



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

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

9th September 2016

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break with your children. We are delighted to see the children back safe, happy and ready to learn.

We very much hope that you have noticed the dramatic change to the reception area which will relieve the congestion during key times of the day. There will be an iPad available for parents to use to pay for dinners or clubs using ParentPay. All our letters and leaflets can be found on our website but paper copies can still be obtained in the reception area.

Our diligent and committed staff look forward to another exciting and challenging year to ensure that your children achieve their very best.

Ms Lannary will be the main contact on a day to day basis while Mrs Maharasingham is dividing her attention between Rathfern & Torridon Juniors.

Naheeda Maharasingham & Julia Lannary

Executive Head.

Head of School

NEW RECEPTION LEARNERS

A very special warm welcome to all our new Reception pupils and their families. We are confident your children will have a wonderful learning adventure at Rathfern. They have already settled in beautifully - well done children and Early Years staff.

WELCOME

We would like to say a warm welcome and to introduce our new staff.

Mrs Lundie – Deputy Head Teacher

Ms Millward – Nursery Teacher

Mrs Henderson – Vieira – Wimbledon Park Y3

Mr Karimboccus – Baker St – Y4

Miss Zulver – Hoxton Y5

Miss Waddoups – Whitechapel Y5



School Trips

An annual contribution of £30 is required by the end of September 2015. Children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM's) are exempt from this charge. You may pay by ParentPay, cash or cheque. If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please speak to the school office. We will calculate the exact amount before the end of the academic year and refund any excess amount. It is important to note that parents are not subsidising children who qualify for FSM's. Every child who qualifies for FMS's attracts £1,320 funding to the school. This money is used to target support and resources. Our school received £255,520 Pupil Premium Grant last year. The Governing Body believes this is vital funding for the school and has agreed to fund the annual school trip charge for children eligible for FSM's. Please refer to our school web-site for further information on the use of the Pupil Premium Grant.

Procedure for Head Bumps

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

Easyfundraising: Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised more than £400 this way. Shop online via easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsorathfern

Find out more: Online at friendsofathfern.com On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

On Facebook at: facebook.com/Friendsofathfern Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com Check our notice boards at school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

Thursday	15 th Sept – Year 4 start swimming at St Dunstan's
	16 th Sept - Year 5 Shoreditch & Hoxton Visit The Tower of London
Monday	19 th Sept – Year 1 Visit to Lewisham
Wednesday	21 st Sept – Year 5 Whitechapel Visit The Tower of London
Friday	23 rd Sept – School photographer
Friday	30 th Sept – Year 3 Visit to Horton Kirby
Tuesday	18 th Oct – Year 4 Visit to The Science Museum
Thursday	20 th Oct – Year 3 Visit Horniman Museum
	20 th Oct – Last day of term
Monday	31 st October – Children return to School

COFFEE MORNINGS: 9.05am – 9.25am

Wednesday	14 th Sept – Year 3 & Year 6 coffee morning
Thursday	15 th Sept - Year 5 & Year 4 coffee morning
Friday	16 th Sept – Year 1 & Year 2 coffee morning
Monday	19 th Sept – Reception coffee morning

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE

Lost learning time has a detrimental impact upon your child's learning progress. Effective schools have excellent attendance and punctuality. Thank you to the MANY parents who are consistently punctual - I do notice you and salute you!

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.

TERM DATES : 2016/17

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Monday 5 th September 2016	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th September 2016	INSET DAY
Wednesday 7 th September 2016	Children return to school
Thursday 20 th October 2016	Last day of term
Friday 21 st October 2016	INSET DAY

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2016 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 31 st October 2016	Children return to school
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2017

Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Children return to school
Friday 10 th February 2017	Last Day of term

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 20 th February 2017	Children return to school
Friday 31 st March 2017	Last day of term

Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April 2017 – EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM 2017

Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Children return to school
Monday 1 st May 2017	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 26 th May 2017	Last day of term

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 5 th June 2017	Children return to school
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Last day of term
Friday 21 st July 2017	INSET DAY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SCHOOL CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM

19th September – 9th December

New procedures for applying for After School Clubs from September 2016:

