunities that they would like to offer to children from families living on low incomes. There are two letters attached and uploaded on our webpage to apply for a place and participate in these activities. http://rathoprimary.org.uk/newsletters/

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Disability/ASN Summer Activity Opportunity**

Edinburgh Active Schools have teamed up with Scottish Disability Sport and Lothian Disability Sport to offer summer activity for school aged young people with a physical, learning or visual / hearing disability, providing a specific day of activity depending on impairment. The sessions will offer a range of sports / activities and will be delivered by experienced coaches while being supported by volunteers.

Please find further information below –

WHERE: ENGAGE Sports Centre, Edinburgh Napier University (Sighthill Campus),

WHO: School aged (5 – 16 years) children and young people with a disability (more details in timetable below)

WHEN: Tuesday 27th July – Thursday 29th July (10am – 3pm)

COST: FREE

REGISTER: To register for a place on one of the activity days, please follow the link below

Day 1 (27th July) Children and young people with physical disabilities

https://www.joininedinburgh.org/activity/18067/

Day 2 (28th July) Children and young people with visual/hearing impairments

https://www.joininedinburgh.org/activity/18068/

Day 3 (29th July) Children and young people with learning disabilities/autism

https://www.joininedinburgh.org/activity/18069/

Green indicates the sports confirmed. We are currently working on these sports which we hope to secure within the coming week/s.

Day 1 (27th July) Aimed at children & young people with physical disabilities	**Day 2 (28th July)** Aimed at children & young people with visual / hearing impairments	**Day 3 (29th July)** Aimed at children & young people with learning disabilities / autism.
Athletics	Athletics	Athletics
Basketball	Cricket	Boccia
Boccia	Football	Cricket
Football	Goalball	Football
Yoga	Yoga	Yoga

Have a very happy and restful summer holiday!
See you on Wednesday August 18th 2021!