# Ratho Primary School

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## Head Teacher Newsletter: 24th February 2023

Dear School Community,

I issued a newsletter as we broke for half-term, hopefully you had a chance to read through. As we are so busy, I again have a lot of information to share, please see below. Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

## Teachers' Industrial Action:

Please be aware that, at present, there are further Industrial Action days planned for 28th February and 1st March 2023. School will be closed to all primary and nursery pupils on these days.

## World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

A reminder that to celebrate World Book Day and encourage reading across the school, we will be holding a Book Swap on Thursday the 2nd of March. Children can bring in books they no longer want from home in exchange for Book Swap tokens. There will be a maximum of three tokens given per child. Books will be collected in classes on Monday 27th February.

Please also remember that we have the 'Little Library' which operates as a free book exchange opposite the main playground entrance. Pupils can take / swap / donate books there any time!

## Ratho School Voice – Thursday 2nd March at 7pm

The RSV will host their next meeting via Teams on Thursday 2nd March at 7pm. See their Facebook page to attend.

## Ratho Primary School 40th Anniversary Plans

### Monday 27th February - A Whole School Commemorative Photo

One of our parents, Ewa Wells, is kindly going to come in to take this photo with us. Please **can pupils come to school dressed smart in uniform to take a photo**, with every learner in it! Please note: we plan to take this outside so it could be weather dependant. If anyone does not want their child included, please let us know.

### Wednesday 8th March - Whole School Showcase

- Classes across the school are learning about the 80, 90s, 00s and 10s! And we are inviting our families to join us for a showcase event from 1:30pm.
- There will be new displays and old school photos on display, as well as every class performing a dance to a song from their decade and sharing some of their learning.
- Each class will present, from their classrooms, at 1:45pm and again at 2:15pm (Primary 6 will be in the Gym Hall).

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**Friday 10th March - Celebratory charity football match**

We will host a charity on **Friday 10th March at 11.00am** at the school. The format of the match will be a 1 hour long match adults v pupils.

- 15 mins for P4s, then P5s, then P6s, then P7s
- The number of players will be decided on the day and we have coaches from Ratho United coming to also play and referee the match.
- Please contact us if you wish to play or would like to invite players!
- Parents/Carers are welcome to spectate. Cash donations buckets for Comic Relief will be collected.

**Time Capsule Competition**

We will be putting items in a time capsule to commemorate the 40th Anniversary, including one entry letter from each class!

For pupils:

**Submit an entry to be included in the time capsule.** Write a letter or create a piece of art & writing/description as appropriate to go into the time capsule to be opened 40 years from now by Ratho Primary School in the year 2063! Pupils could, for example, describe the school, Ratho, Scotland, the world… anything they wish! What do they imagine Ratho Primary School will be like in 2063? What questions do they have for pupils or staff 40 years from now?

Entries to be submitted on 3rd March. The Ratho Action Group will choose the winning entries to be included in the capsule. Winning pupils will be part of the team when we bury the capsule.

**We hope you can join us on for some or all of our celebrations… All parents and carers are invited! We look forward to seeing you then.**

## Healthy Eating Promotion

Please promote healthy eating/drinking at school… Pupils should have water, not juice with them each day. Fizzy drinks, energy drinks or 'Prime' drinks are not allowed. If you wish your child to have these drinks, please do so outside of school. Snacks ideally will be healthy snacks… Remember we are a Nut Free school, some children have allergies. Many thanks to all parents/carers who show these considerations already.

Please see the following in regards to our promotion of healthy eating efforts:

## 'Wrapper-Free Thursdays'

The Eco-Warriors held an Assembly today; they launched 'Wrapper Free Thursdays'…

- To help reduce the amount of litter we are making in the playground and community, we would like to introduce wrapper free Thursday.
- When you bring your snack on a Thursday, can pupils have a snack without a wrapper, eg: Fruit, crisps in a reusable bag or tub, vegetables, any snack without a wrapper.

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## School Lunches – Eat Them to Defeat Them

CEC have launched the Eat them to Defeat Them! campaign. Pupils will receive stickers from the catering team for eating their vegetables. We are distributing the reward chart/sticker packs we have received from youngest to oldest.

## Cyrenians Farm Boxes: Free Delivery/Collection point!

Cyrenians community farm is situated near Kirknewton. Their farm is home to a young-people's community and the surrounding working farm is a social enterprise providing opportunities for residents, volunteers and visitors to grow food, skills, and community.

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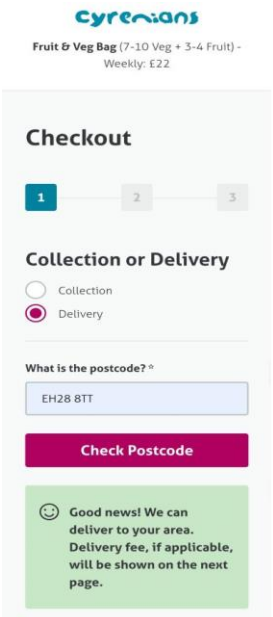
Cyrenians tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness, using our values-led and person-centred approach. We build relationships which support people to flourish and move towards more positive and stable futures.

