Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, staff, governors, friends & colleagues

HAPPY NEW YEAR
The term promises to be a challenging, exciting and an action packed experience.
Just a few reminders:

- Make sure you get your child to school on time - Be in the playground by 8.50am
- Be sure to collect your child from school on time - School Learning ends at 3.25pm KS1 and 3.30pm KS2
- Develop a routine for home learning and reading every day: 15 - 20 minutes of reading and maths practise can make all the difference.

Make sure your child gets to bed on time, they need to get plenty of sleep so they have the energy for the learning challenges of every school day.

THANK YOU TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO ALREADY DO ALL THE ABOVE, I DO KNOW MOST OF YOU DO.

Mrs Maharasingam
Headteacher

EXPRESS YOURSELF
If you would like to express yourself in my Monday assembly about anything you are passionate about please prepare a TWO minute speech to be given to Mrs Maharasingam by 9am on Friday. I will let you know on Friday by 3.30pm if you have been selected to present your speech to your peers in my Monday morning assembly. You will then have the weekend to practice reading your speech aloud at home so that it is perfect for Monday morning. e.g I am passionate about Politics because I think we should all take responsibility for choosing who governs our country etc.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Maharasingam

CORE VALUES
We have five core values which underpin everything we do and say at Rathfern. Please discuss them with your child. Ask them if they can name all five without any prompting.

- Everyone Matters
- Take responsibility
- Help and care about each other
- Respect each other
- Always exceed your best

PARENT DROP IN
Mondays: 9.15 - 9.45am
Tuesdays: 5 - 6.15pm
Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me.

COFFEE MORNINGS
Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the coffee mornings last week.
FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

Happy New Year from Friends of Rathfern! Here are some great events we've got planned for the new term - dates will be confirmed nearer the time, watch this space! All funds raised go towards our target of £2,000 for the new soft-surface play area.

FEBRUARY: Rathfern Cafe will be open for you to come along for drinks, cake and chat. There will also be a Quiz Night, with prizes to be won.

MARCH: Enjoy a delicious Mother's Day Breakfast and an Easter doughnut and cake sale before the end of term.

SELF-PORTRAIT TEA-TOWELS: A lovely keepsake featuring pictures of your child and all their friends for £3.50. There are separate towels for KS1 and KS2, available via the school office.

EASYFUNDRAISING: Help us raise funds for FREE when you shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern

We are sad to say goodbye to two of our founding members Debbie Wright and Sue Sarju. Without their dedication and perseverance over the last few years FOR would have disappeared entirely. They will be volunteering until the end of the year when their daughters leave Rathfern for secondary school. Thanks Debbie and Sue!

You can find out more about our events and how you can get involved:

Online at: friendsofrathfern.com
On Facebook at: facebook.com/friendsofrathfern
Check our notice boards at school.

SCHOOL ATTENDENCE 1/12/14 - 5/12/14

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| Sirius    | 97.3% |
| Magnetism | 93%   |
| Solar     | 97.7% |

WEEK TOTAL 95.9%

TEA TOWELS

Just to inform you all that there are tea towels still for sale. If you are interested or would like to purchase one, please contact the school office for more information.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Cohesion AM (Nursery) - Keshika Mohanarajan & Jack Waterhouse
- Cohesion PM (Nursery) - Riley Daley & Layla-Rose Stewart
- Kinetic (Reception) - Bamaby Hayter & Rebekah Johnson
- Metamorphosis (Reception) - Abdul Sillah & Aishat Rasheed
- Energy (Year One) - Caleb Drummond & LoLo Mzyece
- Velocity (Year One) - Isaac Anglin & Artyom Eero
- Shadow (Year Two) - Shyla Amadi-Barrett & Joseph Burrell
- Electricity (Year Two) - Matilda Broughton & Nikita Eero
- Amoeba (Year Two) - Leshaya Monerville & Kiera Groombridge
- Cosmos (Year Three) - Pritivi Johnson & Mykaela Soori
- Refraction (Year Three) - Chante Lobban & Fergus Arno
- Reflection (Year Three) - Maria Sesay & Khiel Thompson Goode
- Nebula (Year Four) - Musa Sumareh Touray & Joel Afful
- Supernova (Year Four) - Rihana Clarke-Harvey & Precious Anku
- Galaxy (Year Five) - Sade Cudd & Quadir Shabazz-Henderson
  - Sirius (Year Five) - Jubril Bishi & Lanya Fayak
- Magnetism (Year Six) - Sarah Hammoud & Lesley Quansah
- Solar (Year Six) - Angelina Hajrizi & Deandra Owusu-Ansah

LEADING CITIZENS

Leading citizens are children in our community who embody our core values and the Rights Respecting charter.