- **Wednesday 7th Sept** - Letters attached show a list of clubs and prices.
- **Payment can only be made by Parent Pay. We will not be accepting cash payments** (If you need a password or help with how to use it please see Gail in the office) *Once payment has been made you will not be able to change your mind.*
- **Monday evening 12th Sep – At 4.30pm** Parent Pay will be opened for payments to be made. This will be on a *First come First Served* basis.
- **Thursday 15th Sept** - **If your child fulfils all the requirements (see below)** only then will you receive a confirmation letter by Thursday 15th, providing further details prior to the clubs starting.
- **Your child can only attend a max of 2 clubs per term.**

Clubs will commence on the week beginning Monday 19th September.

- Payments must be made in full to reserve a place for your child
- Refunds will only be given if clubs are cancelled or if your child needs to attend any Boosters.
- Children in receipt of **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** are entitled to a 50% reduction of fees for only one club. Any subsequent clubs will require the full fee.
- Children in Reception – Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals but still have to pay full price, unless they are eligible for Free School Meals.

If there is any outstanding debt for dinners or Wraparound care on your account, we are unable to register your child for after school clubs.

The school has a responsibility to manage its finances responsibly.

Please note: If you are late picking your child from their chosen club on 2 occasions your child will no longer be able to attend the club for the rest of the term. If you are 15 minutes late there will be a late charge.

COPY OF CLUB LETTER

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

As we are planning to initiate a cashless school during this year, we are initially making our School Clubs cashless. This will also improve the allocation of clubs on a fairer more transparent basis.

All parents will be able to register their child's choice of club on ParentPay. Details of the new procedures have been attached to this letter.

Login details will be sent out separately for those who do not currently have their ParentPay details.

POINTS TO NOTE:

Monday 12th September: ParentPay will be opened for payments to be made at 4.30pm on Monday 12th this will be on a first come first served basis.

Your child will only be accepted on to the club **IF** all requirements have been fulfilled.

(Please see attached letter)

PRIORITIES: Priority will be given to those children who have not had a place in the club in the previous two terms.

REFUNDS: Once payments have been made you will NOT be able to change your mind and refunds will only be given if a club is cancelled or a booster interferes with the club.

****Clubs will run for 10 weeks Monday 19th September ****

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	TIMINGS	COST*
MONDAY	Football	Rec - Year 1	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Football	Year 2 - 3	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Arts & Crafts	Year 3 - 6	3.30-4.45	£30.00
TUESDAY	Drama	Year 3 - 5	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Football	Year 2 - 3	3.30-4.30	£30.00
WEDNESDAY	Dance	Year 3 - 5	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Football	Year 4 - 6	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Spanish	Year 2 -3	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Brazilian Dance	Year 4 - 6	3.30-4.30	£30.00
THURSDAY	Ballet	Rec - Year 2	3.30-4.30	£35.00
	Hockey	Year 4 - 6	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Fine Art	Rec - Year 1	3.30-4.30	£30.00
	Capoeira	Year 3 - 6	3.30-4.30	£35.00
FRIDAY	Gymnastics	Year 1 & 2	3.30-4.30	£30.00

*FSM children will receive a 50% reduction for 1 club.

MUSIC	INSTRUMENT	DAY	YEAR GROUP	COST PER TERM **	FSM COST for 1 club only
	Piano	Monday	Year 3 -6	£76.00	£25.00
	Brass & Clarinet	Monday	Year 3 -6	£47.00 + £19 Hire	£20.00
	Violin	Tuesday	Year 3 -6	£47.00 + £19 Hire	£20.00
	Cello	Tuesday	Year 3 -6	£47.00 + £19 Hire	£20.00
	Guitar	Friday	Year 3 -6	£47.00	£20.00
	Djembe Drumming	Thursday	Year 6	£30.00	£15.00
	Djembe Dance	Thursday	Year 5 -6	£30.00	£15.00
	Drum Kit	Friday	Year 3 -6	£47.00	£20.00
	Choir	Tuesday	Year 4 - 6	No charge	
	Choir	Thursday	Year 1 -3	No charge	

** Price increase from Lewisham Music Service

PLEASE NOTE: All Payments and applications to be made through ParentPay.