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# Ratho Primary School

# Head Teacher Newsletter: 24th February 2022

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

I hope all our families had a safe and enjoyable half-term February holiday. It's been lovely to welcome the pupils back and especially nice to see them enjoying some fun in the snow this morning! Please see details of World Book Day and other information relevant for parents and carers below.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

## World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March 2022.

I'm delighted to report that we will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday, 3rd March. We are promoting a few initiatives and hope all our pupils can join in the fun! Details of activities are below.

- **Book swap!** From Monday (28/2/2022), can pupils please bring in a book (or more!) that they wish to donate to a World Book Day Book Swap. We will organise these from Monday to Wednesday and then pupils will be able to take a different book on Thursday for WBD!
- **Mystery Readers!** Staff will be recorded reading anonymously and pupils will hear/view the recording and will have a guessing game to reveal the anonymous readers!
- **Dress Up!** Everyone is encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character for the day! This is just for fun and there is no pressure for parents/carers on this… Please do not purchase costumes, we do not want this to create an expense… It's just a fun celebration of literacy! Please see this link for some easy and free WBD ideas for costumes:

  102 easy World Book Day homemade costume ideas 2022 with pictures - MadeForMums

## Dress Down Day – Last Friday of every month

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils wearing their uniform at school – well done everyone. The last Friday of every month is our 'Dress Down Day' and pupils can attend school wearing casual clothes if they wish. No football colours and nothing fancy/expensive, just casual clothes suitable for the weather and temperature please. Pupils are encouraged to make a donation in for the Dress Down Day and the House Captains have chosen Homeless Charities for the donations this month. This was influenced by one of our P4/5 pupils who had written a letter requesting we at Ratho do something to support the homeless! Well done!

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## Judo Tasters

We have Judo taster sessions booked to give 30minute sessions to each class on this Monday (28/2) and Tuesday (1/3).

## School grounds and values

The field and other areas of school grounds that are grass have been badly damaged by the wet weather… It is **very** muddy and we have had to restrict the grounds that pupils can play in at breaktimes. We are always doing our best to promote the school values amongst all pupils , especially when they are playing together outside. We appreciate all parents and carers helping to reinforce these values with the children. Our values are:

**Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Friendship and Kindness.**

## SSPCA Easter Holiday Adventure Clubs

The Scottish SPCA is running Adventure for children aged 7-12yrs during the Easter holiday. Edinburgh dates are from Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd April.

They will be packed full of fun and educational activities. All details on how to book are available through the website: https://www.scottishspca.org/adventure-clubs

## Social Security Scotland

Social Security Scotland have been in touch to try to make sure all benefits and payments reach the parents and carers who need them most.

There's a big deadline coming up on February 28.

School Age Payment applications close for children who were born between 1 March 2016 and 28 February 2017.

The payment is £252.50 per child to help families with the costs associated with a child starting at Primary School.

People who get tax credits or certain benefits are encouraged to apply.

Parents or carers who have deferred their child's entry to school from August 2021 to August 2022, or those home schooling, must still apply before the 28 February closing date or they will lose out on their payment.

Here's the link with the relevant info Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods - mygov.scot

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## Covid Reminders

It is essential that your child does not attend school if they have symptoms of COVID-19.

You can access the advice letter again here: Covid19 Information – Ratho Primary School

You can access the Home Learning page here: Stuck@Home Learning – Ratho Primary School

## Dates for Session 2021-2022

**August 2021**

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**March 2022**

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**April 2022**

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**May 2022**

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**June 2022**

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**July 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.**