- Cohesion AM (Nursery) - Clinton Chima Amadi & David Maduka
- Cohesion PM (Nursery) - Eman Hammoud & Ni Ni Huang
- Kinetic (Reception) - Kesji Salkurti & Thierry Ramlal-Henry
- Metamorphosis (Reception) - Ijeoma Ibeh & Georgia Waterhouse
- Energy (Year One) - Emohitae Olufemi & Max Dodsworth
- Velocity (Year One) - Eser Kumander & Laila Hansali
- Shadow (Year Two) - Naomi Radu & Harisana Kantheepan
- Electricity (Year Two) - Toforati Obilade & Lexie Houghton
- Amoeba (Year Two) - Alyse Townsend & Melita Londhe McKechnie
  - Cosmos (Year Three) - Rita Hugh & Joshua Barfi
- Refraction (Year Three) - Omari Hibbert & Ethan Fagan
- Reflection (Year Three) - Paris Wales & Elena James
- Nebula (Year Four) - Ajanhi Olibert & Mekhi Millwood
- Supernova (Year Four) - Thanuja Johnson & Desharme Allen
- Galaxy (Year Five) - Saskia Mohamed-Green & Shanelle Walker
- Sirius (Year Five) - Beverley Quansah & Neve Groombridge
- Magnetism (Year Six) - Elvis Michael & Zion Dapaah
- Solar (Year Six) - Richard Bridge & Zoe Sarju
We are delighted to share a letter from David Laws, MP congratulating Rathfern on winning £1000 in the key stage 2 category of the Pupil premium Awards 2015. Congratulations to our outstanding pupils and staff team. Please see letter below.

17 December 2014

RATHFERN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PUPIL PREMIUM AWARDS 2015: CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Mrs Maharasingam,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and congratulate your school on winning £1000 in the key stage 2 category of the Pupil Premium Awards 2015. This prize will be paid automatically to your school following the conclusion of the awards in March 2015.

I am also inviting you to submit an application to win one of the larger prizes, including the national award of £100,000. You can find out more at www.pupilpremiumawards.co.uk. The deadline for applications is 19 January 2015.

The reason you have been selected is that you are one of the high achieving schools in the country in terms of the attainment and progress of your disadvantaged pupils since 2011. It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and prepared them well for secondary school.

I would like to congratulate your staff, governors, parents and pupils for their hard work and success, and thank you for your leadership in making such a difference to the future success of your pupils. Finally, I would also encourage you to share your achievements with other schools so that they can learn from your strengths and experience.

Yours sincerely,

David Laws MP

CC: Ms Frankie Sullike, Executive Director for Children & Young People, Lewisham London Borough
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY: The Big Sleepover
- MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY: Half Term - children to complete ‘Readathon’ book challenge
  - MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY: Children return to school
  - TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY: Target Setting Meetings
  - THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY: Target Setting Meetings
- THURSDAY 5TH MARCH: World book day - children to dress up as book character
  - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH: Red nose day
  - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH: Last day of term
- MONDAY 30TH MARCH - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL: Half Term
  - MONDAY 13TH APRIL: Children return to school

INSET DAYS

- Friday 13th February
- Monday 20th July

BOOSTERS & ENHANCEMENTS

Year 1: Maths booster on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays until 4.15pm

Year 2: Literacy reading booster on Mondays (selected children only)
  Literacy writing booster on Thursdays (selected children only)

Year 3: Literacy booster on Mondays until 4.20pm (selected children only)
  Numeracy boosters everyday until 4.20pm (selected children only)

Year 4: During lunchtime everyday

Year 5: Maths booster on Mondays until 4.30pm (selected children only)
  Writing booster on Tuesdays until 4.30pm (selected children only)

Year 6: Extended Day for all Year 6 Tuesdays until 5pm
  Level 6 maths enhancement on Fridays until 4.30pm (selected children only)

SCHOOL TRIPS

- Friday 30th January: Year 1 classes visit The V&A Museum
- Wednesday 25th February: Theatre trip to see ‘Wicked’. Evening performance open for Years 3 to 6
- Thursday 26th February: Year 2 classes visit The Natural History Museum
- Tuesday 3rd March: Theatre company in with Year 2 children