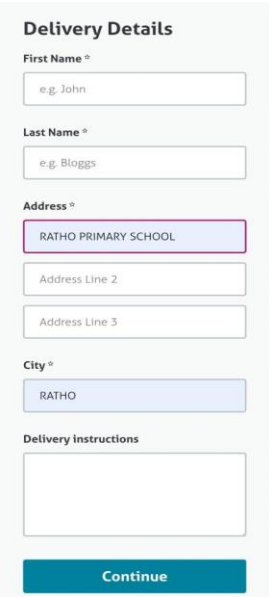
Homeless Charity in Scotland | Cyrenians

Veg Bag Subscription (cyrenians.scot)

We are delighted to promote their good work and have agreed to become a Free Delivery / Collection point for their Veg Boxes on Wednesdays. They just need 5 sign-ups to get things started with the veg bags.

- Customers should order directly from them via our website: https://cyrenians.scot/social-enterprise/cyrenians-farm/subscription
- Select the Bag that they want and the Frequency of their order,
- and choose '**Delivery**'
- They should enter the postcode for the school **EH28 8TT** to get Free Delivery.
- Then enter their Full Name and enter 'Ratho Primary School' as the delivery address.




Once the customer's name, address and bank details have been confirmed, sign-up is complete. They will email customers to confirm their first direct debit payment date and their first veg bag collection date.

If they do not receive enough interest, they can cancel anyone who has already signed up and cancel/refund any payments, probably before any payments are taken. (we need 5 full business days lead time to setup a direct debit and customers can choose either the 7th, 18th or 27th of the month as their desired payment date in the month.) Or they can offer a home delivery service instead.

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## School Car Park

A reminder that parents/carers are requested not to use the school car park. We have had many instances of morning / breakfast club drop-offs causing delivery/ parking/ obstruction issues. Please park and stride. Many thanks to all parents/carers who cooperate and show this consideration already.

## Additional Support Needs / Sports Opportunities

Please see attachments for details of opportunities / sessions related to ASN or Active Schools Sports. These are ASN Swimming, Neurodiversity support, ASD parent/carer information session and Judo.

| March 2023 | April 2023 | May 2023 | June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 We | 1 Sa | 1 Mo Holiday | 1 Th Health Week |
| 2 Th World Book Day | 2 Su | 2 Tu InService | 2 Fr Sports Day |
| 3 Fr | 3 Mo Holiday | 3 We | 3 Sa |
| 4 Sa | 4 Tu Holiday | 4 Th 1.30pm P2's Assembly | 4 Su |
| 5 Su | 5 We Holiday | 5 Fr | 5 Mo Home Learning |
| 6 Mo Home Learning | 6 Th Holiday | 6 Sa | 6 Tu |
| 7 Tu School's 40th Anniversary Week | 7 Fr Holiday | 7 Su | 7 We |
| 8 We | 8 Sa | 8 Mo Home Learning | 8 Th |
| 9 Th | 9 Su | 9 Tu | 9 Fr New P1 Parent Presentation |
| 10 Fr | 10 Mo Holiday | 10 We | 10 Sa |
| 11 Sa | 11 Tu Holiday | 11 Th | 11 Su |
| 12 Su | 12 We Holiday | 12 Fr | 12 Mo Home Learning |
| 13 Mo Home Learning | 13 Th Holiday | 13 Sa | 13 Tu |
| 14 Tu | 14 Fr Holiday | 14 Su | 14 We |
| 15 We | 15 Sa | 15 Mo Home Learning | 15 Th |
| 16 Th 2.10pm P4's Assembly | 16 Su | 16 Tu | 16 Fr |
| 17 Fr | 17 Mo | 17 We | 17 Sa |
| 18 Sa | 18 Tu | 18 Th | 18 Su |
| 19 Su | 19 We | 19 Fr | 19 Mo |
| 20 Mo Home Learning | 20 Th | 20 Sa | 20 Tu P7 Transition Day |
| 21 Tu | 21 Fr | 21 Su | 21 We P7 Transition Day Pupil 'Meet the teacher' |
| 22 We Family Consultations | 22 Sa | 22 Mo Holiday | 22 Th P7 Transition Day |
| 23 Th Family Consultations | 23 Su | 23 Tu | 23 Fr Progress Reports to parents Dress Down Day |
| 24 Fr Check Learning Journals | 24 Mo Home Learning | 24 We | 24 Sa |
| 25 Sa | 25 Tu | 25 Th | 25 Su |
| 26 Su | 26 We | 26 Fr Dress Down Day | 26 Mo |
| 27 Mo | 27 Th | 27 Sa | 27 Tu 1.30pm P7 Leaver's Show |
| 28 Tu | 28 Fr Curriculum Leaflet 4 to parents Dress Down Day | 28 Su | 28 We 9.30am Awards Ceremony @ the Church |
| 29 We | 29 Sa | 29 Mo Home Learning | 29 Th Holiday |
| 30 Th 1.30pm P5-P6 Show | 30 Su | 30 Tu Health Week | 30 Fr Holiday |
| 31 Fr Dress Down Day | | 31 We | |

## Dates for the diary:

For all dates, please refer to the school calendar, available on our website. It shows all key dates for the session (subject to change).
http://rathoprimary.org.uk/calendar

## Twitter:

See our Twitter feed for regular updates and photos!
Ratho Primary School (@Ratho_Primary) / Twitter

**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.**

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