

**SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER 2**

Dear pupils, parents/carers and friends of Rattray

I should really being with ‘Ahoy me Hearties’ as I write this newsletter in midst of 65 small pirates. Primaries 1 and 2 have had the most wonderful pirate themed day, with much hilarity and bags of excitement, thanks to their teachers for organising this. Please look out for photographs in the ‘Blairie’ very soon.

This newsletter is a short update to the one sent out earlier this month. Next week we will be sending out updated covid safety procedures which will include changes to school entry and exit times.

**Maths Week Scotland**

Next week is Scottish Maths and Numeracy week and Rattray Primary School are taking part.

Over the course of the week the classes will participate in a variety of different maths activities and tasks. We will also be having a maths joke of the day and school wide challenges. To end the week pupils will be invited to complete our Maths Treasure Trail around Blairgowrie during the October holidays. More information about this will follow. Please keep your eye on our school Facebook page for regular maths week updates.

**Parent Survey**

As a school we are keen to find out from you how you feel our procedures relating to online learning, communication, return to school etc. have been for you as a parent during these unprecedented times. We do hope that we do not return to the situation we have had from March to June this year, however if we do we want to be as prepared as we can be. Can we please ask that an adult from every family please complete this very short survey related to your experiences as a parent, following this link [Parent Survey Covid 19](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6dxqdyZdSUeiAvCf7-EFkIH6mLUCVxdBnWvRBxbFaU5UQTBFOTFDODUxRFkwN0NRUUwzTlMwOTY0Vi4u). Thanks for your time.

Although the return to school this year has been very different, I am proud to say that

our pupils have shown courage, resilience and positivity in the first few weeks of term.

Young people seem to be very good at taking changes in their stride and I a

**Pupil Absence and Lateness**

Absent - If your child requires to be absent from the school for any reason, please contact the school (01250 871980) as soon as possible on the morning of the absence and before 9.30am. If there has been no parental contact by 9.30am staff will send a text message to enquire as to your child’s absence. This is normal procedure across Scotland. Your support in this is much appreciated.

Sickness/Diarrhoea - NHS advise that they should not attend school for at least 48 hours after the last bout. This helps stop the spread of infection. Please also see your local GP for advice.

Cold-like symptoms - If child does not have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they and you do not need to self-isolate. Your child can come to school or nursery if fit to do so.

COVID-19 Symptoms - The main symptoms to be aware of are:

* new continuous cough
* fever/high temperature
* loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If a young person or a child in your care develops any of the above symptoms, they should self-isolate and you should book them a test as soon as possible at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/test-and-protect>, or by calling 0800 028 2816.

It is recommended that testing is only for those with a continuous cough, fever, or loss of or change in the sense of taste or smell.

It is essential that people who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who share a household with someone who has symptoms, do not attend school or nursery, and must self-isolate along with all members of their household. If the test is negative, self-isolation can end for everyone. If the test is positive, Test and Protect will give you further advice.

Lateness - If your child is going to be late, please call us to let us know their lunch choice for that day as we have to report to the kitchen by no later than 10.15am. Late lunch choices may not be accommodated after this time, due to kitchen deadlines. This also includes children who may change their mind midway through the morning.

**School Lunches**

After the October holidays, Tayside Contracts will move to a hot meals menu which consists of two hot meal choices each day. This will replace the current cold packed lunch menu. The menu is attached.

**School Uniform**

Whilst there is no expectation to buy branded school clothing these can be purchased from <https://www.grandtullylogos.com/school/rattray-primary/> . This company also sells our school book bags, should you wish to replace any missing or lost items. School ties can be purchased from Doigs on Blairgowrie High Street.

**House Captains**

Our house captains have been selected this year; each captain completed an application form and participated in an interview to gain selection. All P7 pupils who applied should be very proud of themselves, regardless of selection or not. Ideally it would have been lovely if we could have given all our applicants a captaincy role. This year’s house captains are

Glasclune – Keira O’Hare, Hannah Galloway and Martyna Siemieniuk

Glenericht – Hannah Horrocks, Nate Meikle and Phoenix Rocha.

Parkhill – Rory Morgan, Olivia Gill, Anya Kozlowska.

Strathmore – RJ Nesbitt, Antonina Suchomska and Owen McNab.

Our Captains have signed their duties and responsibilities contract, I am certain they will be a great asset to the school this year.

**Pupil Council**

All classes were asked to nominate and select pupils to represent them on our Pupil Council. The new class representatives are as follows

P1 – Penny Pyott

P1/2 – Hudson Scott

P2 – Max Pirie

P3 – Alex Duncan

P3/4 – Joey Gill

P4/5 – Nathan Ford

P5 – Cody Meikle

P6 – Bethany Assenti

P6/7 – Riley McKenzie and Michael Paterson

P7 – Artur Glaza and Imogen O’Hare

Congratulations to these boys and girls. Our first meeting took place earlier this month, and it certainly looks like our new pupil council are brimming with ideas and suggestions. We will keep you updated with the Pupil council progress and their suggestions for fundraising and other ideas.

