Ratho Primary School

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Head Teacher Newsletter: 12th May 2023

Dear School Community,

The calendar for the final term of the session has filled up… Please see below for dates for your diary! There are also a few parent/carer events of which to be aware. Our food-bank drive continues until Sports Day, the donations can be made at the entrance foyer of the school.

Please see updates below and thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Ratho School Voice – Our Parent Council

Huge thanks as always to the Ratho School Voice. At their meeting last night They have again agreed to fund the Primary 6 pupils' P7 jumpers which they will receive at the P7 leavers assembly on 27th June. P6 parents/carers should look out for the order form which will be sent to them directly.

The RSV have also agreed to subsidise the cost of each class summer excursion by £100 per class. The costs for each child reflect and include this subsidy… Parents/carers will pay for their individual child via parentpay as usual. **Thank you RSV!**

An agenda item at their meeting was discussing parent/carer opinion on the potential proposal of re-aligning catchment areas with the building of a new High School at Kirkliston. Parent Council representatives have been invited to meet with the City of Edinburgh Council's Strategic Planning team to share opinion that will contribute to the Council's viability study. Please see the report here and look out for the RSV gathering of parent voice to share accordingly.

Queensferry and Kirkliston Secondary Provision Report

Finally, the RSV will hold their AGM on 22/6/23. At this meeting some current office bearers will be stepping down and we are looking for parents/carers to take up these roles and of course get involved with the great work the RSV does for our children!

Huge thanks to Leanne Chalmers, Co-Chair, Charlie Roy, Secretary and Debby Smith, Treasurer… All three are stepping down and we thank them for their time, effort and good work for the RSV and the whole school community… So very much appreciated!

If you are keen to get involved and possibly take on a role, please get in touch with the RSV through their Facebook page or through the school. Ratho School Voice - RSV | Facebook

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Girls Football.

We had a girls team competing in Edinburgh Schools Summer Cup…They are through to represent the school again in the next round after the following results:
Ratho 4-0 Buckstone
Ratho 6-0 St. Mary's
Ratho 5-0 Currie
Well done girls! Also of course, huge thanks to the parents/carers who supported them.

The team are looking for more P5-P7 girls to get involved in the next round of fixtures. If any girls in P5-7 (and their parents/carers potentially accompanying them) are interested in joining in for the matches on Saturday 20th May please let the school know and we'll inform the football coaches.

Saturday 20th May – 9.30-11.30am, Double Hedges Park, Liberton, Edinburgh
Wednesday7th June – Meggetland Sports Complex (time TBC).

Parentpay & School Lunch booking

As always, please ensure you book school lunches by 10pm on Wednesday evening for the following week's lunches.

The City of Edinburgh Council have (as they did at Christmas) declared a 1pm finish time for the end of session, Wednesday 28th June. This is to allow children who require a school provided meal to have one. We intend to dismiss children with a school provided packed lunch if they have ordered one, as per our usual Friday practice and if there is a soup option, those children can have their soup in the dining hall.

The catering team have asked parents to check their bookings for the last day of session.

Glee Choir:

The next round of heats is on 25th May, congratulations to them getting through the first round! Parent/carers of children in the choir should look out for information about attending these heats.

Ratho Gala Day information

The organisers of the Ratho Gala Day wish all P1 and P7 children to be involved in this year's Gala Day on Saturday 10th June. They have asked us to share the following for families of P1 and P7 pupils.

They are having a Gala rehearsal in the Ratho Community Centre at 12.30pm on the following dates:
Primary 7s: Friday the 26th of May and 9th of June,
Primary 1s: Friday 9th June

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Community Centre:

The Community Centre are holding a Pet Show on Sunday 28th May at 10.30am; Registration forms are available from the Community Centre.

Headphones Appeal:

P6 & P7 pupils who now have 1-to-1 ipads are encouraged to bring their own headphones for their own use. However, if any families have spare, clean, working and suitable condition headphones they wish to donate for the rest of the children to use, that will be much appreciated!

Reminders:

- All children are expected to wear school uniform everyday. We have a dress down day on the last Friday of every month. The vast majority of pupils do wear uniform, thank you to their parents and carers for supporting the school in this way. If uniform support is required, we can supply second-hand uniform or approach the Uniform Bank to assist. The RSV can also provide uniform support.
- Lost Property: Please label all children's jumpers and jackets… If your child has lost an item, please check our lost property at the front office – There is a lot! This will be donated or recycled soon if not claimed.
- Children should have a water bottle and change of shoes every day.
- Children should have a preferably healthy snack and we do not permit juice and certainly not fizzy, caffeinated, sports or hydration drinks.
- The Eco team promote a Wrapper Free Thursday – Children are encouraged to bring their Thursday snacks as ideally fruit or otherwise in a container not a wrapper… Please support, help reduce litter and promote eco-friendly practice!

Dates for remainder of session:

Please see a calendar for the remaining weeks of session on the next page. You can see all school trips and events. Parents/carers are invited to join us for Sports Day on Friday 2nd June. When finished, families are invited to enjoy a picnic in the school grounds and there are plans for the RSV to host a BBQ! In the event of really inclement weather on 2nd June, we will postpone Sports Day and aim for either of the next two Fridays. We will endeavour to stick to these dates and avoid any clashes (eg. with Gala Day rehearsals). You will also see dates for:

- Tempest Photography
- New P1 information meeting
- P6 Camp meeting (Please make sure Lagganlia payments are up to date!)
- End of session Report issue date
- End of session P7 Assembly and Achievement Ceremony.

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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Ratho Primary School – May & June 2023

May 2023			June 2023		
1 Mo		Holiday	1 Th	Health Week	Nursery Sports Day
2 Tu		InService	2 Fr		School Sports Day & RSV BBQ
3 We			3 Sa		
4 Th		P2's Assembly	4 Su		
5 Fr			5 Mo HL		P5&6 Barge trips
6 Sa			6 Tu		
7 Su			7 We		P2 Trip to Botanic Gardens
8 Mo		Holiday	8 Th		P5&6 Barge trips, Nursery Summer Outing
9 Tu			9 Fr		New P1 Parent Presentation
10 We		Rights Knights trip, EEN P7 photos	10 Sa		Ratho Gala Day
11 Th			11 Su		
12 Fr			12 Mo HL		
13 Sa			13 Tu		
14 Su		Walk to School week	14 We		P7 trip, P6 parent/carers Camp meeting
15 Mo HL		P1 trip to Hopetoun House,	15 Th		BR feedback Assembly
16 Tu		P7 enhanced visit to BHS	16 Fr		New P1s Class Visit
17 We			17 Sa		
18 Th		Outdoor Classroom Day	18 Su		
19 Fr			19 Mo		
20 Sa		Girls Football – Summer Cup	20 Tu		P7 Transition Day 1
21 Su			21 We		P7 Transition Day 2 P1-P6 'Meet the teacher' Day
22 Mo		Holiday	22 Th		P7 Transition Day 3 Ratho School Voice AGM
23 Tu			23 Fr		End of session progress reports to parents/carers
24 We		Tempest Photography – Individuals & Siblings	24 Sa		
25 Th		GLEE Choir heats	25 Su		
26 Fr			26 Mo		
27 Sa			27 Tu		1.30pm P7 Leaver's Assembly
28 Su			28 We		Achievement Awards Ceremony. 1pm Finish for end of session
29 Mo HL	Health Week	P5&6 Barge trips	29 Th		Holiday
30 Tu			30 Fr		Holiday
31 We		P5&6 Barge trips, P3&4 trip to Stirling Castle			

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