MISSING SCOOTER
Can you help us find Seth Bowdens scooter??
Poor Seth left his scooter in the ‘scooter park’ at school
and it has now gone missing. Seth has been very upset
and misses it a lot.
It’s a Glider XL in Red & Black
and was his pride and joy
please help us find where
it has disappeared to.
If so please let someone in the
office know.

Dear Parents
The half term has flown by and we
hope you have a restful and enjoyable
half term week with your children.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

SOFT START TRIAL - AFTER HALF TERM

After the half term, we want to trial a "Soft Start" approach.

- From 8:45 onwards staff will be in the playground and children may come on to the school site.
- The school doors will be open to the children at 8.45 am to start the school day.

Parents are asked to leave their children in the playground and NOT enter the school building in the morning. Please drop off your children and they will independently make their way into class.

Children from Reception through to Year 6 are encouraged to go straight to their class from 8.45am where their class teacher will greet them and introduce the morning's Soft Start activity which their class teachers have set up for them. This ‘soft start’ environment enables the children to settle down very quickly for the day, putting them in the right frame of mind for optimum learning.

It will avoid unnecessary waiting and congestion in the playground enabling parents to leave their child at 8.45am knowing they are going straight into class.

The register will be taken at 8:55am. After this time children will be marked as late. It has been noted that children who arrive after 8.50am often find themselves unsettled and will now miss the Soft Start activity and the gentle, settling-in period at the beginning of the day.

THIS FRIDAY 27TH MAY IS AN INSET DAY
SO NO SCHOOL!
**Crystal Palace**

Last Thursday Year 1 visited Crystal Palace Park as part of our ‘Palaeontology’ theme. When we arrived we had a long walk through the park and enjoyed looking at the sphinx, Crystal Palace ruins and the amazing sports facilities. After a grand tour of the park we arrived at the ponds where the huge dinosaurs live. We were amazed at the size of the dinosaurs and had great fun trying to pronounce their names and sketching them. On our travels we also identified some of the different trees and plants we have been learning about in science and we found a tree we hadn’t seen before called the ‘Monkey Puzzle tree’.

After our delicious picnic we enjoyed playing in the playground and had great fun on the roundabout. We were exhausted on the bus home but a fantastic day was had by all!

**Sport**

**Netball Team**

The Year 4/5 Netball Squad attended a High 5 Netball Festival for Sydenham and Forest Hill primary schools at Sydenham School on the 19th of May. Children took part in a round robin tournament. Games were fast-paced and very competitive. Rathfern were thrilled to come in 3rd place, and Miss Sophie was very proud of the way in which all team members conducted themselves during the event. The squad are already excited about our next match!

**PE at Ladywell Arena**

This half term Year 5 have been enjoying PE lessons at Ladywell Arena, where they have full use of the track and field facilities. Children have been training and competing in events such as the long jump, javelin, 600m, 400m and 60m sprint. In reflection Bradley in year 5 said “It’s great to experience the events that professional athletes like Usain Bolt take part in on the track. My favourite event is the 400m.” We can’t wait to get back down to the track next half term!

**Studying Ancient China**

In year 5, we travelled back in time to discover how the Shang Dynasty ruled, an invisible and powerful tribe, well . . . not really, when they were overthrown by the Xian dynasty.

To represent this, we split up into different groups studying various topics and put them together to create a wonderful book.

Did you know that the Shang Dynasty ruled for 500 years? Too many for my fingers to count! We had a wonderful time and have used some of the information in our class assembly.

**Precious – Liverpool class Year 5**

**Celebrating our Children’s Birthdays in School – A gift**

Many of you enjoy providing Party Bags for your children’s classmates to take home. This is wonderful for your children and should be done at a Birthday Party at home NOT at school.

At Rathfern, we are happy for you to celebrate your child’s Birthday by sending in ONE of the following:

Here are some guidelines:

**Suitable items**

- A slice of cake (which must be sliced and wrapped) or small bag of sweets or chocolates
- OR - A small toy/game/book
- OR - Pencils/pens
- OR - Stickers
- OR - A balloon

- **SCHOOL POLICY NO NUTS ARE ALLOWED**

Thank you all for your co-operation. If you do have any more suggestions about what works well for a gift, let me know. Remember as a school we do promote healthy eating, which means sweets as a treat only!

**Rathfern Summer Scheme**

Rathfern are offering a summer scheme for children between 25th July to 12th August weekdays only. There are 2 time slots:

- 9am – 3pm £18 per day
- 8am – 6pm. £25 per day

Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be provided for children attending a full day. Further information can be obtained from the office.
Attendance Figures from 16/5/16 – 25/5/16

It’s reassuring to see less absences and illnesses in the school this week with the whole school attendance at 97.2%.

A special congratulations for last week goes to York Yr5, and Hereford Yr1 for achieving 100% twice in a row! This week KS1 are on fire with Carlisle, Canterbury Y1 & Manchester Y2 who also achieved 100% attendance.

A great end to this half term!

Heather

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.

Class Attendance this term

- St Albans am
- St Albans pm
- Edinburgh
- Carlisle
- Canterbury
- Hereford
- Bath
- Manchester
- Chichester
- Colchester
- Inverness
- Brighton
- Exeter
- London
- Liverpool
- York
- Cambridge
- Oxford

HOT WEATHER
In the hot weather children need to stay safe, please ensure your child wears a hat when outside and applies sun cream before they come to school.

Summer dresses and polo shirts not only keep them cool but also cover their shoulders.

More importantly give them bottles of water clearly marked with their name and we will ensure there are regular breaks for them to quench their thirst.

SCHOOL DINNERS INCREASED TO £2.00

From Tuesday 3rd May 2016 School dinner is £2.00 per day and £10 per week.

