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

It has been another successful few weeks at Rathfern and children continue to love school, to learn and make progress. We hope that you enjoyed the Coffee Mornings and meeting your child’s new class teacher, and that you feel informed about what your child is learning this term.

Naheeda Maharasingam  Julia Lannary
Executive Head  Head of School

No Pens Day

No Pens Day on Wednesday 5th October helped the children develop communication and language skills. Rather than writing everything down they had to think of different ways of recording their learning and were encouraged to talk to each other more.

Drinks & Snacks

Thank you to those families who send their children into school with just water and fruit. If your child has a packed lunch or brings a drink into school it must contain just plain water (no flavoured or fizzy water please).

If you would like your child to have a snack during break time they may bring in a piece of fruit from home. Children up to year 2 are provided with fruit that they have either during morning or afternoon break time.

Secondary Transfer

Thank you to those parents who have already come and discussed their final choices for schools next year. We look forward to meeting more of you. If you have not made an appointment please see Gail in the office to do so.

The closing date for applications is Monday 31st October 2016.

(Lewisham recommend that applications are submitted by Friday 21st October 2016)

Opening Times

We would like to remind all parents of the opening and closing times for the school.

School Office Opening:
Morning: 8.15pm-9.30am
Afternoon: 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

If you would like to see the office staff out of these hours please feel free to call or email and arrange an appointment.

NURSERY
For the safety and security of the children in the playground.

Gates will not be opened before - 11.45 for morning pick up and - 12.45 for Afternoon drop off.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Shayaan Khan & Evie Lewis
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Eelavan Gnaneswaren & Eva Dillon
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Dayjon Gallinelli & Ivy Dwyer - Losinski
- South Kensington (Reception) – Lachlan Arno & Minnie O’Shea
- Camden (Year 1) – Temani Wilks-Hamid & Oliwia Douglas
- Angel (Year 1) – Tiffany Huang & Sebi Olaru
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Franki Pink & Abdul Sillah
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Jugga Singh & Pippa Broughton
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Versach Rostas & Jessica Krishnakumar
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Callum Johnson & Kadiatu Diallo
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Lucy Bushell & Tom Holland
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Nicole Iosub & Judah Ajala
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Karla Ogbeifun & Kaycey Biandji Mayap
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Emmanuel Okameme & Isabelle Gordon
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Cienna Ramlal-Henry & Suviitha Kanasingham
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Musah Conteh & Sophia Huang
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Kehinde Bishi & Jackson Armstrong
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Davina Green Wright & Precious Anku

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Yusuf Leo & Shamshar Singh
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Tegan Daly & Younous Soumahoro
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Isaac Drummond & Abubakar Tunkara Sillah
- South Kensington (Reception) – Sophia Dodsworth & Joshua Eriyo
- Camden (Year 1) – Dejon Owusu - Ansah & Aisha Ahmed
- Angel (Year 1) – Jack Waterhouse & Janiela King
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Chajettha Nimalan & Jack Wise
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Destiny Brown & Maddie Pengelly
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Lolo Mzyece & Kacper Borkowski
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Elijah Benjamin & Evie Clyne
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Harley Francis & Briana Jones-Kesler
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Naomi John Odutuyo & Oshai Davis -Thompson
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Victoria Marvin & Joseph Burrel
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Amber Bowden & Mamadou Ibrahim
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Milandra Bonelli & Ethan Fagan
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Rebecca Bushell & Kay Kay Tassie
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Vithun Gnaneswaren & Haja Konie
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Thanuja Johnson & Brooke Miller
Hockey Tournament

When we went to the Hockey tournament it was a great experience for us. They had high standards as they train non-stop during break and lunch, we did our best just as Rathfern expects. Even though we didn’t come first we had lots of fun we would do it again in a heartbeat.

Joel Afful & Amari Campbell

Year 3 – Horton Kirby

Last week Friday, both Year 3 classes went on an educational visit to Horton Kirby in Dartford as part of our geography topic on contrasting localities. We took part in a variety of exciting activities to identify similarities and differences of the human and physical geographical features of Horton Kirby and then compared them to our locality, Catford.

