



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

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

8th July 2016

Dear Parents

The summer term continues to fly by, your children continue to thrive and we are all hoping we some summer sunshine.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

Soft Start Opening - Consultation

Following a consultation meeting held on Monday 4th July parents raised a couple of concerns about our new routine.

On the whole we have had a favourable response to our new system, from parents, staff and children. Children are less stressed and very keen to start learning as soon as they enter their classrooms; children are arriving in time and we have less late children as a result.

In response to parents concerns the following changes will take place:

- Those parents who miss the opportunity to meet with other parents first thing in the morning I would like to suggest that parents are invited to have discussions in the main playground from 8.45 to 8.55. The bell will be rung at 8.55 a.m. at which time all adults must leave the playground.
- May I also confirm that parents are welcome to go to the school office if they have any concerns and wish to leave messages for class teachers.
- Parents may also send emails to admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk and messages will be passed on to the appropriate teacher.

ATTENTION !!!

Mums Dads and Carers.

The children at Rathfern Primary school present.

Our Rio Olympics Opening Ceremony



on Tuesday 19th July
at 10.00 – 12.50

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SPORTS REPORT

- Well Done to the year 2 Football team for winning the Y1&2 football festival at Elm Lane last Wednesday. Big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support - Well done Elijah, Micah, Roddy, Joel, Theo, Andy, Eser and Marley
- Well done to the year 3/4 Tri-Golf team who came 28th place in the London Youth games. Rathfern who represented Lewisham were the youngest team there as it was predominately a Y5/6 competition - Well done Joshua Daniels, Fergus, Suviththa, Keira, Zara, Wen-Lin, Rihanna, Tom, Lucy and Illias
- Well Done to Alex Crabtree and Illias for taking part in the 'race for life' they achieved excellent finish times and now have lovely medals to show for their effort. Well done boys!

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

WE'RE HIRING!

Friends of Rathfern is looking for an **Events Co-ordinator** - can you help?

We are looking for someone to help our events run smoothly. It is a great, fun role, you'll get to make loads of new friends AND it looks good on your CV - FoR is a registered charity and you would be contributing hugely to its success.

It doesn't matter if you aren't always available to volunteer and you could even share the role with someone else.

If this sounds like you, then please contact forathfern@gmail.com for more info, or find us on Facebook or twitter.

ICE LOLLY FRIDAYS: They're back! As long as the sun is shining AND we get enough volunteers we will be selling ice lollies in the playground after school on Fridays. Please let us know if you can help out.

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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern)

Find out more: Online at [friendsofrathfern.com](https://www.friendsofrathfern.com) On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

On Facebook at: [facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern](https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern) Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com Check our notice boards at school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

- **Friday 15th July** – Rathfern reunion for last year's Year 6 pupils.
18th – 20th July - NO BOOSTERS WILL BE HELD IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM
- **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.
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SCHOOL TRIPS SUMMER 2016

JULY **Monday 11th** – Reception to visit Southbank
Thursday 14th - Year 2 to Greenwich
Friday 15th – Year 5 to visit Ladywell Track
Wednesday 20th – Year 6 to Chessington

RACE FOR LIFE

Hello my name is Alex. Me and my friend Illias (both Exeter class) ran the 5 kilometre Race for Life in aid of Cancer Research. It was very challenging as we had to brave around 23 minutes of pure toughness!

Next time we hope to try the 10 kilometre. We are very proud of what we have done and maybe even hope to become long-distance athletes one day.

Illias said: "Even though it was really hard, I still ran on and no matter what I tried to help to stop cancer"

If you would like to sponsor us you can visit the website here:
www.justgiving.com/thezingas



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.

FACEBOOK PHOTO'S

It's acceptable to take photos of your own child, however this is for Personal use only not to be used on Social Media

We have had complaints regarding parents putting photos on social media and this is unacceptable, please can you respect the choices of other parents.

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.

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery)** – Haja During & Sophia Dodsworth
- **St Albans PM (Nursery)** – Angel James & Matthias Nana
- **Edinburgh (Reception)** – Sebi Olaru & Binton Sumareh - Touray
- **Carlisle (Reception)** – Emmanuel Martinez & Anabelle Hulbert
- **Hereford (Year 1)** – Madeline Pengelly & Ehigbai Olufemi
- **Canterbury (Year 1)** – Andy Mianji – Mayap & Eshe Hibbert
- **Manchester (Year 2)** – Raheem Russell & Versach Rostas
- **Bath (Year 2)** – Melissa Clayton- Bainbridge & Elsie Arno
- **Inverness (Year 3)** - Judah Ajala & Melita Londhe McKechnie
- **Chichester (Year 3)** – Shyla Amadi – Barrett & Elizabeth Mensah
- **Colchester (Year 3)** – Charlie Thompson & Amaiyah Mortley Simms
- **London (Year 4)** – Omari Hibbert & Joshua Daniels
- **Brighton (Year 4)** – Mykaela Soori & Gaveran Uthayakumar
- **Exeter (Year 4)** – Rassul Vali & Paris Wales
- **York (Year 5)** – Shamar Murphy & Abdirashid Mohamed
- **Liverpool (Year 5)** – Rihana Clarke -Harvey & Lillian Terletska
- **Cambridge (Year 6)** – Eric Cornish & Tanya Parrot
- **Oxford (Year 6)** – Remi Beumont & Will Tassie

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery)** - Sharon Ibeh & C.J Bryan
- **St Albans PM (Nursery)** – Mercy Odumade & Amari Dixon
- **Edinburgh (Reception)** – Davina Oruma & Rahquarn Hill-Townsend
- **Carlisle (Reception)** – Leon Connor & Princess Okameme
- **Hereford (Year 1)** – Destiny Brown & Vehbi Turkoglu
- **Canterbury (Year 1)** – Patrycia Klim & Chajettha Nimalan
- **Manchester (Year 2)** – Jessica Krishnapillai & Alex Harding
- **Bath (Year 2)** – Evie Clyne & Jaydon Christian
- **Inverness (Year 3)** – Emilia Hesketh & Tommy Le
- **Chichester (Year 3)** – Joseph Burrell & Leah Miller
- **Colchester (Year 3)** – Harley Francis & Karim Soumahoro
- **London (Year 4)** - Sianna Sheree Kenton & Yasmin Loudiyi
- **Brighton (Year 4)** – Rebecca Bushell & Rita Hugh
- **Exeter (Year 4)** – Amber Bowden & Kheil Thompson Goode
- **York (Year 5)** – Mekhi Millwood & Vithun Gnaneswaran
- **Liverpool (Year 5)** – Precious Anku & Issa Saidmeerasah
- **Cambridge (Year 6)** – Donas Vilkoncius & Marcella Benson
- **Oxford (Year 6)** – Beverley Quansah & Harmony Chuter- Clark