



Ratho Primary School

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Head Teacher Newsletter: 10th May 2024

Dear School Community,

As is always the case, the final 2 months of the session are packed full of exciting learning opportunities and events! Along with this there is a lot of information to be shared for the rest of term... Please see all relevant information below.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Rights Knights Coffee Morning – Wednesday 15th May

When	Wednesday 15th May
Where	Ratho Community Centre
Who	All welcome
Time	9.30 - 11.00

Rights Knights message: "Please come to our coffee morning to help raise money for a local charity. You can come to the school, collect your child, have a coffee and cake and spend some time chatting!"

Summer Excursions/Trips

We have been busy organising our Summer term excursions and trips. Please look out for letters and ParentPay items/permissions (or a MS Form permission for some events). A full list of all dates/events is below.

Ratho School Voice – Our Parent Council

Huge thanks as always to the Ratho School Voice for their support of the school. They are donating £100 per class to contribute to the Summer trips/excursions.

Dates for remainder of session:

There are so many different events for all families to be aware of, so rather than send them all on a class by class basis, I have detailed them below. Please look for your child's class/stage/group to see the relevant event for them.

Where it states 'All Classes', this is all **Primary** classes, NOT Nursery pupils.

There may be additions to this list and there are events/activities not detailed that continue as scheduled, for example these weekly events/activities continue:

- Bikeability for P6s,
- Heart of Midlothian 'Hearts & Minds' programme for P4-P6,
- Youth Music Initiative for P1, P2, P4, P5s,
- Swimming for P5s, etc.



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MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Class/Stage</u>	<u>Event</u>
13	Monday	Some P6s	Interscholastics @ Meadowbank
15	Wednesday	Rights Knights	Coffee Morning in Community Centre 9.30-11.00
16	Thursday	P5s / Nursery	P5 Buddy Day
22	Wednesday	Nursery	Trip to Conifox
22	Wednesday	P7 Quiz team	Rotary Club Central Region Quiz Finalists
22	Wednesday	P2	Trip to Almond Valley
24	Friday	Glee Choir	Regional Final Heats at the Usher Hall! (6pm start)
27	Monday	P6	My World of Work Event at Balerno HS
29	Wednesday	P7	Trip to Risk Factory

JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Class/Stage</u>	<u>Event</u>
6	Thursday	Nursery / P5	Nursery Sports Day at 09.30
7	Friday	All Classes	Primary Sports Day at 09.30-12.00
10	Monday	P7	Learning Explorers – Trip to Herriott Watt Uni.
12	Wednesday	P5 & P6	Trip to Polkemmet Country Park and Owl Sanctuary
13	Thursday	P3 & P4	Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
14	Friday	All Classes	Announce classes and teachers for 2024/25
14	Friday	Nursery	New P1 Parent Meeting at 13.00
17	Monday	P1	Trip to Hopeton Gardens
18-20	Tues-Thurs	P7	P7 Transition All day visits to High School
19	Wed	All classes	Meet the Teacher (new classes meet new teachers 13.30)
19	Wed	P6	Camp meeting for P7 at 16.30
21	Friday	All Classes	Reports home
21	Friday	External Nursery	New P1 'play and stay' for external nursery pupils. 13.00



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24	Monday	P7	Trip to Dalkeith Country Park
25	Tuesday	Winning House	Winning House Movie Party
27	Thursday	Nursery	Graduation at 10.00 & Teddy Bears Picnic at 11.00
27	Thursday	P7	P7 leavers ceremony at 13.30
28	Friday	All Classes	Awards Ceremony at Ratho Parish Church at 09.30
28	Friday	All Classes	School finishes for session at normal Friday times . Summer Holidays begin!

Pupils resume for new session 2024/25 on 14th August 2024

2024-2025 School Calendar

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School Closed/Holidays



Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)





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Snacks

We purchase a small amount of snacks or fruit each week to distribute to some children that don't have a snack or have (on occasion) forgotten their snack. However, we are noticing a trend that increasing numbers of children are coming to the office on a regular basis for a 'free' snack! This includes children who attend Simon Says Dance and Glee rehearsals.

Please remember to send your child with a snack, or perhaps an extra snack if they attend an after-school activity.

Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme

The Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme (National Entitlement Card) means that Young people aged 5 to 21 and living in Scotland can apply to access free bus travel.

Please see the link below for more information and how to apply:

[How to get or replace your NEC – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

P7s apply for High School Transport

In addition to the NEC. The P7s who will travel to Balerno HS for High School are eligible for a place on the School Bus, but you **MUST APPLY**... Applications must be in by May 31st.

See this link for more information and the application form:

[Apply for free school transport – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

New P1s in August 2024 - Information for families

Please see the attached flyer for information of all events for those transitioning from Nursery to start P1 in August. Please pass on to any families currently outwith the Ratho School Community.

Tempest Photography

The class vista photos have arrived today. We will distribute these to pupils to take home next week.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school... Please contact us via 0131 333 1293 or admin@ratho.edin.sch.uk if you have any queries, concerns or need assistance.



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