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Head Teacher Newsletter: 12th January 2024

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all in the school community for 2024. It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school for the new term. Many thanks to all in the school community for the great engagement in all our December activities, we are very proud to have provided such great experiences, celebration and fun for all the pupils in the lead up to the festive holidays.

In lieu of a full newsletter, there are a couple of things to be aware of… please see below.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb,
Head Teacher.

- **Learning Journals:** All Learning Journals for all classes were updated at the end of last term (expect P7s who were trialling our new Padlet!)… Please log in and see what your child has been learning here: Your Learning Journals. Please note, P 1 & P2s are trialling the new Padlet this term! We will gather parental feedback regarding use of Learning Journals/Padlets as we seek to improve reporting and parental/carer engagement for the future.

- **Dental Checks:** P1 & P7 only are due for NHS Dental Checks. The dental team will visit school and check all P1 & P7 pupils on Tuesday 16th January next week.

- **National Youth Choir of Scotland (NYCOS):** will start their music sessions with P3 & P3/4 as from next week.

- **Assemblies this term include:** Building Resilience unit 'Respect Yourself', Rights Knights assembly, Scots/Burns assembly, P4s Assembly, P3s

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Assembly, Eco Warriors, Assembly. Please see the calendar for all events! RPS-Parent-Calendar-2023-2024.pdf (rathoprimary.org.uk)

- **School Places:** The application date for applying for P1 places has now passed (the form may still be open for last minute applications). P7 pupil allocations to S1 places at High School have been taking place and the City of Edinburgh Council should write to P7 parents/carers to confirm allocations in the next few weeks. See the weblink here for all information: School places – The City of Edinburgh Council

- **Online Safety:** Please see the attached leaflet for helpful hints on Online Safety and Parental Controls. We will host an in-person Parental Internet Safety workshop/session on 20th February… more details to follow.

- **Water-Polo:** Please see the attached flyer for Water-Polo sessions at Balerno High School on Fridays.

- **P7 'Leavers' hoodies:** The preparation begins for the last 6 months of primary school for the P7s! P7 parents/carers, look out for the separate email.

- **P6 preparation for P7 camp 2024:** Please, check payments are up to date and look out for communications in the next couple of weeks.

As always, many thanks for your support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb,
Head Teacher.