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Head Teacher Newsletter: 14th October 2022

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

We have reached the October holidays! It was lovely to finish the term by welcoming P6 parents & carers to the school for the P6 assembly yesterday. We look forward to welcoming more families into the school next term… We have the P5 Assembly on 3rd November and P7 Camp Assembly on 24th November. We will then welcome all families for Family Consultations scheduled on 16th & 17th November, following which in December we'll have Christmas Fair, Nativity and then a Christmas Sing-a-long at the Church on the final day of term.

I hope all our families have an enjoyable and relaxing break and we look forward to seeing all pupils when they return on Wednesday 26th October.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb,
Head Teacher.

Dress Down Day fundraising:

September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The donations for Dress Down Day totalled £219 which was split between two childhood cancer charities that are special for Ratho Primary School; Angus's Door and Team Jak (Jack's Den). In addition the money raised by the purchase of the badges and online donations raised an additional £181. £400 in total… Well done everyone!!

Tempest Vista Photographs:

The recent Class photographs are now ready to view and purchase at:

https://htmp.st/Ratho22

There will be a free "deliver to school" option open for approximately 14 days, otherwise home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance please call 01736 751555 (option 5) or click on contact Tempest Photography on the home page via the link above.

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Christmas Play Excursion – Payment Live today:

We are very excited to tell you that all our Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils will be visiting The Lyceum Theatre on Thursday 8th December for their Christmas show "An Edinburgh Christmas Carol".

We will be leaving school around 9am and will be returning to school after lunch time. The Lyceum will be providing us with a space for lunch before we return to school for the afternoon. Please either request a packed lunch via ParentPay for that day or provide a Packed Lunch from home. On the day, children should wear School Uniform and bring/order a packed lunch, snack and water bottle.

Many thanks to the Ratho School Voice for subsidising the cost of this excursion by paying for the coach transportation and ice creams (or alternative) at the theatre.

There is a remaining cost of £11 per child for this excursion. This will be live on Parent Pay today with the option to pay with the option to pay for this in instalments if you wish to. If this cost is prohibitive for any families, please contact the office to discuss.

Please pay and give permission for your child to attend via ParentPay.

P1 Open Day:

We will be welcoming new/prospective P1 parents to our Open Day on Wednesday 2nd November. Tours will operate between 9.15am-10.15am and 1.30-2.30pm. Please inform any families you know who are thinking of enrolling a child to start P1 next session. See the poster attached.

Netball:

We will shortly be starting up a new netball session at Ratho Primary. The sessions will be open to all in P6 and P7. If your child would like to get involved, please register your interest at the following link by Friday 14th October:

https://forms.office.com/r/9nDV7g9xe2

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Ratho School Voice (RSV) Christmas Art:

The RSV are fundraising for Christmas, a separate communication was sent earlier in the week, please see below for a reminder:

CALENDARS, KEYRINGS and MAGNETS- order now!

The kids have been creating their self-portraits for the following items which are now available for you to order:

- School Calendar (All kids, nursery to P7 and school staff) £7 each

- Fridge Magnets (of your child) £3 each

- Keyrings (of your child) £3 each

Orders should be placed by **FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER**, so we have enough time to make and return everything to you before Christmas. Payments should be made by Bank Transfer at the same time as placing the order.

To order fill out the online form:

https://forms.gle/ThGmFpEqfQZB85hKA

CALENDAR COVER COMPETITION

We would like to invite all pupils to design a front cover for this year's calendar. All entries must be in by **FRIDAY 18th NOVEMEMBER**. Please clearly label your entries "FAO RSV Calendar competition". Here are the details you need to know!

- This year's theme is: 40th anniversary of Ratho School. In March 2023 the current Ratho primary school will have been open for 40 years
- Entrants must be between nursery and P7 at Ratho primary school
- Pictures must be drawn in **pen** on A4 paper landscape
- Please use colour
- Some design ideas for inspiration may include: the school values, the school logo, the school building, Ratho through the ages, the school houses, the school vision, changes in society in the last 40 years (culture, music, technology, fashion)
- Return clearly labelled entries "FAO: RSV calendar competition" to your class teacher of the school office by Friday 18th November
- VERY IMPORTANT to remember to write your name and class on the back
- The winner will receive a copy of the 2023 calendar with their picture on the cover and an art set!

