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

We have had a great start to the new half term and children have continued to be focussed and are challenging themselves with their learning. As the weather changes, please ensure that your child has their coat with them everyday.

Naheeda Maharasingam  Julia Lannary
Executive Head  Head of School

MEDICATION

We would like to remind parents that any medication that your child needs to take in the school day must be PRESCRIPTION ONLY and handed into the school office.

A form will need to be filled in for the Head of School to authorise.

Opening Times

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

Gates will not be open before:

School Office Opening:  
Morning: 8.45am-9.30am  
Afternoon: 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

NURSERY  
- 11.45 for morning pick up and  
- 12.45 for Afternoon drop off.

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

MORNING PROCEDURES:

Please can we request that parents and children stand alongside the wall as it is a public footpath and we need to consider other pedestrian.

GATES: For the safety of children ONLY staff should allow adults to enter, please do not hold the gate open for anyone other than yourself.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Maddi Hesketh & Samuel James
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Zeshai Smith & Asiya Hossain Khel
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Dayjon Gallinelli & C J Bryan
- South Kensington (Reception) – Joshua Eriyo & Ella Wheatley
- Camden (Year 1) – Nathan Burbeck & Anabelle Hulbert
- Angel (Year 1) – Lailah Daly & Fraser Kinnaird
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Julia Iosub & Desiha Brown
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Yasmin Patel & Thierry Ramlal-Henry
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Rianna Babalola & Theo Barker
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Anaiah Reeve – Dobbs & Cara Crabtree
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Soraya Cumberbatch & Amaiyah Mortley - Simms
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Bilal Abahimi & Jake Lin
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Aedan Branker & Leah Miller
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Illias Hansali & Amber Bowden
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Michaela Donkor & Fergus Arno
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Sohia Huang & Khamron Lue Yong
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Kavi Prapagarana & Marques Walker
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Ayman Choudhury & Sarita Drayton - Horne

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Lowrie Pelling & Nishan Singh
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Elsie Clarke & Shyanna Peterson - Howitt
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Elysa Wilks & Rah’Niyah Cato
- South Kensington (Reception) – Tiara Walker & Iman Yong
- Camden (Year 1) – Leon Connor & Fatoumata Tunkarah Silah
- Angel (Year 1) – Alex Morgan & Kisara Manavalagan
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Niall Brooks-Smith & Miracle James
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Destiny Brown & Ella Nandoo
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Nithilia Johnson & Iris Kinnaird
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Roddy Douglas & Laila Hansali
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Kyla Amadi – Barrett & Tom Holland
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Anna Benefo & David Njoku
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Elizabeth Mensah & Cillian Farrell-Bryan
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Paris Wales & Elena James
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Chante Lobban & Jing Wen Wang
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Renae Ralph & Musa Conteh
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Liepa Zukauskaite & Joel Afful
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Neveah Cato & Ayuob Rahman
Broadway Theatre

Shoreditch class will perform "The Winter's Tale" at Catford Broadway on Tuesday 22nd November from 7pm.

Please book your Tickets are available from the box office starting at £7.00 call Catford Theatre on 020 8690 1000

**LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH**

Our language of the month is Bengali

PLEASE

Do-ya ko-ray

YES

Ha

THANK YOU

Dhanya-bad

NO

Naa

GOODBYE

Bee-Dai

HELLO

Hello

**PARTY BAGS AT RATHFERN**

Many of you enjoy providing Party Bags for your children’s classmates to take home. This is wonderful for your children and should be done at a Birthday Party NOT at school.

At Rathfern, we are happy for you to celebrate your child’s Birthday by sending ONE of the following:

Suitable items

A slice of cake (which must be sliced and wrapped)

OR A small bag of sweets or chocolates

OR A small toy/ game/ book

OR Pencils / Pens

** SCHOOL POLICY – No nuts are allowed **

Remember as a school we do promote healthy eating which means sweets as a treat only!
On Tuesday we held an amazing ‘Whole’ school assembly at Kings Hall Church, where all the children performed the songs they have learnt with Sally, our wonderful music teacher. It was also an opportunity for the Head Boys & Girls and Prefects to introduce themselves to the whole school. Their speeches were very inspiring. Please read some of them below.

**HEAD GIRL – Tiara Swaby**
My name is Tiara and I am head girl. I eagerly applied for the role, excited to see what my outcome would be. As Head girl I always make sure I am an excellent role model for others in the school and I put a huge effort in helping our community. I am available for not just pupils but staff and parents too.

