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

The final half term of the school year is already in full swing. Your children continue to be engaged in learning and exceed their best so that they make progress right up until the end of the school year.

Mrs Maharasingam
Headteacher

LEWISHAM MUSIC SERVICE HUB SUMMER GALA
Royal Festival Hall - Wednesday 1st July 2015
Lewisham Music Hub presents its first ever Royal Festival Hall Summer Gala and the Rathfern Primary djembe drummers, dancers and singers will be opening the show!

Join us for instrumental and vocal music and dance presented by a wide range of performers from Lewisham's schools, partner organisations and borough ensembles. From djembe drums and steel pans to wind bands and choirs, the concert celebrates the vibrancy, quality and diversity of the performing arts in Lewisham.

The show culminates with My Town, a new sequence of songs written for Lewisham young people by composer Chris Wilcox, featuring over 900 performers including the Rathfern KS2 choir.

Book Tickets Now online from www.southbankcentre.co.uk or by telephoning 0844 875 0073
Tickets are priced at £10 and £8 (£5 and £4 for children and concessions).

AFTERNOON LATE COLLECTION FINE
A gentle reminder that the school day finishes at 3.30pm. Parent/Carers who do not collect their children by 3.45pm are late.

If you have collected your child late on more than two occasions you will be issued a fine. The fine is £5 per child per 15 minutes. For example if you pick up your child at 3.45pm or after you will be issued a £5 fee per child, if you pick your child up at 4pm or after you will be issued £10 fee per child.

Please make every effort to collect your child on time as it is very disruptive for the child and staff who look after them. Thank you.

MORNING LATE DROP OFF
As from Monday 22nd June, Parent/Carers who have dropped their children off late (after 8.55am) will have to sign in at the gate. It is the Parent’s/Carer’s responsibility to ensure your child/ren arrive on time, therefore it is only right we speak with you, not your child. Thank you to all the families who are working hard to improve their time keeping and to those who arrive on time every day.
**YEAR 1 & 2 TRIP TO MINNIS BAY SEASIDE**

“Last week when I arrived at the seaside, I could smell the beautiful air. I felt so excited. I saw beautiful shells & they were all kinds of beautiful colours. I heard lots of seagulls. We collected stones and shells as decorations for our sand castles. It was so much fun at the seaside! I enjoyed my lunch, I had cucumber and cheese sandwiches. I dug big holes and touched seaweed. I found chalk on the beach and drew pictures on the sea wall. I had fun paddling and flying the kite but I started to get tired. The seaside is a very big place and I love it there!” - LoLo Mzyece (Energy class)

**MATHS WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday 10th June**

“I was delighted to see so many parents attend our interactive workshop. The focus of the workshop was how to do maths at home with minimal resources.

Stephen Carlsson is a maths consultant who has been working at Rathfern since October. The session was engaging, challenging and fun with parents learning many different ways to support their children to become more confident and competent mathematicians.” - Mrs Maharasingam

**YEAR 6’S VISIT TO PIZZA EXPRESS**

“As an end of SATs treat, Year 6 visited Pizza Express in Beckenham and Blackheath. They made their own margarita pizzas (the queen of pizzas - named after the Italian queen) and enjoyed eating them in the local park! Well done again Year 6, for all of your perseverance and hard work during the National Assessments!” - Mr James & Miss Brandford

**BROCKLEY MAX FESTIVAL - HILLY FIELDS PERFORMANCE**

On Saturday 6th June, the ‘Rathfern Brazilian Drumming group’ performed at Brockley Max Festival on Hilly Fields. They performed alongside the dancers and drummers from the Brazilian group ‘Maracatudo Mafua’. Everyone was stunned by the children’s drumming and professionalism as performers. It was a fantastic day and the children were outstanding. The children are now back in rehearsals developing their percussion skills and repertoire for future performances.

**SUMMER FAIR**

**Saturday 13th June**

“Last Saturdays Summer Fair was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many people there having a great time and enjoying the carnival atmosphere - even though the sun didn’t come out for us! Huge thanks must go to volunteers who were up at the crack of dawn setting up, helping out on the stalls and clearing up after the crowds had gone. We couldn’t have done it without them!” - Friends of Rathfern

**NURSERY AFTERNOON VACANCY**

If your child is 3 years old by the end of August 2015, we currently have an afternoon vacancy in our Nursery. If you are interested please ask for an application form in the school office.
SCHOOL TRIPS

Our school governors have agreed that from September 2015 we will estimate the cost of trips for the year and we would like to collect this when you return to school in the Autumn term. It will be around £25 - £30 but we will inform you of the actual amount by the end of the Summer term.

Governors have also agreed that any child in receipt of Free School Meals (FSMs) will be entitled to have the school trips cost waived for the year.

Therefore we urge you to apply for FSM if you are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Job seekers allowance (income-based)
- Employment support allowance (income-related)
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of pension credit
- Support under part VI of the Asylum Act 1999

You can collect a form from the school office or ask for help on how to apply.