Any problems, please contact the team at rsv.rathoschoolvoice@gmail.com

Thanks

RSV calendar team

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Ratho Community Centre Halloween Weekend:

The Community Centre are holding a weekend of Halloween events, please see the poster with booking information attached.

NYCOS opportunity:

National Youth Choir of Scotland (NYCOS) is delighted to open applications for our 2023 National Choirs

They welcome applications from children and young people aged 10-25 years across Scotland. If you know of enthusiastic singers, please do encourage them to apply.

Auditions are free for everyone and reductions of costs of up to 100% are available.

National Youth Choir of Scotland | **for ages 16-25**
An outstanding choir for young people, recognised internationally by audiences and artists as one of the best choirs in the world.

National Girls Choir | **for ages 12-17**
A choir for ambitious singers, chosen from Scotland's best young singing talent.

National Boys Choir | **for ages 10-17**
A choir for ambitious young singers that consistently thrills audiences with its rich and wonderful sound.

National Youth Choir of Scotland poster Download e-flyer

National Boys Choir poster Download e-flyer

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Dates for the diary:

For all 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

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Ratho Primary School – Parent/Carer's Calendar 2022 / 2023

August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023
1 Mo Holiday	1 Th	1 Sa	1 Tu	1 Th	1 Su Holiday	1 We	1 Su	1 Sa	1 Mo Holiday	1 Th
2 Tu Holiday	2 Fr	2 Su	2 We	2 Fr	2 Mo Holiday	2 Th 2.30pm P3's Assembly	2 Mo	2 Su	2 Tu InService	2 Fr Heath Week / Sports Day
3 We Holiday	3 Sa	3 Mo Home Learning	3 Th	3 Sa RSV Christmas Fair	3 Tu Holiday	3 Fr	3 Tu	3 Mo Holiday	3 We	3 Sa
4 Th Holiday	4 Su	4 Tu	4 Fr Dyslexia Awareness Week	4 Su	4 We InService	4 Sa	4 We	4 Tu Holiday	4 Th 1.30pm P2's Assembly	4 Su
5 Fr Holiday	5 Mo Home Learning	5 We	5 Sa	5 Mo Home Learning	5 Th	5 Su	5 Th World Book Day	5 We Holiday	5 Fr	5 Mo Home Learning
6 Sa Holiday	6 Tu	6 Th National Pantry Day	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Mo	6 Fr	6 Th Holiday	6 Sa	6 Tu
7 Su Holiday	7 We 5pm P7 Camp Meeting	7 Fr Check Learning Journals	7 Mo Home Learning	7 We	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Sa	7 Fr Holiday	7 Su	7 We
8 Mo Holiday	8 Th	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th	8 Su	8 We	8 Su School's 40th Anniversary Week	8 Sa	8 Mo Home Learning	8 Th
9 Tu Holiday	9 Fr 12.30-1.30 - Farmer's Market Pupil Voice Applications Hand In Dress Down Day	9 Su	9 We	9 Fr Computer Science Week / Check Learning Journals	9 Mo Home Learning	9 Th	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu	9 Fr Xmas PI Parent Presentation
10 We Holiday	10 Sa	10 Mo Home Learning	10 Th	10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Fr	10 Mo Holiday	10 We	10 Sa
11 Th Holiday	11 Su	11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su	11 We	11 Sa	11 Sa	11 Tu Holiday	11 Th	11 Su
12 Fr Holiday	12 Mo Home Learning	12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo	12 Th	12 Su	12 Su	12 We Holiday	12 Fr	12 Mo Home Learning