**DEPUTY HEAD GIRL: Lillian Terlekska**
I have been chosen to represent Rathfern Primary School as I am an outstanding role-model and I’m also a very kind-hearted student. I know all the core values and the school poem off by heart and my job is to welcome everyone into the school every morning and make them feel that today is going to be a good day!

**HEAD BOY – Patrick Ladd**
My name is Patrick and I’m Head boy. I am in Knightsbridge class and I applied to help change the school and make it a better place for everyone. Now that I am Head boy I intend to help pupils with their learning and anyone who is upset can come and speak to me. I aim to inspire younger children and help them with their learning journey.

**DEPUTY HEAD BOY – Vithun Gnaneswaran**
The reason I wanted to take this role is because I believe instead of just improving the school we should help all students and inspire them. I want to make the pupils determined to face anything that comes their way. With that may target would be to help classes by taking a person to read or even take a group to try and accomplish challenges which may come in the future. I agree with Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon”.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
We are pleased to announce that Wearabouts on Sydenham High St is the school supplier for our uniform. We no longer supply school uniform from the office.
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 & Activity Clubs.

Attendance Figures from 31st Oct – 9th Nov 2016
Whole school attendance for 2015/16 = 96.52%

Congratulations to Marble Arch Year 2, Sloan Sq & Tottenham Court Rd for achieving the highest attendance.

Class Attendance this term

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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 Fiona at f.taylor@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Thank you to all the families who do keep us well informed.
DEBATE MATE

Last Friday we attended a very special event - the launch of Debate Mate. As expected, we were included in debating mindful topics.

We saw a group of children debating. It was so enjoyable and even our classmate Ayman Chowdhury had a say in the topic. We were very proud of him!

Overall, it was an inspiring day for all of us. The Debate Mate Club started in our school this week - we are all very excited about the year ahead! 

Holly & Kia - Piccadilly Circus

YEAR 3 HORNIMANS

On Thursday 20th October, Year 3 visited the Horniman Museum as part of our Science topic on Animals Including Humans. We had some time before our workshop, so we used this time to explore the museum including the animal room and the music room, which was fun!

We then participated in an exciting workshop to learn about skeletons and their functions. We explored different bones and the size, shape and function of different teeth. We had the opportunity to handle real animal skulls and study their teeth, to identify whether animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

To finish off our adventurous day, we had a chance to run around in the playground and visit the farm to say hello to the farm animals!

“I really enjoyed looking at the bats in the animal room.” Raheem Year 3

“I found the ostriches really fascinating to look at” Iris Year 3

“We saw all kinds of animals in the animal room, including insects, sea creatures and nocturnal animals which was really exciting for me because I haven’t seen them before.” Alex Year 3

I found the sea section really exciting because it has my favourite animal that lives under water which is a sea – horse.” Janelle Year 3

Year 3 St James’s Park Class
GLOW IN THE DARK DISCO – Friday 18th November

Thank you to all those parents who have purchased tickets for their children. Tickets have sold fast!!!!

We currently only have 31 tickets available for Reception and Nursery.

Tickets available for Years, 1, 2 & 3 SOLD OUT
Tickets available for year 4, 5 & 6 SOLD OUT

Food and accessories are still available to purchase.

Plus on the night we also have glitter tattoos and face painting available for £1.00 each

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:
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- 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

NOVEMBER
Monday 14th - Oxford Circus to visit HMS Belfast
Tuesday 15th - Regent’s Park to visit HMS Belfast
Wednesday 16th – Baker St to visit HMS Belfast
Thursday 17th - Year 6 visit the British Museum
Friday 18th – Year 3 visit to the British Museum
Monday 21st – Year 6 visit to the Horniman Museum
Tuesday 22nd - Shoreditch performing at the Catford Theatre
Friday 25th – Year 5 visit the British Museum
Monday 28th – Year 2 to visit Museum of London Fire Fire! Exhibition
Tuesday 29th – Year 1, 2 & 3 Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 30th – Choir performance at Blackheath Music Halls

DECEMBER
Friday 9th - EYFS Christmas performance AM: South Kensignton & AM Nursery
                       PM: Sloane Square & PM Nursery
Wednesday 14th – Whole School Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th – Reception visit to Albany Theatre
Wednesday 21st - Christmas Concert at 2pm in St Dunstans For years 3-6
                                 – Last day of term for the Christmas holidays

JANUARY
Tuesday 3rd Jan – INSET Day
Wednesday 4th Jan – Children return to school

OPEN MORNINGS – For prospective Reception parents.
Thursdays: 17th Nov, 9.15am     Thursday 1st Dec.at 9.15am

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:
8TH December: 2.50-3.10pm  Wimbledon Park Class
9th December: 2.50- 3.10pm    St James’s Park Class