**Ongoing School Refurbishment and Nursery Build**

Due to the current Covid situation this has been put temporarily on hold.

**Breakfast club**

Our breakfast club is currently operating from 8am daily. Please note there may be a reduced number of places available therefore it is highly recommended that places are booked in advance for the required days. Currently, places can be booked by either emailing our designated breakfast club email RattrayBreakfastClub@pkc.gov.uk.

We have organised a pencil case and stationery for each child. Pupils are not required

**School Social Media Pages**

A reminder to new and existing parents that our school has Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Rattray-Primary-School-496557997081831/> where pupil learning, school and community events and general information is posted and celebrated. We will endeavour to update these media platforms regularly.

**Rattray School App**

Our school app is live in the Apple and Google Play Stores. Using the app you can keep in touch with our events, news and receive important messages from us. To download the app, search ‘PSA’ or ‘PSA primaryschoolapp’ in the play app stores. Once you‘ve opened the app, search for Rattray Primary School and download the app. You will be given a username (you should leave this blank) and our password is 1980.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the items within this newsletter, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully



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**Rattray Primary School**

 **Key Dates Session 20-21**

**Please note these dates are provisional and may be subject to change**

**Other dates will also be added**

**October 2020**

Friday 2nd October – School closes for October holiday

Monday 19th - Back to School

**November 2020**

Tuesday 10th - Parent Contact 1 (4pm to 6.30pm)

Wednesday 11th – Parent Contact 2 (5pm to 7.30pm)

**Thursday 12th – Inset Day school closed to pupils**

**Friday 13th – Inset Day school closed to pupils**

Monday 16th - Odd socks day (anti-bullying)

Friday 20th – Tempest School Photographer

Wednesday 25th November (5.30pm – 6.30pm) – HT- parent drop-in session

Thursday 26th November –Open Afternoon– (2.30pm) – rearranged from term 1

**December 2020**

Thursday 3rd December - Winter Fayre (6pm)

Thursday 10th – Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 15th December - Infant Nativity (9.30am and 1.30pm)

Tuesday 15th December (PM) in Hub- Nursery PM

Wednesday 16th December (AM) in Hub - P3 and P3/4

Wednesday 16th December (PM) in Hub - P6, P6/7 and P7

Thursday 17th December (AM) in Hub - P1, P1/2 and P2

Thursday 17th December (PM) in Hub - P4/5 and P5

Friday 18th December (AM) in Hub - Nursery AM

Friday 18th December - Carols in the Playground (3pm)

Tuesday 22nd December - Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 22nd December - Nursery Christmas Activity Day and Songs

Wednesday 23rd December - End of term service (10.30am)

Friday 23rd (noon) – School closes for Winter Break

**January 2021**

Thursday 7th - Back to School

Tuesday 26th January (5.30pm – 6.30pm) – HT- parent drop-in session

Friday 29th January – Upper School Burns Assembly (PM)

**February 2021**

w/b 1st February – Provisional dates for Skiing week

Wednesday 3rd - Global play day

**Wednesday 10th – Inset Day school closed to pupils**

**Thursday 11th – Public Holiday school closed to all**

**Friday 12th - Public Holiday school closed to all**

**March 2021**

Tuesday 2nd - Parent Contact 1 (4pm to 6.30pm)

Wednesday 3rd – Parent Contact 2 (5pm to 7.30pm)

w/b 15th March – P7 residential week Lendrick Muir

Wednesday 24th (5.30pm – 6.30pm) – HT- parent drop-in session

Thursday 25th – Open Afternoon (2.30pm)

Tuesday 30th – Upper School Show (afternoon and evening performances)

**April 2021**

Thursday 1st – Easter Church Service (2pm)

Thursday 1st – School closes for Spring holiday (3.20pm)

**Friday 2nd - Public Holiday school closed to all**

Monday 19th - Back to School

**May 2021**

Monday 3rd – **Public Holiday school closed to all**

Tuesday 11th May (5.30pm – 6.30pm) – HT- parent drop-in session

w/b 31st May – Health Week

**June 2021**

Wednesday 2nd – Nursery Sports Day

Thursday 3rd – Sports day (Upper School AM/Infant school PM)

10th/ 11th June – P7 Transition Days

Wednesday 16th June (5.30pm – 6.30pm) – HT- parent drop-in session

Thursday 17th June – P7 Prom

Friday 18th June – P7 Leaver Assembly

Monday 21st June – Nursery Graduation

Wednesday 23rd June – Prizegiving (Upper School AM/Infant school PM)

Thursday 24th June – School closes for Summer Break (12 noon)