



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

23rd October 2015

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

It has been another successful half term at Rathfern and children have continued the great start they have made to this new term.

Mrs Maharasingam
Headteacher

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Thank you to those parents who have already come and discussed their final choices for schools next year. Please make sure you have registered online and completed your online form.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

PLEASE NOTE:

The closing date for applications is **Saturday 31st October 2015**

LEARNING AT RATHFERN – RECEPTION PUPILS

"I like sharing" – **Go-Go Tassie**

"The best thing about Rathfern is making a sculpture with new friends" – **Fraser Kinnaird**

"My best thing about Rathfern is playing with my new friends about the Lego" – **Parris Kelly**

"Lunchtime because the food is nice" – **Jack Waterhouse**

END OF HALF TERM

Just a reminder that this half term ends today and the children return to school on **Monday 2nd November at 8.55am.**

EXTENDED DAY

Year Six will have an extended day on Tuesday after school. School will finish at 5pm every Tuesday. Please note there will be no Extended Day on **Tuesday 3rd November** due to Target Setting Meetings.

COATS

We have had several cases of children arriving in school without coats. The weather is very changeable at the moment. It is November when we return and I really feel that children should have a coat for school. Please make sure your child has their name written inside their coat.

£30 ANNUAL SCHOOL TRIP REMINDER

There are still a number of parents/carers that have not paid the annual school trip amount. If you wish to discuss a payment plan you may do so with Holly in the school office. Please note that if you have not paid this term, your child will not be able to do any extra-curricular activities including the whole school Christmas cinema trip, clubs & theatre trips.



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OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Sharon Ibeh & Khadijat Olabiyi**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Olive Yamaguchi-Crawley & Danny Sabir**
 - **Edinburgh (Reception) – Alex Morgan & Khalid Bello**
- **Carlisle (Reception) – Riley Daley & Jahvari James-Richards**
 - **Canterbury (Year 1) – Ijeoma Ibeh & Julia Iosub**
 - **Hereford (Year 1) – Thierry Ramlal-Henry & Aicha Toure**
 - **Manchester (Year 2) – Fadwa Mohamud & David Ijaopo**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Roddy Douglas & Khiara Walker**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Kyla Amadi-Barrett & Sumaela Sumareh Touray**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Emelia Hesketh & Jake Lin**
 - **Chichester (Year 3) – Maria Conceicao & Cindy Wang**
 - **Exeter (Year 4) – Bisola Bashiru & Victor Jibogu**
- **London (Year 4) – Wen Lin He & Jesupemisin Bolanle-Amure**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Jumana Rakik & Robert Singh-Riley**
 - **York (Year 5) - Joel Afful & Maryam Benosmane**
- **Liverpool (Year 5) – Neveah Cato & Ayman Chowdhury**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Lanya Fayak & Neve Groombridge**
 - **Cambridge (Year 6) – Isabelle Crawford & Sade Cudd**

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Tiara Walker & Jashawn Jones**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Matthias Nana & Khaleed Owolabi**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Moseray Fadika & Rahquarn Hill-Townsend**
 - **Carlisle (Reception) – Niamh Drummond & David Maduka**
- **Canterbury (Year 1) – Thirusuthan Prapagaran & Aishat Rasheed**
 - **Hereford (Year 1) – Supriya Devkota & Abdul-Majid Issoufou**
 - **Manchester (Year 2) – Janelle Hiatsi & Khadija Konie**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Artyom Eero & Cara Crabtree**
 - **Colchester (Year 3) – Lucy Bushell & Nikita Eero**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Kiera Groombridge & Eliss Burbeck**
- **Chichester (Year 3) – Shianne Henry & Yasmin Mark-Zeeno**
 - **Exeter (Year 4) – Paris Wales & Crissan Marshall**
- **London (Year 4) – Al-Wasy Alam & Sianna-Sheree Kenton**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Delina Menghistab & Rita Hugh**
- **York (Year 5) – Shanay Gordon-Peterkin & Shamar Murphy**
 - **Liverpool (Year 5) – Thanuja Johnson & Brooke Miller**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Diany Bouha & Keneisha Wilks**
- **Cambridge (Year 6) – Marcella Benson & Rohan Maragoni**

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

Thanks to everyone who baked, donated and helped out at our cake sale. We really appreciate all your efforts. Here's what we've got coming up over the next few months - have a great half term break!

