



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

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

10th June 2016

Dear Parents

This half term has got off to a flying start with the children being excited and inspired by their learning

Year 6 have enjoyed a fun filled week on a residential visit to an Organic Farm in Aberaeron.

Mrs Maharasingam

SOFT START TRIAL - Report

The Soft Start is a great success. After a few teething problems with congestion which have been resolved by opening another gate the Soft start has transformed the start of the school day at Rathfern.

The children are calmly walking into class. Parents can drop their children and get off to start their own day.

The playground is calm and the children are settling down to their learning in a calm state of mind.

Thank you for your support

Quotes from parents:

'I'm very happy to drop my child and go straight to work, it helps make them independent'

'I felt a bit disconnected from the school, although it's a good idea and I'm all for a different approach.'

'I think it feels cold, as parents can't talk'

'I thought there would be more congestion, but there wasn't. It looked and felt more organised with plenty of adults.'

'The children seem much more settled and excited to go in to class'

'It feels so calm'



Class Photos

Please can you ensure your child wears their school jumper and black shoes on this day for the class photograph's. - No trainers are allowed.

Friday 17th June 2016

All classes apart from :

Tuesday 21st June

Canterbury, Bath, Manchester
& Brighton

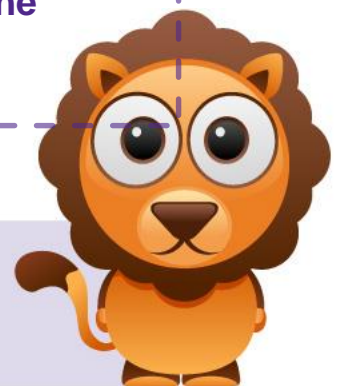
RATHFERN SUMMER SCHEME – Please book by Friday 24th June

25th July to 12th August weekdays only.

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

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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.

Remind your children to ensure they take regular water breaks.



HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN REGISTERED FOR A NURSERY PLACE THIS SEPTEMBER?

We still have a few places available so please visit the office to register. The child has to be aged 3 by the end of August

NEW PROCEDURE FOR HEADBUMPS.

Wrist bands will be issued to children that have had a significant head bump during the school day. We will write the Date & the Time on the band for your information and a phone call will be made home.

For those children whose head bump is not considered serious, a text will be sent instead of a phone call and a band will not be issued.

This process will enable all adults during the school day, P.E team, Wraparound Care and After School Clubs to identify children that have had a significant head bump during the school day.



FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

The Summer Fair is tomorrow! The fun starts at 11am and we'll be going Carnival crazy. A BIG thank you to everyone who has helped get things ready and is volunteering on the day. We couldn't do it without all your hard work. See you there!

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 17th June from 7.45am in the Early Years Hall. One for men- enjoy a delicious breakfast with your children to celebrate your special day, and Raffle prizes to be won!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

- **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
- **Wednesday 29th June** – Meeting for New Reception Parents 9.30am & 6.30pm
- **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 AT ST DUNSTANS:

- Year 1 – Year 6 - **Thursday 7th July**

VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED:

- 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
- **Tuesday 19th July**: Full Governors body meeting.
- **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

- Tuesday 14th** – Year 5 visit Goldsmiths University
- “ ” - Music Trip to Tower of London Djembe & Dance students
- “ ” – Year 6 visit to Greenwich
- Wednesday 15th June** – Year 5 to Ladywell Sport track
- Thursday 16th June** – Various children visiting the Tate
- 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
- Wednesday 20th** – Year 6 to Chessington

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery)** – **Hong-Zhau Kamau & Markiyan Tertletskiy**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery)** – **Emir Yesibulut & Danny Sabir**
- **Edinburgh (Reception)** – **Davina Oruma & Tomas Barriball**
- **Carlisle (Reception)** – **Keshika Mohanrajan & Nicola Kempley**
- **Hereford (Year 1)** – **Adam Loudiyi & Mustafa Ozyurt**
- **Canterbury (Year 1)** – **Sarah Fortese Danfa & Abdul Sillah**
- **Manchester (Year 2)** – **Fadwa Abdifatah Mohamud & Raheem Russell**
- **Bath (Year 2)** – **Cara Crabtree & Aayush Pathak**
- **Inverness (Year 3)** - **Emilia Hesketh & Ellis Burbeck**
- **Chichester (Year 3)** – **Cillian Farrell – Bryan & Casey Best Bedeau**
- **Colchester (Year 3)** – **Wahab Correia & Reuben Forde-Simpson**
- **London (Year 4)** – **Tyrique Gabbidon & Izzabel Redman**
- **Brighton (Year 4)** – **Nakeem Reid & Rita Hugh**
- **Exeter (Year 4)** – **Mamadou Barry & Alex Crabtree**
- **York (Year 5)** – **Savannah Davis-Thompson & Patrick Ladd**
- **Liverpool (Year 5)** – **Ayman Chowdhury & Tiara Swaby**
- **Cambridge (Year 6)** – **All year 6 children on the school journey and**
- **Oxford (Year 6)** – **those at Rathfern for being a credit to the school!**

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery)** - **Sophie Dodsworth & Sharon Ibeh**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery)** – **Prince Mensah & Nasra Codlin**
- **Edinburgh (Reception)** – **Alex Morgan & Oluwakemi Samson**
- **Carlisle (Reception)** – **Niamh Drummond & Joseph Temple**
- **Hereford (Year 1)** – **Mouad Bouhenniba & Fatima Sumareh Touray**
- **Canterbury (Year 1)** – **Ashton McClean – Elliott & David Perta**
- **Manchester (Year 2)** – **Jaydan Cowan & Tahliyah Codlin**
- **Bath (Year 2)** – **Melissa Clayton-Bainbridge & Roddy Douglas**
- **Inverness (Year 3)** – **Melita Londhe McKechnie & Bilal Abrahami**
- **Chichester (Year 3)** – **Cindy Wang & Yasmin Mark - Zeeno**
- **Colchester (Year 3)** – **Matilda Broughton & Connor Hull**
- **London (Year 4)** - **Zara Nding'uri & Omari Hibbert**
- **Brighton (Year 4)** – **Musa Conteh & Raudet Saleh**
- **Exeter (Year 4)** – **Kawther Hammoud & Rassul Vali**
- **York (Year 5)** – **Marques Walker & Maryam Benosmane**
- **Liverpool (Year 5)** – **Desharne Allen & Aiman Fares**
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