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Ratho Primary School

Head Teacher Newsletter: 1st June 2022

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

We are now in the final month of the session! Please see below for information of events and activities across the school for the remainder of the session. We are delighted to be able to welcome parents and carers back into the school for many events. In addition, on Monday you will receive a separate letter which will detail the classes and teachers for session 2022/23. All parents/carers will receive an individual email which will detail your child's class for next session.

I hope all our families enjoy the holiday for the Queen's Jubilee… All children will receive a commemorative book to celebrate the Jubilee, these are being published nationwide and will be delivered to schools in September.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Upcoming Events…

Please see below for all currently planned events, you will be sent a separate permission/payment letter if one is required for your child's activity/excursion. We are still awaiting confirmation of further excursions for P3… TBC.

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June	**School closed for Queen's Jubilee Holiday.**
Thursday 9th June	**P1 & P1/2 Excursion** to Hopeton House.
Friday 10th June	**New Nursery parents/carers and children** 'Stay & Play' session from 9.30-11.00am
Friday 10th June	**Nursery transition / New P1 parents/carers** information session and tour of the school from 1pm-2pm.
Friday 10th June	**P4, P4/5 & P5 Swimming Lessons** commence at Balerno High School during school time. Lessons take place on all subsequent Fridays: (10/6, 17/6, 24/6, 1/7).
Saturday 11th June	**Ratho Gala Day!** All children /families are encouraged to participate!
Tues 14th- Thursday 16th June	**P7 Transition** days to visit High School.

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Wednesday 15th June	**P1-P6 Meet the Teacher afternoon!** Pupils will form their new classes and have a lesson with next session's teacher.
Thursday 16th June	**P4, P4/5 & P5 Excursion:** A day walking the canal with a Clip & Climb session, picnic and games at the E.I.C.A.
Thursday 16th June	**P6 Excursion:** A day walking the canal with picnic and games at the Pilton Retreat.
Friday 17th June	**New P1 parents/carers and pupils who do not currently attend Ratho Nursery -** 'Stay & Play' session from 1-2pm
Tuesday 21st June	**P6 Excursion to 'Games at the Hub'.** All P6 pupils to take part in this sports day out at St. Augustine's/Forrester High School.
Wednesday 22nd June	**P7 end of session excursion to Edinburgh Dungeons** and picnic lunch in Princes Street Gardens.
Thursday 23rd June	**Sports Day –** Parents are welcome to spectate on the field. Running times from 12.45pm to 3pm. Families welcome to remain thereafter… Bring a blanket!
Friday 24th June	End of Session reports issued to parents by today.
Wednesday 29th June	**Nursery Excursion –** Pilton Retreat afternoon from 10am-2pm, Nursery parents/carers welcome to attend
Thursday 30th June	**Nursery 'Graduation' Ceremony –** 10-11am in the school gym hall. Nursery parents/carers welcome to attend.
Thursday 30th June	**End of Session Awards Ceremony at Ratho Parish Church.** All Primary classes will attend from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. **Parents welcome to attend at the church.**
Friday 1st July	**P7 Leavers Assembly in school – <u>P7 parents</u> welcome to attend!** Photo opportunity before ceremony starts at 10.45am. Celebration at Bridge Inn from 12.00pm
Friday 1st July	**Last Day of Session**. School closes and Summer Holidays begin at **<u>12.00 noon</u>** for all!

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Parent / Carer Consultations with class teachers

We were pleased that most parents & carers were able to have their consultation with their child's class teacher. If you did not make an appointment and would like one, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

P6 & P7 Interscholastic Athletics and Cross Country runners

Ratho P6 & P7s have been competing at the Inter-Scholastics Athletics and Cross-Country events. Alasdair had a 1st place finish for the P6 boys at Cross Country Running. At the Athletics, the boys overall won the King George Jubilee Cup. We had some excellent placings for the girls at both events too… Well done all and especially Miss Ogilvy and Mrs Mitchell for organising and taking them.

Tempest School Photographs

We enjoyed the visit from the Tempest photographer, all proofs have been sent home, please make your orders online using the code on the proofs. Tempest will be back next session to take whole class photos.

Free School Meals / Milk

The Scottish Government funds universal free school meals for all children in primary 1 to 5. **However please apply for free school meals if eligible as this supports allocation of school funds and Ratho P.S. receives very little funding in this regard.**

Applying for Free School Meals will also automatically entitle you to receive the meal payments during holidays, free milk, clothing grant or child bridging payment. Please take a minute to look at the income-based eligibility criteria listed below. If you meet any of the requirements we would highly recommend you apply using the link: https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/food-clothing

Eligibility for free school lunches

Your child can get free lunches in school if you get:

- Universal Credit (where your monthly earned income is not more than £625)
- Income Support
- income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Your child is also entitled to free school lunches if you get:

- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105
- both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and have an income of up to £7,500

If you require any help in completing the forms please contact the school office who will be happy to assist.

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Best Start School Age Payment Grant

As of today (June 1st), Best Start Grant School Age Payment applications open for children who were born between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018.

The one-off payment of £267.65 per child helps families with the costs associated with a child starting at Primary School.

People who get tax credits or certain benefits are encouraged to apply before the window closes on 28 February 2023.

Eligibility is based on age and relates to when a child is first old enough to start school. Parents or carers who have deferred their child's entry to school from August 2022 to August 2023, or those home schooling, must still apply before the closing date or they will lose out on their payment.

More information about how to apply and when is available via our website Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods - mygov.scot

Summer Camps & Currie Chieftains

Attached to the newsletter on the website are 2 posters advertising Active Schools Summer Camps and Currie Chieftains mini-rugby. Please check them out!

Queen's Jubille Celebrations at Norton House Hotel

Norton House Hotel have asked us to share a Not-for-profit event they are holding to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee this weekend. All monies raised will go towards the Ukraine D.E.C. appeal. Please see here for details:

https://www.handpickedhotels.co.uk/norton-house/events/jubilee

Activities on the day include

- Bouncy inflatables
- Silent disco
- Palace & Castle Hunt
- Tin Can Alley
- Coconut Shy
- Roller Ball
- Penalty Shoot
- Giant pub games eg connect 4, jenga, chess
- An ice cream van, food stalls and a raffle

Reminder: Snacks and Water Bottles please

A reminder that children are to bring a snack (no nuts / nut-free snacks only please) and have a water bottle every-day. We always supply children with a snack or water if they don't have one, but we have noticed that we are now providing many pupils with both on a daily basis, more as habit than hardship. Please ensure you have both provided for your child or inform the school if you require assistance. Thank you.

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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.

Dates for end of term and session 2022-2023…

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School Closed/Holidays

Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)