Ratho Primary School

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Head Teacher Newsletter: 28th May 2024

Dear School Community,

In advance of Friday, please see below a few notices of important information to share with you.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Dress Down Day this Friday 31st May

We will have a Dress Down Day for the last Friday of the month. Many thanks for supporting the wearing of School Uniform every other day (including School Jumpers on P.E. days!).

Ratho PS Catering – School Lunch provision affected.

As was communicated in the last Newsletter, unfortunately the City of Edinburgh Council's Catering Department had made the decision to move to a packed lunch service only... They have now extended this arrangement until the end of this session.

Please see the letter from the Catering Operations Manager and the menu attached.

Parents/carers should select the sandwich choice on ParentPay as if their child was going on a trip. Everyone will get all other items. Special diets will be catered to by the kitchen. If any parents have particular concerns about special diets a contact can be provided via the school office.

New Nursery/Library Building.

The City of Edinburgh Council have informed that there will be further delay on the completion/opening of the new building. Unfortunately, a key sub-contractor working on the project has gone into administration. A replacement sub-contractor has been appointed, however there an impact on the completion date which is now looking like end of August/September. I will provide further update before the summer holidays.

Class Organisation Structure for Session 2024/25. Parent/Carer Form

As was communicated at the start of this term, there will be a slight drop in pupil numbers next session and we have been allocated 10 classes, rather than the current 11. Following appeal from both the school and the Ratho School Voice (Parent

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Council), at present it seems this will be the structure for next session and we are planning accordingly.

Ratho Primary has, in recent years, always had multiple composite classes and we always prepare for transition during the final term of the session. Following feedback and evaluation from previous years, in addition to our usual process of transitioning classes, we wish to consult with parents/carers as part of the process this year.

This is entirely optional, you do not have to submit any response. Please trust and be assured we will do our very best to create the optimum composition of classes to ensure positive and successful learning environments for all pupils for next session.

For the School session 2024/2025 Ratho Primary School's Class structure will most likely be as follows with the approximate numbers of pupils per class detailed as well. These are approximate, subject to change and given as a guidance only:

P1 = 20,
P1/2 = 20(10/10),
P2 = 24,
P3 = 27,
P3/4 = 20(10/10),
P4 = 20,
P5 = 27,
P6 = 27,
P6/7 = 22(10/12),
P7 = 28.

Please note, there is no concern over the square metre space capacity of any classroom; they are all within the Government guidance for class sizes. Also, the Government guidance on maximum numbers of pupils in any class is determined by stage as follows (all proposed class numbers for Ratho PS next session are well within these limits):

Primary 1: 25 pupils
Primary 2-3: 30 pupils
Primary 4-7: 33 pupils
Composite class: 25 pupils

The selection criteria used to match children to a class include:

- Meeting learners needs
- Age (stage appropriate)
- Friendships
- Gender balance
- Exceptional circumstances

Whilst you cannot choose your child's class, we obviously wish to support our learners

and parents/carers with transition as much as possible. To do this, we would like to know anything that you think should be taken into consideration for our learners in relation to the above criteria. Please answer the questions and comment in relation to the above criteria if you wish. Again, this is completely optional and there is no requirement for you to submit a response.

If you wish to, please submit a response by Tuesday 4th June. The link to the Form is:

https://forms.office.com/e/MpaLHcwbwp

Ratho School Voice – Our Parent Council

Ratho Primary School Parent Council – The Ratho School Voice is raising £12,000 to buy smartboards for each of the ten classrooms at approx. £1,200 each!

To help raise funds they have registered to be walking the Kiltwalk in Edinburgh, on the 15th September 2024. Please see the attached letter and information flyer.

Read Write Inc. books:

We are missing MANY Read Write Inc. (RWI) reading books. We are having an amnesty, please return any RWI books either to the school office or have your child drop them in the box outside Miss Shivas' SFL room. Many thanks for looking these out and returning them.

Dates for remainder of session:

Please look for your child's class/stage/group to see the relevant event for them. Please note that these may change or there may be additions. Excursion payments/permissions must be given via ParentPay as prompt as is possible please! Many thanks.

MAY			
Date	**Day**	**Class/Stage**	**Event**
29	Wednesday	P7	Trip to Risk Factory

JUNE			
Date	**Day**	**Class/Stage**	**Event**
1	Saturday	P7 Quiz team	Rotary Club District Quiz Finals
6	Thursday	Nursery / P5	Nursery Sports Day at 09.30
6	Thursday	New Nursery	Open visit for New Nursery August '24 pupils at 3.15pm

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7	Friday	All Classes	Primary Sports Day at 09.30-12.00
10	Monday	P7	Learning Explorers – Trip to Herriott Watt Uni.
11	Tuesday	New Nursery	Open visit for New Nursery August '24 pupils at 3.15pm
12	Wednesday	P5 & P6	Trip to Polkemment 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
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			

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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2024-2025 School Calendar

August 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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September 2024						
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October 2024						
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November 2024						
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December 2024						
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January 2025						
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February 2025						
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March 2025						
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April 2025						
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May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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School Closed/Holidays

Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)

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