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

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break with your children.

It is the Summer term already, we look forward to your children continuing to be inspired by their learning at Rathfern.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Monday 25th April 2016 @ 6.30 p.m.

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers
I would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss our partnership with Torridon Juniors which is due to start in September 2016. Please come along to share your thoughts and any concerns.

Three members of the governing body: Rosemary Benson, Vasishali Londhe and Rhian Douglas will be present.

Ms Lannary, Mr Fielding and myself will be available to address any questions or concerns you may have at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Maharasingam

RATHFERN ACHIEVES A LEADING ASPECT AWARD FOR PROMOTING METACOGNITION

We are pleased to announce that Rathfern has been recognised for its pioneering work in promoting metacognition by achieving a Leading Aspect award.

The Leading Aspect Award is a self-evaluation tool that recognises and celebrates leading practice. It is aimed at children, young people and adults in education. The Leading Aspect Award is a national award that gives formal recognition and encouragement to those involved.

YEAR 6
EASTER BOOSTER SCHOOL SUCCESS

Congratulations to over 20 Year 6 who attended Easter school.

Excellent commitment to your learning, it will make a difference.

SATURDAY BOOSTERS: 10.00-12.30am
Maths 16th April  Maths 30th April
English 23rd April  English 7th May

SATS EXAMS:
The SATs exams this year will take place in the week beginning 9th - 13th May

SATS MEETING:
For all Year 7 parents is being held on Wednesday 20th April at 6pm.

IMPORTANT
Please can I remind you that if you have changed your phone number or any other details please can you inform us as soon as possible. We have had cases recently where we have not been able to contact parents in emergency situations.

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YEAR 5's VISIT FROM GOLDSMITHS UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday 12th April, Year 5 invited Goldsmiths University to Rathfern to work on our Design Curriculum. Incorporating African culture in our thinking, students and their lecturer collaborated together with the Rathfern team to teach the children about Adinkra, Ghanaian symbols and how we could use them to create our own meaningful symbols. The children designed their own meaningful symbol and used it to decorate their own bag. We had lots of fun collaborating with the University and are looking forward to visiting them on campus later in the term.

David Fielding Y5 Lead

SPORT RELIEF 2016

Sport relief 2016 was great fun! We danced, sweated and raced our way to raising over £300 to help transform lives across the world’s poorest communities. Thank you to everyone who wore their sports clothes to school and donated £1 to the charity.

To kick-start the day children participated in a whole school warm-up, then later, made their way around an activity circuit in class HIT (High Intensity Training) sessions. At lunchtime some of the children joined Miss Sophie in running the Sport Relief Mile, and parents got involved too by participating in an intense football match against the teachers.

COFFEE MORNINGS SUMMER TERM

A chance to come in and find out what your child will be learning this term and an opportunity to meet other parents and carers over a cup of tea and biscuits.

All class Coffee Mornings start at 9.05 am and will last approximately 20 minutes. Please refer to the dates below.

- Friday 22nd April 2016: Edinburgh, Carlisle, Hereford and Canterbury classes
- Monday 25th April 2016: Manchester, Bath, Colchester, Chichester and Inverness classes

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

Easyfundraising: Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we’ve raised more than £350 this way. Shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern

Find out more: Online at friendsofrathfern.com

On Facebook at: facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern

On Twitter @FriendsRathfern Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com

Check our notice boards at school

NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEPTEMBER

Apply now for children aged 3 by the end of August 2016. Please call into the office to collect an application form

INCREASE IN SCHOOL DINNER MONEY TO £2.00

There will be an increase of 10p per day for dinner money payments from Tuesday 3rd May. This is an increase made by the council and the last one was 2 years ago!
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- St Albans AM (Nursery) – Fatima Toure & Oveya Prapagaran
- St Albans PM (Nursery) – Ameliah Robinson & Khaleed Owolabi
- Edinburgh (Reception) – Bintu Sumahre Touray & Rahquarn Hill-Townsend
- Carlisle (Reception) – Aisha Ahmed & Lilly Aguguesi
- Hereford (Year 1) – Rio Singh-Dacres & Madeleine Pengally
- Canterbury (Year 1) – Julian Iosub & Georgia Waterhouse
- Manchester (Year 2) – David Ijaopo & Khadija Konie
- Bath (Year 2) – Cara Crabtree & Samara Benjamin-Thompson
- Inverness (Year 3) – Naomi John Odutuyo & Jake Lin
- Chichester (Year 3) – Hope Wise & Victoria Joe Marvin
- Colchester (Year 3) – Lexie Houghton & Shawwna Lee
- London (Year 4) – Chante Lobban & Zara Nding’uri
- Brighton (Year 4) – Rebecca Bushell & Shade Oshunkoya
- Exeter (Year 4) – Amber Bowden & Leo Gayle
- York (Year 5) – Vithun Gnaneswaran & Chloe Ajala
- Liverpool (Year 5) – Lillian Terletksa & Aiman Fares
- Cambridge (Year 6) – Saskia Mohamed – Green & Zenobia Ashley
- Oxford (Year 6) – Harmony Chuter-Clarke & Aline Kibalabala

