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

We can see that your children have settled in with their new teachers and are immersed in their learning. Thank you to all the parents, carers and children who arrive to school on time it makes a huge difference! Children who are late miss out on initial key learning and disrupt the flow of learning in the classroom.

Naheeda Maharasingam Julia Lannary
Executive Head Head of School

23rd September 2016

PARENTS DROP IN – DON’T FORGET

Thank you to those of you who have come in aired your concerns and thanks with me on:

- Tuesdays 9.10 – 9.30am
- Thursday 5.30 – 6.00pm

Please feel free to come and discuss good news or problems you may have with me.

New school layout

Our reception is almost complete now. We are just awaiting some minor finishing touches but we are sure that you will agree that it is looking beautiful. You may have noticed that the new green gate is now working properly too.

New procedures

Clubs:
Parents and carers picking children up from clubs after school will need to wait in the walkway immediately in front of reception. Your child will be brought from their club by an adult to this area.

Reception:
The reception will be open until 9:30am and between 3:15 and 4pm. For those parents who cannot make these times and wish to see a member of staff in the office, please contact reception to make an alternative arrangement. You may also email queries to admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Road Safety

We understand that it is congested during the beginning and end of the day on Rathfern Road but it is important for the safety of all our children that you do not park on the zig zags, double park your cars or park in front of either of the fire gates. This can make crossing the road hazardous for children as it can obstruct their view.

Please be mindful when children are leaving the car, ensuring that they are always getting out of the car near the pavement and not in the middle of the road.
**Year 2 Forest School**

This week Year 2 went to Forest School to develop their weaving skills. "We first had to find a y-shaped stick and collect some leaves. We then used wool to weave our leaves onto our stick. It was tricky at first, but Miss Rowlinson showed us how to use our sticks to help us weave. I persevered with it and I was really proud of what I made." — Keano & Ashton – Marble Arch Class

**Year 5 – Tower of London**

As part of our 'Changing roles of the British monarchy' topic, Year 5 visited the Tower of London this week to learn about life in the King's court. Whilst there, the children had a workshop with one of the actors in role and learned much about the inner workings of Henry VIII's royal family and marriages. Despite the rain, we thoroughly enjoyed learning about the monarchy more closely in their environment. Seeing the crown jewels was extra special!

**CALLING ALL COMICS!**

To continue to encourage reading across the school, we would like to build up a collection of children's comics. If your children have comics at home that they have finished reading and you are happy to pass them on, please send them in to the reception.

**Year 1’s visit to Lewisham**

First we went on a 185 bus to Lewisham. Next we went to the temple. Then we went to the market to buy fruit and flowers. Later we ate our lunch, in my lunch I had a cheese sandwich, blackcurrant juice and my crisps. After we went to the fire station. Eventually we squirted water. Finally silly Miss Daley tried on the firemen suit and Mark the Fireman took a group photo. I felt sad because I did not want the trip to end.

Ata Year 1 Camden class.
Attendance Figures from 12th Sep – 16th Sep 2016
Whole school attendance for 2015/16 = 94.33%

Congratulations to Year 1 Angel Class for achieving the highest attendance

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 & Clubs.

DINNER MONEY DEBTS

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

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.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

Friday  30th Sept – Year 3 Visit to Horton Kirby
Friday 7th October –  Friends of Rathfern
                   – Early Years breakfast 7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday 18th Oct – Year 4 Visit to The Science Museum
Thursday 20th Oct – Year 3 Visit Horniman Museum
Thursday 20th Oct – Last day of term
Friday 21st Oct -  INSET DAY – no school

Half Term 24th October – 28th October

Monday 31st October – Children return to School

OPEN MORNINGS

Thursdays:

- 22nd Sept, 29th Sept,
- 13th Oct
- 3rd Nov, 17th Nov,
- 1st Dec,
FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

RECEPTION BREAKFAST: Friday, 7th October 7.45am to 8.30am, Early Years Hall:
We hope your children are settling well into their new school and we’d like to invite all reception parents, carers and children to enjoy a delicious breakfast on us! We also need volunteers to help set up and serve. Please give us a shout if you can spare some time from 7am. Thanks!

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
Find out more: Online at friendsofrathfern.com On Facebook at: facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern
On Twitter @FriendsRathfern Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com Check our noticboard

MacMillan Cake Sale

Please bring your cake donations on the day.

Friday 30th September 3:30pm
In the playground after School.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are pleased to announce that Wearabouts on Sydenham High St will be the school supplier for our uniform. The last day that you can purchase uniform from the school will be Thursday 20th October.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Haja During & Lucia Von Kunzelmann
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Dmitiry Hudz & Temilade Olaniyan
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Khadijat Olabiyi & Ailsa Abbott
- South Kensington (Reception) – Sophia Dodsworth & Harry Healy
- Camden (Year 1) – Eman Hammoud & Bulut Yesibulut
- Angel (Year 1) – Keshikan Mohanarajan & Davina Oruma
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Patrick Corcoran & Georgia Waterhouse
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Destiny Brown & Yasmin Patel
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Yijia He & Jake Connor
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Samara Benjamin-Thompson & Jayden Christian
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Xander Hayter & Alisha Robinson
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Melita Londhe McKechnie & Isaac Forde
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Faatin Abdifatah & Cillian Farrell - Bryan
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Isabelle Gordon & Amber Bowden
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Nathan Hiatsi & Zara Nding’uri
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Shade Oshunkoya & Joshua Barfi
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Patrick Ladd & Cindy Cupi
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Adam Bouhenniba & Barrington Everett - Howden

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Fatima Toure & Azra Ermis
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Rhea Whyte & Eelavan Gnaneswaran
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Dylan Kuu & Rah’Niyah Cato
- South Kensington (Reception) – Minnie O’Shea & Isiah Miller
- Camden (Year 1) – Clinton Chima & Princess Okumeme
- Angel (Year 1) – Go-Go Tassie & Parris Kelly
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Deborah Ijiaopo & Stacey Cupi
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Rena Hugh & Vehbi Turkoglu
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – David Ijiaopo & Tricia Mansaray
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Hong-Zhou Kamau & Bethany Morgan
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Nikita Eero & Matilda Broughton
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Anita Oruma & Tommy Hai Le
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Jaydon Dunkley & Shianne
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Joshua John & Leo Gayle
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Omari Hibbert & Khairy Jarrett
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Delaney Chuter- Clarke & Sana Parwani
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Zohra Darwishi & Jeremy Sanmoogan
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Destiny Anglin & Issa Saidmeerasah