After comparing, we made a visit to Farningham Village to look at different types of houses and really old buildings and made comparisons to our own. On our way, we stopped to sketch the bakery and the beautiful River Darent, which was quite interesting. Soon after, our guide Miss Jaanki and Miss Hannah took thirty BIG steps and asked us to count how much litter we saw on our way. Amazingly, we hardly noticed any.

After this, we found somewhere safe to sit and then did a traffic survey. Unfortunately, we found out that there is much more traffic in Catford than in the village. When we returned to our classrooms, we were given some clay to make and create our own houses, inspired by the houses and buildings that we saw during the day. We had a fantastic day at Farningham Village and we hope to visit Horton Kirby Education Centre again in the future because we love learning outdoors.

Year 1 – Forest School

Come and get stuck in the MUD!!

On Monday afternoons we go to forest school with Ms Rowlinson. When we get to forest school we explore lots of different things. I love finding new trees to climb! We have been learning to weave using sticks. We had to find a big ‘V’ shaped stick and we used rope to weave.

We love going to Forest school.

Mia & David Camden Class

REQUEST TO PARENTS

Parents and Carers we need you to come to forest school with us. If parents don’t come we miss exploring our wonderful forest!! If you can volunteer on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon at 1pm please see your child’s class teacher or Miss Rowlinson.
**Attendance Figures from 26th Sep – 30th Sep 2016**

Whole school attendance for 2015/16 = 97.16%

Congratulations to Wimbledon Y3 Camden Class and Angel Class Y1 for achieving the highest attendance

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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.

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**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.

**PE KITS**

Please ensure your child brings in their P.E kit every Monday so your child can participate in all P.E lessons. P.E kits should go home on a Friday to be washed.
READING AT RATHFERN

Workshop

Thursday 20th October 3.45 – 4.30pm

- How do we learn to read?
- How do we help our children become avid readers?

Find out how we teach reading at Rathfern and how we can work together to ensure the best for your children.

We will start together in the hall and then you will have the chance to learn specifically about your child’s year group.

Children are welcome but must be supervised.

Alex Lundie Deputy Head Teacher

Calling all Comics

An enormous thank you to everyone who have been sending their comics into school. The children love them! We are planning to build an on-going collection, so if you have any others that you don’t need any more, please bring them in.

Alex Lundie
October Half Term FA Skills Boys & Girls Only Sessions (Ages 5-11)

The FA Skills Programme are running a paid Boys and a FREE Girls Only session within the borough of Lewisham, On Wednesday 26th October 2016, from 10.00am - 12.00pm

- Conisborough College (Back Entrance), SE6 2SE
- Wednesday 26th October 2016

- Boys (10.00am – 12.00pm) £3 Per Child
- Girls Only (10.00am – 12.00pm), FREE

Book Now http://faskills.thefa.com/SkillCentres/London/ConisboroughCollege

For more details contact:
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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.

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.

Tickets are available for the theatre visit to see the West End show Aladdin on Wednesday 23rd November Tickets £25.00.
For more information please see Gail in the office.

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

It was great to see the reception parents and carers enjoying breakfast with us this morning. We hope you had a good time! A big thanks to the breakfast team: Tyneca, Charlotte, Rachel and Zoe.

CAKE SALE: Thursday Oct 20th: We're celebrating the end of half-term with a cake sale after school in the playground. We'd love your donations of cakes to sell, whether homemade or shop-bought it all goes to a good cause! Please give us a shout via email or facebook if you are able to help out on the day. We will collect cake donations in the playground before school on the day. 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 notice boards at school.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

Monday 10th October – Shoreditch Class at Broadway Theatre (am)
Tuesday 11th October – Athlete Visit – bring in PE kits
Monday 17th October – Year 2 Wide Horizons visit.
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

Thursday 17th November - Year 6 visit the British Museum

TARGET SETTINGS

Tuesday 1st November  3.45pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 3rd November  3.45pm – 6.00pm

OPEN MORNINGS


CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

13th October : 9.15 – 9.30  Camden Class
14th October : 9.15 -9.30  Angel Class
17th October: 9.10 – 9.30  Oxford Circus Class
11th November: 2.45 – 3.10  Hoxton Class
11th November: 2.45 – 3.10  Whitechapel Class
8th December: 2.50-3.10  Wimbledon Park Class
9th December: 2.50- 3.10  St James’s Park Class