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# Ratho Primary School

# Head Teacher Newsletter: 3rd December 2021

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

The festive season has begun at Ratho Primary School! We have 2 weeks left of the term and we have trees, tinsel and twinkling lights at every turn! Huge thanks to the staff for their efforts in decorating and planning to make the final 2 weeks as festive as can be for the children. Please see below for details of events planned for the pupils.

Of course, we want to make things as fun and enjoyable as possible for the pupils whilst remaining as safe as possible. I'm sure many in the community will appreciate that this can be a difficult balancing act for all schools at this time. To this end, the newsletter is accompanied by a letter from Amanda Hatton, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services and Lorna French, Acting Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning. In addition, to clarify as best I can, I have drafted a letter for all explaining the guidance we have to adhere to regarding Covid-19 testing and isolation. Please know that we appreciate that testing/isolating is challenging for families but your cooperation with these national guidelines is necessary in helping keep our school community healthy. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

## Christmas events

| Day & Date | Event |
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| Wednesday 8th December | Christmas Lunches & Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 13th December | P1, P2 & P3 Christmas Parties |
| Tuesday 14th December | P4 & P5 Christmas Parties |
| Wednesday 15th December | • P6 & P7 Christmas Parties<br>• Screenings of the P1&P2 Nativity and P3 Christmas Sing-a-long videos (Links will be sent to parents/carers) |
| Thursday 16th December | • RSV – Christmas Crazy Hair Day! (see info below and attached)<br>• Optional Christmas Jumper day<br>• Nursery Christmas Party<br>• Screenings of the P1&P2 Nativity and P3 Christmas Sing-a-long videos.<br>• Christmas Assembly |
| Friday 17th December | • Optional Christmas Jumper day<br>• Last day of term – Finish at 12.15pm (P1&P2s) or 12.25pm (P3-P7) |
| Thursday 6th January 2022 | Happy New Year! Children resume at 8.50am |

**** For parties, children can wear joggers/jumpers over party clothes for their outdoor break/lunch or if absolutely necessary; bring 'party clothes' to change into. ****

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## Online Pantomime

Throughout the final week, classes will also enjoy a streaming of a 'live' pantomime, Cinderella, at a day/time suitable for each class. We are grateful to the R.S.V. who have covered the cost of purchasing this little festive treat for the children!

## R.S.V.

The Ratho School Voice have been really busy organising Christmas fun events and fundraisers. As well as funding the online Pantomime screening they have organised the RSV Christmas Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 16th December and the RSV LUXURY CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW: Help raise funds for Ratho Primary School by entering the fabulous prize draw! Enter by Tuesday 14th; Draw on Thursday 16th Dec.

☆ Lots of fantastic prizes available including a top prize donated by The Balerno Inn worth £250!

☆£5 per entry (multiple entries allowed).

☆Please pay via bank transfer to the Ratho School Voice bank account.

Thank you for supporting our festive fundraising 😊

All details are on our promotional poster, see below and full images have been sent via email and are on school website/Twitter/RSV Facebook.

**** Many thanks to all in the Ratho School Voice for your support of the school! ***

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## Pupil Groups

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed donations to our 2 dress down days in November. The Ratho Action Group collected £252 for Children in Need. Everyone had lots of fun dressed up/down too!

The House Captains collected a massive amount of tinned, dried and non-perishable goods for the Ratho food bank, the Storehouse. Margaret and Euan were delighted to receive such an amount which will go towards helping so many families in need both in Ratho and Edinburgh. If any families in need wish to contact the Storehouse, they can be found at https://rathoparishchurch.org.uk/storehouse0

Massive thanks to all for your generosity in supporting the children's charity initiatives!

## De-STEM-ber

De-STEM-ber has started! We have winter-themed STEM activities happening across the school from 1-10 December. With Mrs Dixon, classes are doing De-STEM-ber activities including designing a Winter invention and STEM Challenges. P6, P6/7 and P7 are leading activities for their buddies during STEM time and the STEM Team will be sending info home to families about De-STEM-ber too!

## Clothes donations and appropriate clothing

Can we request donations of (new) pants and (washed) clean socks, leggings/joggers for P1&P2 children please? Some children occasionally need a change and our supplies have ran out… Staff have been buying them of late!

Also, can we request that families just check that pupils have appropriately warm clothes (and indoor shoes) for indoors as the windows are always open for ventilation. Of course, please also ensure they have appropriate outdoor jackets and shoes for when they are out on days like this… Brrrr!

**Many thanks for your continued support of the school!**

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# Dates for Session 2020-21

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School Closed/Holidays

Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)