Ratho Primary School

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Headteacher's Newsletter: 7th December 2023

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Many thanks for all who attended a lovely Christmas Fair on Saturday! Huge thanks to the Ratho School Voice for a very well organised and fun event. Also, huge thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped, ran a station or stall, donated and/or helped in any way! Hopefully all who attended saw the new school library and the lovely bookcases provided by the RSV… All monies raised by the RSV go towards supporting the school with such purchases beyond our budget and also subsidising excursions… like the trip to the Lyceum next week! So once again… Many thanks!

Please see below a list of our upcoming activities, … Only 2 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
Tues.	12th Dec.	**Violin Recital, 2-3pm, in school hall.** Parents/carers of violin pupils are invited to attend.
Wed.	13th Dec.	**P1-P7 whole school trip to the Lyceum Theatre to see 'The Snow Queen'!** The coaches leave at 9am. Pupils should wear uniform, bring a snack, water bottle and a packed lunch (which we will eat at the theatre). We should return to school by 1.30pm.

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Thurs.	14th Dec.	**School Christmas Lunches and Christmas Jumper day.** Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper. If your child does not have one, please get in touch and we can supply one from our appeal.
Fri.	15th Dec.	**P1 & P2 Christmas Parties!** Children can dress down or wear 'party clothes'. Please ensure suitable outdoor footwear and jackets for breaktime!
Tues .	19th Dec	**P7 Christmas Parties in the afternoon!** Children can bring dress down or 'party clothes' to change into after lunchtime (or just wear a school jumper on top until the party!).
Wed.	20th Dec.	**Nursery & P1 Nativity at the Church Hall. Shows at 9.30am & 10.30am.** Tickets must have been pre-booked using form (9.30am already full, only 10.30am available). https://forms.office.com/e/hTvFbccmpb **P3 & P4 Christmas Parties in the afternoon!** Children can bring dress down or 'party clothes' to change into after lunchtime (or just wear a school jumper on top until the party!).
Thurs.	21st Dec.	**P2-P4 Christmas Sing-a-long at the Church Hall. Shows at 1.30 & 2.15pm.** Tickets must have been pre-booked using form. (2.15pm already full, only 1.30pm available) https://forms.office.com/e/bFUgcHGRUr **P5 & P6 Christmas Parties in the afternoon!** Children can bring dress down or 'party clothes' to change into after lunchtime (or just wear a school jumper on top until the party!).

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Fri.	22nd Dec.	**Christmas Assembly at the Church at 9.30pm – All welcome! Also, final Christmas Jumper day!** Last day of term, pupils dismissed at normal times from school (P1-2: 12.15pm & P3-P7: 12.25pm). **Nursery Christmas Party from 9.30-11.00am**
Tues.	9th Jan. 2024	**Children return for Term** See school calendar here: Calendar – Ratho Primary School

The Ratho Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

On **Friday 8th December** the Ratho Gala Committee are having their annual 'Christmas Tree Lights Switch On'. P2, P3 and P4 pupils are invited to attend to join them in singing Christmas songs. They will be invited to sing Away in a Manger and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (songs that they are learning for their school Christmas Sing-a-long).

P2-P4 parents/carers, please take P2-P4 pupils along to the Christmas Tree Lights Switch On if they would like to join in. Parents/carers need to accompany their children to this event. **This is not a school event. See attached flyer: 5:30pm** Santa Arriving at the Village Shop. **6:00pm** Lights on!

Christmas Jumper Appeal

Our Pupil Support Officer, Mr Riley-Morrison is running a Christmas Jumper Appeal for any pre-loved or unwanted children's Christmas jumpers. 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.

If your child 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.

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Free Football Tickets: Livingston F.C. v Kilmarnock F.C. Saturday, 16/12/23. Kick off is at 3pm.

I have managed to secure a limited number of complimentary tickets for Ratho P.S. pupils to the Scottish Premiership football match between Livingston F.C. v Kilmarnock F.C. on Saturday, 16/12/23. Kick off is at 3pm.

It will be a great opportunity to take children to a Premiership match... for free! Please note this is not a school excursion; families will be responsible for their own children attending.

Please complete the below form to apply for free tickets, they will be distributed to pupils at school next week.
https://forms.office.com/e/PbDHw21YPt

See attachments:

- Ratho Christmas Tree Lights Switch on.
- 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.