13 Sa	13 Tu	13 Th 2.10pm P6's Assembly	13 Su	13 Tu	13 Fr Curriculum Leaflet 3 to parents	13 Mo Holiday	13 Mo Home Learning	13 Th Holiday	13 Sa	13 Tu
14 Su	14 We	14 Fr	14 Mo Home Learning / School Book Fair	14 We Nativity (Time Tbc)	14 Sa	14 Tu Holiday	14 Tu	14 Fr Holiday	14 Su	14 We
15 Mo InService	15 Th	15 Sa	15 Tu Family Consultations	15 Th Lunch Christmas Show / Dress Down Day	15 Su	15 We Holiday	15 We	15 Sa	15 Mo Home Learning	15 Th
16 Tu InService	16 Fr	16 Su	16 We Family Consultations	16 Fr Christmas Jumper Day	16 Mo Home Learning	16 Th Holiday	16 Th 2.10pm P4's Assembly	16 Su	16 Tu	16 Fr
17 We	17 Sa	17 Mo Holiday	17 Th Family Consultations	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Fr Holiday	17 Fr	17 Mo	17 We	17 Sa
18 Th	18 Su	18 Tu Holiday	18 Fr	18 Su	18 We	18 Sa	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Th	18 Su
19 Fr	19 Mo Autumn Holiday	19 We Holiday	19 Sa	19 Mo 9.30am Christmas Singalong at the Church	19 Th	19 Su	19 Su	19 We	19 Fr	19 Mo
20 Sa	20 Tu	20 Th Holiday	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Mo	20 Mo Home Learning	20 Th	20 Sa	20 Tu P7 Transition Day
21 Su	21 We	21 Fr Holiday	21 Mo Home Learning	21 We	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Su	21 We P7 Transition Day / Pupil Meet The Teacher
22 Mo Home Learning	22 Th	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Su	22 We ECO Week / Fairtrade fortnight	22 We Family Consultations	22 Sa	22 Mo Holiday	22 Th P7 Transition Day
23 Tu	23 Fr	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr	23 Mo Home Learning	23 Th	23 Th Family Consultations	23 Su	23 Tu	23 Fr Progress Reports to parents / Dress Down Day
24 We	24 Sa	24 Mo Holiday	24 Th Pre Nativity Rehearsals (Tech) Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Tbc)	24 Fr Dress Down Day	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Fr Check Learning Journals	24 Mo Home Learning	24 We	24 Sa
25 Th	25 Su	25 Tu In-Service	25 Fr Dress Down Day	25 Su	25 We	25 Sa	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th	25 Su
26 Fr	26 Mo Home Learning	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo Holiday	26 Th	26 Su	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr	26 Mo
27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Th Pyjm RSV Meeting @ Bridge Inn	27 Su	27 Tu Holiday	27 Fr Dress Down Day	27 Mo Home Learning	27 Mo	27 Th	27 Sa	27 Tu 1.30pm P7 Leaver's Show
28 Su	28 We	28 Fr Holiday's Hallowe'en Dress Down Day	28 Mo Home Learning	28 We Holiday	28 Sa	28 Tu Fairtrade fortnight	28 Tu	28 Fr Curriculum Leaflet 4 to parents / Dress Day	28 Su	28 We 9.30am Awards Ceremony in the Church
29 Mo Home Learning	29 Th	29 Sa	29 Tu	29 Th Holiday	29 Su	29 We	29 We	29 Sa	29 Mo Home Learning	29 Th Holiday
30 Tu	30 Fr Dress Down Day	30 Su	30 We	30 Fr Holiday	30 Mo Home Learning	30 Th 1.30pm P5-7's Show	30 Th 1.30pm P5-7's Show	30 Su	30 Tu	30 Fr Holiday
31 We Curriculum Leaflet to parents 6pm-7pm Parent Meet the Teacher evening		31 Mo Home Learning		31 Sa Holiday	31 Tu		31 Fr Dress Down Day		31 We Health Week	

Maths Week Scotland

Recycling Week – Let's Get Real

National Coding Week

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Christmas Party Week

Computer Science Week

School's 40th Anniversary Week

Eco-Schools Green Flag Award Holder Since 2010

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