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

ICE LOLLY FRIDAY: They’re back! From the 26th June we will be selling ice lollies in the playground most Fridays from 3.15pm.

EASYFUNDRAISING: We’ve raised nearly £250 this way - don’t forget to shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern

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

Online at: friendsofrathfern.com
On Facebook at: facebook.com/friendsofrathfern
Join our mailing list at: forathfern@gmail.com
Check our notice boards at school.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Cohesion AM (Nursery) - Riley Daley & Rahquarn Hill-Townsend
- Cohesion PM (Nursery) - Sebi Olaru & Keshikan Mohanarajan
  - Kinetic (Reception) - Keji Salkurti & Denis Braga
- Metamorphosis (Reception) - Niall Brooks-Smith & Desiha Brown
  - Energy (Year One) - Versach Rostas & Nithila Johnson
  - Velocity (Year One) - Mylca-Audrey Koffi & Khalil Shabazz
  - Shadow (Year Two) - Karla Ogbeifun & Yasmin Mark-Zeeno
  - Electricity (Year Two) - Sumaela Sumareh Touray & Jay Patel
  - Amoeba (Year Two) - Isaac Forde & Larisa Olaru
  - Reflection (Year Three) - Khiel Thompson Goode & Ruweyda Ahmed
  - Nebula (Year Four) - Rashaida Shand & Gamze Karaoglan
  - Supernova (Year Four) - Thanuja Johnson & Ayman Chowdhury
  - Galaxy (Year Five) - Mikkel Smith & Tharuniyan Kanesalingam
  - Sirius (Year Five) - Diany Bouha & Lanya Fayak
  - Magnetism (Year Six) - Lesley Quansah & Karl Ashie
  - Solar (Year Six) - Priyenka Devkota & Annalise Partridge

LEADING CITIZENS

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

- Cohesion AM (Nursery) - Tekifah McDonald-Peltier & Tiffany Huang
- Cohesion PM (Nursery) - Immanuel Dapaah & Lily Aguguesi
- Kinetic (Reception) - Riyaan Ahmed & Amari Renee Jackman-Kallo
  - Metamorphosis (Reception) - Aishat Rasheed & Jack Wise
  - Energy (Year One) - Robert Ladd & Hilal Abrahami
  - Velocity (Year One) - Naveen Gnaneswaran & Laila Hansali
  - Shadow (Year Two) - Joseph Burrell & Charlie Lincoln
- Electricity (Year Two) - Amaiyah Mortley-Simms & Kyla Amadi-Barrett
- Amoeba (Year Two) - Bobbi-Rose Barker & Eliss Burnbeck
- Cosmos (Year Three) - Gaeveran Uthayakumar & Delina Menghistab
  - Refraction (Year Three) - Tyrique Gabbidon & Omari Hibbert
  - Reflection (Year Three) - Kawthar Hammoud & Mamadou Barry
  - Nebula (Year Four) - Bradley Chikadaya & Zohra Darwishi
- Supernova (Year Four) - Neveah Cato & Ayuoub Rahman
  - Galaxy (Year Five) - Bashar Hammoud & Ethan Hyatt
  - Sirius (Year Five) - Alex Edun & Keneisha Wilks
  - Magnetism (Year Six) - Lakshan Senthilkumaran & Lavinia-Ecaterina Condurachi
  - Solar (Year Six) - Houcin Rakik & Zoe Sarju
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE: New Reception parent meetings at 9.30am or 6pm
- WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY: Nursery open day for children starting in September
  - TUESDAY 7TH JULY: Target Setting Meetings
  - THURSDAY 9TH JULY: Target Setting Meetings
  - FRIDAY 10TH JULY: Sports Day
- TUESDAY 14TH JULY: Whole school cinema event 3.30pm - 5.30pm
  - THURSDAY 16TH JULY: Summer Concert
- FRIDAY 17TH JULY: Last day of term - own clothes day in aid of The British Red Cross
  - MONDAY 20TH JULY: Inset day - school is closed for children
  - MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER: Children return to school

TARGET SETTING MEETINGS

- WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY: Nursery (Only) Target Setting Meetings
- MONDAY 6TH JULY: Year 6 (Only) Target Setting Meetings
- TUESDAY 7TH JULY: Nursery - Year 6 Target Setting Meetings
- THURSDAY 9TH JULY: Reception - Year 5 Target Setting Meetings

SCHOOL TRIPS

- Friday 26th June: Year 4 visit the British Museum
- Wednesday 1st July: Year 5/6 drummers, dancers & choir members visit the Royal Festival Hall
  - Wednesday 8th July: Year 6 visit The Brit School
  - Thursday 9th July: Year 3 visit Ladywell Fields
- Monday 13th July: Year 4 visit Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
  - Friday 17th July: Year 6 visit Chessington