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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
The term promises to be packed with both exciting and challenging learning experiences for the children. We look forward to yet another amazing Global Café event in the next few weeks.

Just a couple of reminders:
- Make sure that you get your child to school on time. The gates open at 8:45am and the school day begins at 8:55am
- Be sure to collect your child from school on time – the school day ends at 3:25pm for EYFS, KS1 & 3:30pm for KS2
- Develop a routine for home learning 15-20 minutes of reading and math’s practise can make a huge difference
- Make sure that your child goes to bed on time – children should have between 9½ and 11½ hours sleep each night so they have the energy for the learning challenges of every school day

Thank you to all of the many families who already do all of the above, we know that most of you do
Naheeda Maharasingam Julia Lannary
Executive Head Head of School

13th January 2017

Parking Plea!
This is a continued plea to parents/carers drivers.

PLEASE AVOID
- Double parking
- Parking on the zigzags and on the double yellow lines
- Stopping in the middle of the road to allow your children to get out of the car
- Doing 3 point turns at the junction

This all makes crossing the road at the Rathfern/ Pattenden Road junction extremely dangerous.

Please help to make this a safe area for the children to cross. We know that it is difficult to park near the school at the beginning and end of the day so why not try….
- Parking on adjacent roads such as Beechfield Road, Woolstone Road or Blythe Vale
- Parking away from school and walking the rest of the journey
- Walking to school
- Using public transport

Thank you to everyone who always park in a safe and responsible way.

CLUBS:
Enrichment clubs will re-start week beginning 16th January for 4 weeks, after which it will be half term and they will re-start again on the week beginning Monday 27th March.
Please ensure you put the dates in your diaries to avoid any confusion

Club Spaces:
Capoeira Y3-6, Drama Y3-5, Creative Art Rec – Y2, Ballet Rec – Y 3, Art & Craft Y3 – 6
Spanish Y2-Y4, Football Mon Y2-Y3, Dance Y3-5.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Remi Forde- Simpson & Yann Adigun
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Lily McLean & Josma Acacia Luzulo
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Ameliah Robinson & Abubacar Tunkara Silah
- South Kensington (Reception) – Harry Healy & Asher Godfrey
- Camden (Year 1) – Eman Hammoud & Naythan Burbeck
- Angel (Year 1) – Alex Morgan & Davina Oruma
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Yaad Ali & Eshe Hibbert
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Ella Nandoo & Shanae Gayle
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Fadwa Abdifatah Mohamud & Robert Ladd
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Evie Clyne & Hong-Zhuo Kamau
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) - Harley-May Francis & Rashai Oshunkoyi
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Devine Anglin & Theo Gayle
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Jimmy Sheridan & David Israel
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Amber Bowden & Crissan Marshall
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Shanna Gayle & Al-Wasy Alam
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Kay- Kay Tassie & Sipho Khumalo
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Johana Heredia Moquete & Raghavan Senthilkumaran
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Brooke Miller & Neveah Cato

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Jasper Ho & Maddie Hesketh
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Eva Dillon & Michael Oruma
- Sloane Square (Reception) - Khaleed Owolabi & Abdulai Konie
- South Kensington (Reception) – Minnie O’Shea & Sophia Dodsworth
- Camden (Year 1) – Menelek Jones & David Maduka
- Angel (Year 1) – Rahquarn Hill-Townsend & Bintou Sumerah Touray
- Marble Arch (Year 2) - Miracle James & Jack Wise
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Supriya Devkota & Mouad Bouhenniba
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Yijia He & Hilal Abrahimi
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Cara Crabtree & Artyom Eero
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Briana Jones-Kesler & Tom Holland
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Emilia Hesketh & Eliss Burbeck
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Naomi Radu & Yasmin Mark-Zeeno
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Ruweyda Ahmed & Rebekka Lee Charles
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Ella Louise Duffield & Yasmin Loudiyi
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Delina Menghistab & Raudhat Saleh
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Vithun Gnaneswaran & Savannah Davis- Thompson
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Mischa Soobramony & Thanuja Johnson
Rathfern Food Bank

Thank you for your support in donating food items to the Rathfern Food Bank. To date we have received a fantastic response and are able to support the important work carried out by Lewisham Food Bank. Please continue to donate the items into the food bins which are located at the school gates.

