Dear Parents / Carers

This year has flown by and you now have the summer holidays to recharge your batteries and rest with your wonderful children. I would like to thank you for all your support over the last year.

Your children continue to thrive, achieve and love learning at Rathfern Primary School. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Rathfern for making this year so successful.

Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Office and Premises team, Lunchtime Supervisors Lunchtime staff- Cook and servers, Wraparound Team & Cleaners.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

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

20th July 2016

Thank You

- At the end of term we say goodbye and very best wishes to the following members of staff:
- Mrs North who is going to teach at Glebe School.
- Mrs Webster who is going to teach at St. William of York.
- Mr Jermaine… Who will become a Learning Mentor at Holy Trinity School

We welcome new teachers:
- Ms Waddoups Year 5 Class
- Ms Zulver Year 5 Class
- Mr Karimboccus Year 4 Class
- Ms Milward Nursery Teacher

BACK TO SCHOOL

School will re-start on Wednesday 7th September at 8.55am.
OUR YEARS MEMORABLE MOMENTS

RECEPTION
Reception had an adventure at the London South Bank

YEAR ONE:
Canterbury class had the most fantastic day at Minnis Bay. We paddled in the sea, collected shells and played games. The perfect end to a fantastic year!!

YEAR TWO:
The Children got to experience the strict environment of a Victorian Classroom. They were first greeted by a teacher Called Mrs Poole, who definitely looked the part and was extremely strict as she walked up and down the centre of the class with her cane.

YEAR THREE:
This year was magical for year three! We experienced some outstanding trips, but our favourite has to be 'Deptford Creek', where we waded in the river and caught many inhabitants of the Thames!

YEAR FOUR
My most memorable moment is this year’s outstanding sports day. It was a pleasure to spend the day as a whole school community. We used collaboration, focus and perseverance in every challenge and were gracious in defeat as well as triumph.

YEAR FIVE
York Class had so many memorable moments this year, one of which was always getting into role as characters from the amazing books we have been immersing ourselves in
SOFT START OPENING

We will postpone our soft start school opening between Wednesday 7th September to Friday 9th September.

We invite you into the playgrounds to meet your children's class teachers. Children will line up and go into class at 8.55a.m.

Soft Start opening for Year 1 to Year 6 will resume on Monday 12th September 2016.

COFFEE MORNINGS

We will hold coffee mornings for you to meet your class teachers at 9.10am – 9.30am on:

- Weds  14th Sept  Yrs 5 and 6
- Thurs 15th Sept  Yrs 3 and 4
- Friday 16th Sept  Yrs 1 and 2

SUMMER CONCERT

Well done to Mr Fielding and all the Class teachers for a fabulous Summer Concert, held in the Hot Hot sun! The children did a marvellous job and behaved so well considering the conditions. Thank you to Leo for providing a Fantastic Finale in aid of the British Heart Foundations.
FINES FOR LATE PICK UP

After 3.45pm there will be a fine of £5.00 for every 15 mins you are late to pick up your child/children. This will include Boosters & Wraparound as well as after school.

DINNER MONEY DEBTS

Please note that your child will be unable to attend any school trips, club activities or the Wraparound Service until the dinner debt is cleared.

Attendance Figures from Sep 15 - July 16
Whole school attendance for 2015/16 = 96.2%

Congratulations to Year 2 Bath, Manchester and Year 6 Oxford for highest attendance, who all achieved above 97%.

Class Attendance this term

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.
Summer Reading Challenge

About the challenge

Children aged 4–11 are asked to read six books of their choice over the summer holiday. For each book they read, they collect stickers and rewards. When they have completed the challenge, they get a medal.

The 2016 Summer Reading Challenge will be based around Roald Dahl 100, the celebrations marking the centenary of Dahl’s birth. This year's reading challenge features some of Roald Dahl's best-loved characters and the amazing artwork of his principal illustrator, Sir Quentin Blake.

Free activities in libraries

Throughout the summer there will be free 'Big Friendly Read' activities in our libraries.

Please visit your local library and sign up.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

SEPTEMBER 5th AND SEPTEMBER 6th INSET DAYS

There will be no Soft Start in week 1 – Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th, so parents are encouraged to meet their child’s new class teacher.

• Wednesday 7th September: Children return to school from the summer break. Monday 12th September: Soft Start begins again.

COFFEE MORNINGS:

Wednesday 14th September: Year 5 and 6 Coffee Mornings from 9.10-9.40am
Thursday 15th September: Year 3 and 4 Coffee Mornings from 9.10-9.40am
Friday 16th September: Year 1 and 2 Coffee Mornings from 9.10-9.40am

Friday 21st October – Inset Day

Monday 24th October – Half Term
FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our events such a success this year. We are delighted to have donated money to Wildcat Wilderness (Forest School) as well as funding a poetry workshop for Year 6 and making a contribution towards a Year 1 trip to the seaside.

We couldn’t do it without your support. We look forward to seeing more of you at our events next term. Have a great summer!

**Easyfundraising:** Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised more than £400 this way. Shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern)
Find out more: Online at [friendsofrathfern.com](http://friendsofrathfern.com) On Facebook at: [facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern](http://facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern)
On Twitter @FriendsRathfern Email us at: [forthfern@gmail.com](mailto:forthfern@gmail.com) Check our notice boards at school

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GOODBYE YEAR 6

We wish you all the success for the future. Live and breathe the core values, apply the learning attributes and you will flourish, success comes to those who dare and act. So dare to be bold and resolute to succeed.

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OUTSTANDING LEARNERS & LEADING CITIZENS

This time the award goes to the whole school for achieving so much and being such wonderful citizens of the Rathfern Community of learners.

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BUILDING WORKS

We are delighted to announce that during the summer holidays we are having a new school entrance constructed, a new reception and offices for headteacher and staff.

We hope that all works will be completed by the start of the school year.

Please see drawing attached of proposed entrance.