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Head Teacher Newsletter: 14th January 2022

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

We are only one full week back into the new term, but it already feels that we are up to full speed ahead in our learning and activities across the school! This term promises to be a busy one and despite largely returning to 'bubbles' whilst inside, we have much to look forward to in the months ahead. Please see below for information of what is happening in classes, across the school and other important information of which parents and carers should be aware.

I hope all our families and pupils stay safe, happy and warm over the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Curriculum Information Leaflets

Curriculum Information Leaflets have been created and posted for all classes. Please view your child's class page on our school website here: Our Classes – Ratho Primary School The individual documents are here:

Primary 1 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/What-we-are-learning-term-3-2022.pdf

Primary 1 for P1/2 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/P1-What-we-are-learning-term-3-2022.pdf

Primary 2 for P1/2 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/What-we-are-learning-in-P2-P1.2-Term-3.pdf

Primary 2 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/What-we-are-learning-in-P2-Term-3-2021-2022.pdf

Primary 3a - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/RPS-Term-3-2022-P3a-WWALT.pdf

Primary 3b - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/P3b-CL-term-3-2022.pdf

Primary 4 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/P4-What-we-are-learning-term-3-2022.pdf

Primary 6 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WWALTT-Term-3-2022-P6.pdf

Primary 6/7 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WWALTT3-P67-2022.pdf

Primary 7 - http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WWL-P7-Term3-2022.pdf

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Building Resilience

Please see our Parent/Carer information leaflet for this term's Building Resilience Unit "Get Active" which we introduced and started yesterday. Please see the leaflet here: Newsletters – Ratho Primary School The individual document is here:

http://rathoprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Get-Active-Parent-and-Carer-Leaflet.pdf

Learning Journals

Learning Journals for most classes were updated at the end of last term… Please log in and see what your child has been learning!

Staffing News

I have further staffing announcements to make. In December's final newsletter I informed the school community that we had appointed Miss Brownlie and welcomed back Mrs McColm as class teachers. I also announced that Mrs Humphries was moving on to a new venture out-with school education.

This month, I am sorry to announce that Mrs Amy Dixon and Miss Emma Davies will both be leaving Ratho Primary School after the February break. Mrs Dixon has been successfully appointed as Education Manager for Early Years and Primary STEM at SSERC. We congratulate her on her success and look forward to seeing the good work she will be doing to further develop STEM learning. Also, following a period of absence, Miss Davies has announced she will also be moving on. We thanks Miss Davies for her care and dedication to the children over her time here and she leaves with our very best wishes for the future. I can confirm Mrs McColm will teach P1/2 for the rest of the session.

In addition to teachers, I am sorry to announce Mrs Wingate will leave her Business Manager position after the February break. Again we thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her new venture.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming back Mrs Claire Williams as Pupil Support Assistant next week and we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Tasmia Kamal as an Early Years Practitioner to support the Primary 1 and 2 pupils in their play-based learning.

Support for Learning

Support for Learning has been planned for the rest of this term for Mrs Humphries absence and all groups and individuals who receive additional support for learning will continue to do so via a programmed timetable of Pupil Support Assistant interventions.

These timetables will be overseen by our Pupil Support Officers, Mr Riley-Morrison and Mrs Wallace and our Depute Head Teacher Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith has already been coordinating much of the Child Planning Meetings, Pathway 3 supports and related administration this session so far and she will continue to do so going forward.

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Home Learning

As you should all be aware, Home Learning at Ratho Primary school is issued via Microsoft TEAMs. All pupils across P1-P7 should be accessing Teams each week to view and complete their homework. If any parents/carers need support with digital access, please contact the school. In addition, we run a 'Digital Home Learning' club on a Monday straight after school. Again, if parents/carers wish their child to attend, please contact the school.

Homework is issued every week except the week before or after a holiday or on 'short' weeks (ie. May bank holiday week). Please see the guide and video for support in using Microsoft TEAMs for Home Learning on our website here:

Home Learning – Ratho Primary School

Free School Meals for P1-P5

School lunches were already free for P1-P4 pupils, P5 free lunches have now started and the Parentpay system has been updated to allow all Primary 5 pupils to be entitled to free school meals (in addition to P1-P4 pupils).

P6/P7 are due to move to free school meals in August 2022.

January menus for P1 – P4, P6 and P7 are now live for parents to book on ParentPay. The new menus will launch after the Easter holidays. The catering department use pupil and parental surveys regularly to form the following years menu. A survey for April's menu is now live - https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/foodsch21

Covid Reminders

It is essential that your child does not attend school if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Currently, in our experience, these symptoms can present as anything from nausea, sore-throats, headaches to general tiredness and discomfort. Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate and test via the appropriate method. Everyone should follow health protection advice on self-isolation and Test and Protect procedures (click link) if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.

A summary of updates to guidance issued last week is that:

- You do not need a confirmatory PCR where someone has a positive LFD. However, symptomatic people should get a PCR even where they have had a negative LFD. Essentially, a person should isolate if they have either a positive LFD or PCR.
- Positive cases should isolate for 10 days, though they may end isolation after 7 days if they have 2 negative LFD test results in a row from day 6 onwards, taken 24 hours apart. See here: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Self-isolation guidance for individuals with possible coronavirus infection | NHS inform.
- Non-symptomatic contacts, including household contacts, do not need to isolate if they are fully vaccinated (2 doses and booster) or under 18yrs 4mths old. Instead, these categories of people must take 7 days of lateral flow tests and only isolate where a LFD result is positive.
- Non-symptomatic adult contacts who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated must take a PCR and isolate for 10 days.

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Consultation on Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review

What is the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review?

Following the Black Lives Matter protests of summer 2020, City of Edinburgh Council agreed a set of actions to address historic racial injustice and stem modern day discrimination.

Its report stated: "Committee recognises… that cities, including Edinburgh, should acknowledge and address their roles in perpetuating racism and oppression in the past as part of the process of challenging it in the present."

One of the actions agreed was the establishment of an independent Review to consider and make recommendations on Edinburgh's slavery and colonialism legacy in the civic realm. Human rights activist Sir Geoff Palmer was appointed as Chair, and a Review Group was set up of people living and working in Edinburgh and from a range of different backgrounds to support this work.

Why participate in the public consultation?

The Review Group wants to hear from Edinburgh residents about the most constructive ways that their city could address issues of historic racial injustice and make Edinburgh a fair and welcoming place for everyone.

It is also seeking views about a selection of prominent public features including monuments, street names and buildings, which it considers illustrative of the many aspects of Edinburgh life and society shaped by the city's legacy of slavery and colonialism.

The findings from the consultation will inform the Review Group's recommendations and will feature in a report to be brought to Council committee for consideration in 2022. This will help the Council decide which actions it will progress, and what the priorities for change might be.

How to get involved

The online consultation is hosted on the Council's website at: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/slaverycolonialism. It is open until 19 January 2022.

Background information about the Review can be found at: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghslaverycolonialism

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Dates for Session 2021-2022

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May 2022

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School Closed/Holidays

Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)

For Session 2022-23, pupils return to school on 17th August 2022.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school… Please contact us via admin@ratho.edin.sch.uk or 0131 333 1293 if you have any queries, concerns or need assistance.