Ratho Primary School

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Headteacher's Newsletter: 27th November 2023

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Many thanks for all Parents & Carers who attended their Consultation appointments; we have met with almost all families this month to discuss their children's learning. We value this engagement so much as we work together to support your children.

Since the last newsletter, amongst all the learning activities, we've also managed our Flu vaccinations, the Tempest photography shoot, we enjoyed a fun, fit and successful Children in Need day and a wonderfully creative P6 assembly! On Friday, the Christmas season for 2023 was officially launched by our Christmas Choir who won 1st Place at the St. Mary's Dalmahoy Choir Festival! Congratulations to them, they were brilliant!

Please see below a list of our upcoming activities, we hope to see you again at something before the term ends… Only 4 weeks until the Christmas holidays! Many thanks for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Important Dates for the Diary:

Please note the following:

Day	Date	Event
Thurs.	30th Nov.	P5s Assembly (2pm in the school hall)
Sat.	2nd Dec.	RSV Christmas Fair in School and Community Centre (1-4pm)
Wed.	13th Dec.	Whole school trip to the Lyceum Theatre to see the Snow Queen!
Thurs.	14th Dec.	Christmas Lunches and Christmas Jumper day
Wed.	20th Dec.	Nursery & P1 Nativity at the Church Hall. Shows at 9.30am & 10.30am

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Thurs.	21st Dec.	P2-P4 Christmas Sing-a-long at the Church Hall. Shows at 1.30 & 2.15pm
Fri.	22nd Dec.	Christmas Assembly at the Church at 9.30pm – All welcome! Last day of term, pupils dismissed at normal times (P1-2: 12.15pm & P3-P7: 12.25pm)
Tues.	9th Jan.	2024! Children return to school

The Ratho School Voice (RSV) Christmas Fair: This Saturday, 2nd December 1-4pm, £2 entry per adult, Children are free!

Please see the attached flyers and also, the Ratho School Voice needs your help
🎅😃 DONATIONS NEEDED 😃🎅

Please hand in donations to the school office by Friday 1st December!

We are looking for new or excellent condition -

📚 gifts for mum/dad/grandparents - for our secrets room (candles, gift sets, smellies, tea/coffee sets, books, dvds etc)

🦄 Children's Tombola prizes - games, toys, stationary etc.

🎄 Wrapping paper and Gift Tags

🍬 Sweets - to use as prizes.

🧁 Home baking (Friday 1st December or Morning of Saturday 2nd December)

🍷🥂Mulled wine and Prosecco

Please help make this years Christmas fair the best yet! Thank you! 😊

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Christmas Performances Information

Nursery & Primary 1 Nativity 2023 'The Sleepy Shepherd' – Wednesday 20th December

The Nursery and Primary 1 nativity will be performed for parents and carers on Wednesday 20th December at the Ratho Church Hall. To allow as many parents and carers to view the nativity as possible there will be 2 performances. 9:30am & 10:30am.

To monitor attendance, these performances will be ticketed and families are limited to 2 tickets **per family**.
To request your tickets please complete this Form… "The Sleep Shepherd Nativity 2023"

Primary 2, 3 and 4 (First Level) Christmas Singalong – Thursday 21st December

Our P2-P4 learners will perform their Christmas Sing-a-long for parents and carers on Thursday 21st December at the Ratho Church Hall. To allow as many parents and carers to view the sing-a-long as possible there will be 2 performances. One at 1:30pm and another at 2:15pm. The children can either be dismissed from the hall after the 2:15pm performance or collected from the school at 3:15pm (this also applies for the P2s - please indicate on the form which you would like to do).

To monitor attendance, these performances will be ticketed and families are limited to 2 tickets **per family**.
To request your tickets please complete this Form…First Level Christmas Sing-a-long

For both performances, we will release more tickets depending on uptake and Church Hall capacity.

Christmas Jumper Appeal

Our Pupils Support Officer, Mr Riley-Morrison is running a Christmas Jumper Appeal for any pre-loved or unwanted children's Christmas jumpers that you may have going spare.

These can then be shared out amongst our own school community and any excess we receive will get donated to a suitable children's clothing charity that we as a school have used previously to support our families.

If your young person is in need of a jumper this year, please email Mr Riley-Morrison here at the school and we will try to source a suitable one from all the donations we hope to receive.

Ratho Early Years Centre and Library update

The City of Edinburgh Council have confirmed the delay to the opening of the new Early Years Centre and Library and have written to the Ward Councillors to inform them. The delay means we will not be looking at using the new building until after the Easter holidays at the earliest. Library services will continue their existing arrangements.

In addition, we have been informed of roadworks to connect Gas and Water to the new building which will require traffic lights at the junction to the school. These are in January and February. Concerns have been raised regarding disruption and safety, but these works are unavoidable.

Many thanks to the parents/carers who have changed their driving practices to show consideration for all following our 'near-miss' earlier this month. This consideration will be even more pertinent when the above roadworks are in place.

We request that drivers please use the Bridge Inn car park or other safe stopping points for drop offs and walk in. Thank you.

Staffing update

We have wished P4 teacher Miss Alam well as she moves on and we look forward to welcoming Miss Feld as P4 teacher for the rest of the session next week. Also at the end of this week we will be very sad to lose PSA Miss McCann as she leaves for a new and far better paid venture in town! However, we thank Miss McCann for the great work she has done supporting children at Ratho in the time she has been with us!

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We also say a warm welcome to recent additions to the team; Ms Singleton who has joined as a PSA and also Miss Lebik who has joined as a Nursery EYP.

School Library (Launch and Appeal)

Many thanks to the RSV for their kind purchase of our new library shelving units, these are in place and the library is taking shape. We hope to 'open' at the Christmas Fair… However, we are still looking for good quality soft-furnishings (bean-bags, cushions, rugs, etc.) and also any boardgames/games (which we may also use in the outdoor playground shelter). Please see the attached flyer again.

School Crossing Patrol

There is a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol Guide in the area. Vacancies are on www.myjobscotland.gov.uk The closing date for the vacancies is the 4th of December and the post reference number on my job Scotland is EDN25953 or put School Crossing Patrol into the key words box on the website and this will bring up only school crossing vacancies .

See attachments:

- RSV Christmas Fair Flyers
- Ratho PS Library Appeal Flyer
- Community Centre 'Elf School' flyer.

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.