Wildcat Wilderness Pumpkin fun: Saturday 31st October. We are teaming up with this fantastic organisation (Rathfern's new Forest School) to enjoy their special autumn activities. It's local, it's fun and it's free! Check out the posters at school or look on their website for details at wildcatwilderness.org

'Snack & chat' at our Annual General Meeting: Monday 16th November, 7pm. Come and find out how we did last year and our targets for the coming year. Meet the committee, see who is being re-elected and who our new committee members are. Drinks and snacks available from 7pm in the Junior Hall.

Quiz Night: Friday 29th January: Win a cash prize at our fabulous quiz night at the Honor Oak Pub in Brockley and make a great start to 2016!

Easyfundraising: Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised nearly £300 this way. Shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsorathfern

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

Online at friendsorathfern.com

On Facebook at: [facebook.com/Friendsorathfern](https://www.facebook.com/Friendsorathfern)

On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com

Check our notice boards at school

FRENCH OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

Year 3:

Inverness: **Himayel Adnan & Jaida Benjamin**

Colchester: **Soraya Cumberpatch & Karim Soumahoro**

Chichester: **Amor Daniel-Kerr & Harisana Kantheepan**

Year 4:

London: **Nathan Hiatsi & Leila Issoufou**

Exeter: **Adriano Wynter-Thompson & Crissan Marshall**

Brighton: **Yusuf Olabiyi & Delina Menghistab**

Year 5:

York: **Mekhi Millwood & Maryam Benosmane**

Liverpool: **Ayman Chowdhury & Thanuja Johnson**

Year 6:

Oxford: **Lanya Fayak & Alex Edun**

Cambridge: **Oduayo Samson & Ethan Hyatt**

INDOOR ACTIVITIES THIS HALF TERM

1) Hide an item inside a room, as children become closer tell them they are getting hotter. The further away they become the colder they are. The winner of the game is when they have found the item. Take it in turns! (This is a great game for improving listening skills)

2) Ooops what is missing game? Place 10 random items on a tray. Give the children a minute to look and memorise the items. Cover the items with a tea towel and secretly remove one object. Can your children identify the missing item? (To make this game harder for the older children, add more items)

3) Halloween is fast approaching. Why not try pumpkin carving? Take a picture with your pumpkin and bring it to Miss Rose. Don't forget to use the pulp to make a delicious soup.

Free outdoor activities: Fly a kite! Sydenham Woods, is beautiful this time of year, why not explore the changing of the seasons. Challenge: How many different leaves can you collect?

Why not visit one of these parks? Ladywell, Bellingham and Blythe Hill.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER:** Half term
- **MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER:** Children return to school
- **TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER:** Target Setting Meetings
- **THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER:** Target Setting Meetings
- **FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER:** Pyjama Day for Children in Need
- **TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER:** Nursery PM Target Setting Meetings
- **THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER:** Nursery PM Target Setting Meetings
- **THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER:** Edinburgh class & Nursery AM Christmas Production – AM
- **THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER:** Carlisle class & Nursery PM Christmas Production – PM
 - **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER:** Last day of term

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- **Thursday 19th November:** Brighton class at 9.15am
 - **Friday 20th November:** York class at 2.45pm
- **Wednesday 25th November:** Manchester class at 9.15am
 - **Thursday 26th November:** Bath class at 9.15am
 - **Friday 27th November:** Liverpool class at 2.45pm

SCHOOL TRIPS

- **Monday 9th November:** Year 6 visit Lee Green Fire Station for Junior Citizen event
 - **Monday 16th November:** Year 6 visit Horniman Museum
 - **Friday 20th November:** Reception visit Fairfield Halls
 - **Friday 20th November:** Year 4 visit Natural History Museum
- **Wednesday 25th November:** Year 2 – 6 Theatre trip to see the performance of 'Matilda'