- Rice
- Noodles
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned soup
- Tea
- Coffee
- Biscuits
- Toiletries

Please do not donate any fresh food. We will donate these items to our partners in the Lewisham Foodbank services who will distribute them to people who need support.

Victoria & Albert Museum

On Tuesday Year 1 visited the V and A museum. We started the day by boarding a double decker bus into London. We were all really excited and used our previous knowledge to identify key London landmarks we went past. When we arrived we went to the theatre and performance exhibition where we sketched and tried on a range of exciting costumes. We also visited the Jewellery gallery, it was beautiful and we loved looking at the different precious metals and stones. In the afternoon we were lucky enough to have a workshop about clothes in the past. Julia our teacher was fantastic, she explained about what ladies and gentlemen wore in the past and we even had the opportunity to try on some of the historical clothes. By the end of the day we were exhausted and many of us fell asleep on the journey back. We cannot wait to continue our learning about clothes and textile back at school.

Ukuleles for Sale

We have 5 quality Ukuleles for sale at £25.00 each. They were spotted this week retailing in a local music shop at £49.99! We especially recommend these for Year 3 children upwards who are currently studying the Ukulele at school - so they can practise at home. But any Rathfern child is free to purchase one.

Please see Sally if you would like to buy one.
"You precious winners all; Your exultation partake to Every one."
*The Winter’s Tale*

Produced and Performed by Rathfern Primary School
The Broadway Theatre
22 November 2016
Appraised by Melanie Grossenbacher

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of Rathfern Primary School on their fantastic production! I’d like to highlight a few things from this group that stood out, wowed the audience and made this Shakespeare Schools Festival night an evening to remember.

This was a confident and mature production delivered with focus and attention to detail. Each actor was vibrant, energetic and brave.

A lot of thought had gone into bringing this play to life and the talented cast pulled off Mr Fielding’s detailed direction with style and personality. Your audience were “oooh-ing” and “ahh-ing”, laughing and gasping in all the right places, and you skilfully held their attention from start to finish.

We saw highly effective movement sequences which complimented the storytelling beautifully and successfully set the tone for your scenes. I got goosebumps when you repeated the dance and brought Hermione back to life!

Your commitment to your characters was seriously impressive as you delivered big performances which reached every member of the audience. I must also credit your fantastic vocal work: wow! I think this cast could deliver a masterclass in projection.

This was a sensational and enchanting production of *The Winter’s Tale*, from a captivating and committed cast.

“It's a significant achievement to do something as difficult and aspirational as perform one of Shakespeare's plays on a professional stage. Everyone who's taken part should be so proud of themselves.”
Ruth Brock, SSF Chief Executive

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see your school in the Festival again next year.

Melanie Grossenbacher
SSF Stage Director

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

JANUARY
Monday 16th Hearing & Vision tests for Year 1
Monday 16th Clubs start
Thursday 19th School Journey meeting for Year 6 starts at 5.30pm

Monday 13th – Fri 17th Half Term

FEBRUARY Target Settings: Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd
Wednesday 22nd – Florence Nightingale visiting reception

MARCH Thursday 2nd March World Book Day

SCHOOL VISITS:
Monday 23rd January Houses of Parliament Year 6
Monday 6th February London Philharmonic Year 2
Wednesday 1st February National History Museum Year 5
Thursday 2nd March National Maritime Museum Year 5:
Shoreditch & Whitechapel
Monday 6th March National Maritime Museum Year 5: Hoxton
Monday 13th March Ragged School Museum Year 2

ASSEMBLY DATES:

Reception: Thursday 16th March South Kensington
9.00am Friday 17th March Sloane Square
Year 1: Thursday 23rd March Angel Class
9.15am Friday 24th March Camden Class
Year 2: Thursday 2nd February Tottenham Class
9.00am Friday 3rd February Marble Arch Class
Year 3: Wednesday 29th March St James’s Park
2.45pm Thursday 30th March Wimbledon Park
Year 4: Wednesday 8th Feb Baker Street
2.45pm Friday 10th March Regents Park
Wednesday 15th March Oxford Circus
Year 5: Tuesday 21st March:
2.45pm Wednesday 22nd March:
Friday 24th March:
Shoreditch
Whitechapel
Hoxton