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Head Teacher Newsletter: 30th September 2022

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Please see below for relevant information in our fortnightly newsletter!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Exceptional Closure Day:

City of Edinburgh schools were closed on Monday, 19 September during the State Funeral. Because of this, an exemption has been granted to close public schools on **Monday 24 October 2022**. This exceptional school closure is an additional day to replace that holiday. Please note that City of Edinburgh Council's schools inset day that was due to take place on 24 October will be moved to Tuesday 25 October. This means pupils will return to school on Wednesday 26 October. Please see the official letter from the Council attached to this newsletter.

Ratho School Voice (RSV) Christmas Art:

The RSV are fundraising for Christmas by using 'Rudolph Cards' for Personalised Christmas cards, mugs and more! The pupils are completing the artwork in school (feel free to re-do at home if you wish!) and then families order following the instructions attached by Friday 7th October. Please see the RSV letter attached.

Christmas Play Excursion:

We are delighted to announce that we have booked the whole school to see "An Edinburgh Christmas Carol" at the Lyceum Theatre on Thursday 8th December! It is wonderful to return to a traditional school theatre trip at Christmas and we're sure all pupils will love this production. Details of costs and payment will be issued shortly!

Parental Opportunities for Engagement:

We have the P6 Assembly on 13th October, the P5 Assembly on 3rd November and P7 Camp Assembly on 24th November. We have Family Consultations scheduled for 16th & 17th November… Please save these dates in your diaries, it will be great to welcome families into the school to celebrate the children's learning in person!

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For all other dates, please refer to the school calendar, available on our website shows all events and key dates for the whole session. Please save/print and refer to this to see dates for class assemblies, family consultations and events (dates subject to change). http://rathoprimary.org.uk/calendar

School Handbook:

The school handbook is reviewed and refreshed every session, this will be by mid-September, however is always a good place to start if you have queries about school. You can find it on our webpage under School > School handbook. The link is here: School Handbook – Ratho Primary School

Recipe Book / Cyrenians:

There are still a few copies of the School Recipe Book available, if you wish a copy please enquire at the office. Thanks for those who ordered a 'Veg Box' from the Cyrenians… A worthwhile, local charity to support, please see our website noticeboard for further info: Community Notice Board – Ratho Primary School

Ratho United Girls:

Ratho United Youth Football Club girls only squad are looking to recruit some new players at our younger age group of 2014 & 2015. Please see the attached flyer for a bit of background to the Club. Also available on our website noticeboard: Community Notice Board – Ratho Primary School

Uniform:

It is great to see so many pupils wearing uniform… many thanks to the families who promote this and ensure their child is wearing appropriate uniform for school. Please can children wear P.E. kit on their P.E. days with their uniform jumper on top.

Lost Property/Unclaimed Uniform:

Please ensure that all school uniform, jackets, shoes, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. are named and labelled so that we can get them back to their rightful owners and they don't go unclaimed. We often have a rather large amount of unnamed and unclaimed school uniform gathering in our Lost Property. Our PSA, Ms Wallace, is going to wash and organise this regularly and liaise with the Coordinators of the 'Zero Waste Uniforms for Ratho Primary School' Facebook Group. Please take a look at this Group and if your children would benefit from any of the school uniform please get in touch via the Facebook Group or the school office and Ms Wallace will organise to get this to you.

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Food Bank / School Uniform Bank:

As you will all be very aware, household finances are under increased pressure this year and will be even more so as we head into winter. We want to make you aware of a couple of resources in school that may help if you find yourself in need:

- Ratho Primary School are now able to make referrals to the Trussell Trust Food Bank. You can contact us by phone on 0131 333 1293 or email us at admin@ratho.edin.sch.uk
- We are also able to make referrals to the Edinburgh Uniform Bank. If you require help with winter school uniform, please get in touch using the details above.

We can assure you that your enquiries will be kept strictly confidential and will be managed by our Pupil Support Officer, Steven Riley Morrison. There are many other ways that we may be able to help and agencies that we can put you in touch with, so please reach out to us if you find yourself in need of some assistance.

Dress Down Day:

You may be aware that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and we have been promoting this in school all month. Any donations for Dress Down Day today will be split between two childhood cancer charities that are special for Ratho Primary School; Angus's Door and Team Jak (Jack's Den). Please see the links below to learn more about each.

https://specialnamedfunds.cclg.org.uk/anguss-door/
Team Jak

In addition, we received a very nice 'Thank You' card from Ratho Store House for our food bank donation following the Harvest Festival earlier this month… Huge thanks to all who donated.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club is available in the Community Centre lounge from 8am each day. You can now book in advance on ParentPay. Pupils who attend are charged at £2. Children can have toast or cereal for breakfast and be on time for school starting at 8.50am! Any child **registered** for Free School Meals entitlement can attend for free! Although you can book, numbers are such that children can still attend, even if not booked in advance.

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Star Pupils:

It has been wonderful to recognise the Star Pupils at assembly each week.
Please see below some photos of children receiving their certificates this month!