PLEASE NOTE that your child will be unable to attend any school trips, clubs, activities or the Wraparound service until your dinner debt has been cleared.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

- Friday 27TH May – INSET day
- Half Term – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
- Monday 6th – 10th June – Year 6 School Journey to Wales
- Saturday 11TH June – Summer Fair 11.00–2.00pm
- Wednesday 15TH June – Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting at 6pm
- Thursday 16th June – Nursery closed for an Open Day
- Friday 17th June – Class photos
- Thursday 30th June – Stay & Learn for new Reception children 4.00pm – 4.45pm
- Taster Session – 3.30pm – 4.00 pm
- Friday 1st July – Stay & Learn for new Reception children 4.00pm – 4.45pm

SPORTS DAYS:
- Year 1 – Year 6 – Thursday 7th July
- Nursery am & Edinburgh – 10.00am – 11.00am Friday 8th July
- Nursery pm & Carlisle – 1.30pm – 2.30pm

- Friday 8th July: Last day of Nursery before the summer break.
- Tuesday 19TH July: Summer Concert
- Monday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers Performance 7pm
- Wednesday 20th July: Last Day of Term.

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- SEPTEMBER 5TH AND SEPTEMBER 6TH INSET DAYS
- SEPTEMBER 7TH: Children return to school from the summer break.

SCHOOL TRIPS SUMMER 2016

JUNE
- Monday 6th – Friday 10th: Year 6 school journey to Wales
- Tuesday 7th – Nursery am children visiting Mud Chute Farm
- Thursday 9th – Nursery pm children visiting Mud Chute Farm
- Friday 10th – Year 5 visiting the Science Museum
- Tuesday 14TH – Year 5 visit Goldsmiths University
- Tuesday 14th – Year 6 visit to Greenwich
- Friday 24th June – Year 1 & Year 5 trip to Minnis Bay
- Tuesday 28th – Science Museum Year 4
- Thursday 30th – Year 6 visit Hampton Court Palace

JULY
- Friday 15th – Year 5 to Ladywell
A big thank you to all those who helped out and donated cakes for this afternoon's cake sale.

**SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 11th June 11am-2pm.**

Shake your thing at our carnival-themed Summer Fair! We've got games, bouncy castle, music, dancing, food, face-painting and lots more.

Entry is £2 for adults and children are free.

Roll up! Roll up! There are some great prizes to be won in our RAFFLE, which we'll draw during the Summer Fair. Check your book bags for raffle tickets. Each ticket costs £1, please hand your completed ticket stubs and money in to the office. They have plenty of extra tickets if you want to sell more!

**Easyfundraising:** Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised nearly £400 this way.

Shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern

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On Twitter @FriendsRathfern
Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com
Check our notice boards at school
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- St Albans AM (Nursery) – Remi Forde Simpson & Elias Aliane
- St Albans PM (Nursery) – Emir Yesibulut & Amari Dixon
- Edinburgh (Reception) – Fathi Abdifatah-Mohamud & Leo McMaster
- Carlisle (Reception) – Angelina Peart & Niahm Drummond
- Hereford (Year 1) – Thierry Ramlal- Henry & Destiny Brown
- Canterbury (Year 1) – Ijeoma Ibeh & Patrycia Klim
- Manchester (Year 2) – Theo Barker & Tricia Mansaray
- Bath (Year 2) – Khalil Shabazz & Evie Clyne
- Inverness (Year 3) – Oshai David Thompson & Anita Oruma
- Chichester (Year 3) – Faatin Abdifatah-Mohamud
- Colchester (Year 3) – Soraya Cumberbatch & Kie Purnell
- London (Year 4) – Al-Wasy Alam & Naomi McLaren
- Brighton (Year 4) – Alan Mwamba & Jagjit Singh
- Exeter (Year 4) – Mamadou Barry & Amber Bowden
- York (Year 5) – Zohra Darwishi & Maryam Benosmane
- Liverpool (Year 5) – Taiwo Bishu & Holly Whittington
- Cambridge (Year 6) – THE WHOLE CLASS – Ms Pendleton’s Last Day
- Oxford (Year 6) – Beverley Quansah & Jubril Bishi

LEADING CITIZENS

- St Albans AM (Nursery) Zhong Hao Kamau & Jasmita Johnson
- St Albans PM (Nursery) – Khaleed Owolabi & Elysia wilks
- Edinburgh (Reception) – Logan Fierro & Parris Kelly
- Carlisle (Reception) – Aisha Ahmed & Ata Ermis
- Hereford (Year 1) – Fatima Sumareh-Touray & Barnaby Hayter
- Canterbury (Year 1) – Seth Bowden & Deborah Ijaopo
- Manchester (Year 2) – Fadwa Abdifatah-Mohamud & Alex Harding
- Bath (Year 2) – Myka –Audrey Koffi & Roddy Douglas
- Inverness (Year 3) – Javar McDermott & Anna Benefo
- Chichester (Year 3) – Mercedes Boakye Arisah & Azari Conde
- Colchester (Year 3) – Xander Hayter & Sophia De Pantaleone
- London (Year 4) - Milandra Bonelli & Khairy Jarratt
- Brighton (Year 4) – Khamron Lue Young & Shade Oshunkoya
- Exeter (Year 4) – Kheil Thompson Goode & Rassul Vali
- York (Year 5) – Joel Afful & Kavinilavan Prapagaran
- Liverpool (Year 5) – Kaiya Beaton & Jhalen Braithwaite
- Cambridge (Year 6) – THE WHOLE SATS CLASS - SATS
- Oxford (Year 6) – Jubril Bishi & Kimiya Mowatt