LEADING CITIZENS

- St Albans AM (Nursery) – Markiyan Terletskiy & Lachlan Arno
- St Albans PM (Nursery) – Matthias Nana & Prince Mensah
- Edinburgh (Reception) – Prince Okememe & Almudera Martinez
- Carlisle (Reception) – Maya Kaur & Emmanuel Martinez
- Hereford (Year 1) – Rebecca Johnson & Yanni Sabir
- Canterbury (Year 1) – Keano Gayle & Kyland Barrett
- Manchester (Year 2) – Jayden Cowan & Raheem Russell
- Bath (Year 2) – Jaydon Christian & Elijah Benjamin
- Inverness (Year 3) – Akia Stewart-Hinds & Raven Pink
- Chichester (Year 3) – Jimmy Sheridan McNicholas & Shianne Henry
- Colchester (Year 3) – Sumeala Sumareh – Touray & Jay Patel
- London (Year 4) – Khairy Jarret & Omari Hibbert
- Brighton (Year 4) – Nakeem Reid & Prithvi Johnson
- Exeter (Year 4) – Aminata Baanah – Jones & Valon Hajrizaj
- York (Year 5) – Gamze Karoaglan & Savannah Davis- Thompson
- Liverpool (Year 5) – Barrington Evert-Howden & Neveah Cato
- Cambridge (Year 6) – Andre Powell & Jordon Kiitoko
- Oxford (Year 6) – Remi Beaumont & Lanya Fayak
Attendance Figures from 11/4/16 – 14/4/16

Please could you remember to report it by either; using the Rathfern 'mySchoolApp', leave a message with the office, or by emailing Heather h.brewer@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk.

Thank you to all the families who do keep us well informed.

Well done to Carlisle class for their outstanding attendance.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

- WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL: SAT’s meeting for year 6 parents at 6.00pm
- SATURDAY BOOSTERS: 10.00-12.30
  - Maths April 16th and 30th
  - English April 23rd and May 7th
- COFFEE MORNINGS are being held from 9.05am – 9.20am on:
  - Friday 22nd April - Reception & Year 1
  - Monday 25th April - Year 3
  - Wednesday 27th April – Year 4 & Year 5
  - Friday 29th April – Year 2
- MONDAY 2ND MAY: Bank Holiday – no school
- TUESDAY 17TH MAY: Open Morning 9.15am
- MONDAY 9TH – 13TH MAY - SATs for year 6 children.
- WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY – Year 6 Final Installment of £50.00 for School Journey.

FRIDAY 27TH MAY – INSET day
- Friday Half Term MONDAY 30th May – Friday 3rd June
- THURSDAY 7th JULY: Sports Day (change of date)
- TUESDAY 19TH JULY: Summer Concert
  ➢ SEPTEMBER 5TH AND SEPTEMBER 6TH INSET DAYS
  ➢ SEPTEMBER 7TH: Children return to school from the summer break.

SCHOOL TRIPS – 2016

APRIL
- THURSDAY 14TH: Year 1 to Horniman Museum
- Wednesday 20TH: Freshwater Theatre Experience – Year 4
- Monday 25th April & Thursday 28th April – Year 2 visit the Chocolate Museum – letter to follow.

MAY
- FRIDAY 6TH MAY: Year 3 trip to the Science Museum
- MONDAY 9TH MAY: Year 5 trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum
- THURSDAY 19TH: Year 1 visiting Crystal Palace

JUNE
- MONDAY 6TH JUNE – FRIDAY 10TH JUNE: Year 6 school journey to Wales
RATHFERN'S ANNUAL PUNCTUALITY TEA PARTY

We hosted our annual Punctuality Tea Party on Wednesday, for all the children who arrive to school on time every day.

This year the numbers had risen considerably from last year as many children realised the benefit of arriving on time to school and the impact it will make on their lives in the future when they attend Secondary school, university and finally work.

Everyone was treated to a feast of cupcakes, muffins and biscuits whilst being enthralled by Rathfern School Choir, who sang a Brazilian Medley of 'Beautiful Creatures' and 'Baiana'. This was accompanied by Will Roper and Remon Fernandez who also played some Jazz to entertain the children.

We had an extremely enjoyable and memorable afternoon. I wish to thank all the parents who support their children arriving to school on time.