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

It seems no time ago that we were starting a new term in September and now it’s our last newsletter before we break up for Christmas. We hope your children have thoroughly enjoyed the learning this term. I am pleased to say that your wonderful children are continuing to be dedicated to their learning and are making good progress. The staff at Rathfern have worked hard to support your children’s progress and I want to thank them on your behalf for their relentless work and commitment. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break with your children. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a peace filled New Year.

Naheeda Maharasingam  Julia Lannary
Executive Head  Head of School

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Newsletters from Spring 2017
We will be emailing our newsletters from the Spring term of 2017 to all parents. In preparation for this we must ensure we have correct email addresses. We would appreciate if you could send an email to: gfernandesjeth.209@lgflmail.org

Stating:
- Your name,
- Child’s name
- Child’s class
The newsletters will be uploaded onto our school site the same day as it is issued. If any parents wish to continue to receive a paper copy please register with the school office.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Stephanie Okoes & Haja During
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Khadija Touray & Elsie Clarke
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Sion Henry & Juwairiyah Chowdhury
- South Kensington (Reception) – Harry Healy & Injeera Rostas
- Camden (Year 1) – Leon Conner & Angelina Peart
- Angel (Year 1) – Sebi Olaru & Jenielia King
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Yevgeny Hudz & Stacey Cupi
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Kejsi Salkurti & Yasmin Patel
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Tricia Mansaray & Jayden Cowan
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Bethany Morgan & Marley Sablier
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Xander Hayter & Soraya Cumberbatch
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Larisa Olaru & Himayel Adnan
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Shianne Henry & Joseph Burrell
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Ruweyda Ahmed & Mamadou Barry
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Wen Lin He & Zara Nding’uri
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Giles Agugesi & Pooja Kaur
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Hanan Ahmed & Amari Campbell
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Holly Whittington & Mischa Soobramony

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Kayhan Kumandar & Samuel James
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Eelavan Gnameswaran & Younous Soumahoro
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Amari Dixon & Emir Yesibulut
- South Kensington (Reception) – Sophia Dodsworth & Isiah Miller
- Camden (Year 1) – Lateef Correia & Patrick Moseray
- Angel (Year 1) – Naomi Nwanedo & Logan Fierro
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Davina Afful & Julia Vanessa Iosub
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Vehbi Turkoglu & Adam Loudiyi
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Jake Connor & Tahliyah Codlin
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Keano Yong & Norah Younger
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Soraya Cumberbatch & Nikita Eero
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Alyse Townsend & Kenneth Anku
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Cindy Wang & Victoria Joe Marvin
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Aidreana Huxtable & Aaron Alghali
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Milandra Monalisa Bonelli & Naomi McLaren
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Rebecca Bushell & Gareran Uthayakumar
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Johana Heredia & David Uyiekpen
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Desharne Allen & Davina Green Wright
Albany Theatre
Reception had their first visit to the Albany Theatre to watch the performance of The Snail and the Whale, based on the much loved book written by Julia Donaldson. The children had a magical experience and thoroughly enjoyed the show. “I enjoyed seeing all the things, I liked it when we all got wet with the water.”

Sophia - South Kensington Class

Royal Festival Hall
The Royal Festival Hall was a brilliant success! The amazing Rathfern choir performed with four other schools. We were picked out of sixteen schools from the famous Blackheath Concert. We sang all of our favourite songs too! We had a fantastic time.

By Fergus

Cinema Visit
On Monday 19th December, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 hopped on a short train journey to the Beckenham Odeon to watch Finding Dory! Dory, a friendly but forgetful fish, captured our hearts and made us laugh in her quest to find her long-lost parents. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed having the entire cinema to ourselves!

Year 3 Author Visit
On Friday the 16th December an author called Juliet Desailly visited our school. She is the author of the book that we have been reading in class called Ma’ats feather. Some of us even got an extract from her next book Ammit’s Revenge. We weighed some paper hearts and feathers to find out if the person was good or bad. If a person was bad their heart would be eaten by Ammit but if the person was good then they would have an afterlife. We also made masks and she signed our books. We had a great day with her.

Drumming at Kaleidoscope
Our trip to Kaleidoscope was a fun and enjoyable activity for us to attend. We worked with babies with hearing problems. It was a great opportunity to show off our drumming skills in front of a small audience. We would hope that one day we could go back again to inspire younger children. After the performance Santa came and gave the children presents including us. It was a success and we would love to show our skills off again.

Amari & Ana
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 14th Nov – 25th Nov 2016
Whole school attendance for 2015/16 = 94.2%

Congratulations to KS1: South Kensington Class & KS2: St James’s Park Class for achieving the highest attendance.

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.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

21st December – 4th January Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 3rd Jan – INSET Day

Wednesday 4th Jan – Children return to school

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