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

Christmas festivities have begun at Rathfern with the Early Years production of The Nativity
The children were a joy to watch and left the audience feeling very tearful and proud. The choir performed magnificently at Blackheath Concert Halls at the Turning of the Year Concert – well done Sally and all the children who took part.
I am looking forward to the many other performances over the next two weeks.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

Win a Christmas Tree

There is a wonderful opportunity for you to win a real Christmas tree. We have two 6 ft Christmas trees that we are able to donate to two Rathfern families.
If you wish to be put into the draw for a Christmas tree, please give your name to the office.
The draw will take place at the Winter Fair on Friday 15th December 2017. We will notify the winners on the Monday 18th December.
The Christmas trees must be collected on Tuesday 19th December. Please note that the decorations & lights are not included.

CLUBS

This week is the final week of Autumn Clubs.
They will re-start on the week beginning 15th January. Letters for clubs will go out next week and ParentPay will reopen on the 8th January.
Please make sure you have your ParentPay account ready as cash will not be taken in the office.

MUSIC CLUBS:
Payment will also be requested for the Spring term
PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Cheryl Greene and Jane Temple who were elected as Parent Governors on Monday.

Thank you to everyone who voted.
Football News

Well done to our Year 6 players Alan, Aaron and Joshua B for winning the Inner London Cup with the Lewisham district team last week; they will now play against other counties in a National Finals next year. Good luck!

Our Year 5 & 6 teams suffered their first loss of the season losing to St Joseph’s 2-0 and St Winifred’s 2-0 respectively. However they both made amends with convincing victories against Lancelot 4-0 and St Philip Neri 7-0. Well done boys!

This week 8th November will be the last set of matches for our Girls and Y3 & 4 teams until January.

Parents Vs Teachers Christmas Table Tennis Competition

Wednesday 13th December at 4.00pm – 4.45pm in Junior Hall

Please come along to play a game of table tennis against some of our teachers and other Rathfern parents. Even if you have never played before, come and get involved in the fun!

HMS BELFAST – Year 4

On Tuesday 5th December, Rowling and Rosen Classes visited the HMS Belfast warship as part of their studies of World War 2. During our trip, we were able to explore all of the decks, and get an idea of what life was like on board. We climbed a lot of ladders and almost got lost once or twice in the labyrinth of pathways around the ship! We especially enjoyed going to the captain's lookout and being able to become the captain of the ship.

JUNIOR CITIZENS – Year 6

Junior Citizens is an interesting active way to understand and avoid threats. We learnt how to stay safe online, on the street, if there is a fire and if someone is trying to show you a fake sales pitch to steal your money. Junior Citizens is an amazing experience and teaches you everything you need to know about staying safe.

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FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

We are pleased to announce that our events in 2017 raised £2,417. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have volunteered their time and effort over the past year. We look forward to plenty more successful events in 2018.

We would also like to thank those who have volunteered to take on committee roles. If you would like to be involved please let us know via email at forathfern@gmail.com or via our Facebook page ‘friendsofrathfern’.
You can also follow us on Twitter @FriendsRathfern.

On Friday 15th December between 3.45pm-5.30pm the choir will be welcoming parents/carers and friends to the Winter Fair singing harmonious songs that they performed at Blackheath concert halls on Wednesday.
Why not try your luck on the raffle? We have some fabulous prizes! Pop in to see Santa, he will drop by for a short visit. There will be games and lots of exciting activities for you to join in. Come along and support the school, we love to see you.

WINTER FAIR
Friday 15th December
3.45 - 5.45pm
BBQ Games
Face-painting
Bouncy castle
Raffle Gift stalls

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Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

**Attendance Statistics for period 27th Nov – 8th December**

Congratulations to Sendak Class for achieving outstanding attendance of 99.46% for the last two weeks. Rosen Class are very close behind with 98.07% and Blackman Class with 97.82%. The whole school attendance is slightly lower this week at 96.2%. This higher level of absentees is possibly due to sickness over the last half term.

**RED BOXES**

Please don’t forget to help fill our Boxes
To help families in need:

- Pasta Sauces
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned Meat / fruit / vegetables
- Soup
- Jam
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Biscuits/ mince pies/
- Christmas Pudding
- Kids Christmas Chocolates
- Cereal
- Fruit Juice
- Sugar
- Tea Bags /Instant Coffee
- Milk (UHT)

**PARENT DROP IN – DON’T FORGET.**

Tuesday: 9.00-9.20 a.m.
Tuesday: 5.30-6.00 pm
Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017
Christmas Holidays 21st Dec – 2nd Jan 2018

DECEMBER
Year 6 – Imperial War Museum  Monday 18th

CHRISTMAS PARTIES
Friday 15th  - Year 6
Monday 18th - Reception – Year 5

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS - December

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Wednesday 20th  Christmas Concert at St Dunstan’s
Year 3 – Year 6 at 2.00pm

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

| 14th December  | Seuss Class | 9.15am - 9.30pm |
| 15th December  | King Smith Class | 9.15am - 9.30pm |

JANUARY

3rd  Back to school
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Ming Long Le Do & Rohan Dowdeswell
- **Potter** (Reception) – Grace Powells & Tishen Brooks
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Higma Ahmed & Lola Tummon
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Sophia Dodsworth & Labib Rahman
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Abubacar Tunkara Sillah & Ivy Dwyer Losinski
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Joseph Temple & Bulut Yesibulut
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Immanuel Dapaah & Moseray Fadika
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Shareefa Henry & Miracle James
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Barnaby Hayter & Abdul Majid
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Norah Younger & Mylca- Audrey Koffi
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Kacper Borkowski & Pemisire Bolanle Amure
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Shaun Soukou & Lucy Bushell
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Temani Padmore & Mercedes Boakye Ansah
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Raven Pink & Adonye Orumbie
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) – Joshua Daniels & Khairy Jarrett
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Angel Baanah Jones & Churchill Omatseye Turner
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Delaney Chuter Clarke & Jagjit Singh

LEADING CITIZENS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Adam Hamla & Madison Morgan
- **Potter** (Reception) – Semariah Dauswell & Haja During
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Yusuf Alam & Cezara Perta
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Iman Yong & Joshua Eriyo
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Elysia Wilks & Sion Henry
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Angelina Peart & Filip Borkowski
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Fathi Abdifatah Mohamud & Trey Tomlinson
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Jeremih Whyte & Patrick Corcoran
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Riyaan Ahmed & Mouad Bouhenniba
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Aayush Pathak & Micah Coward
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Nithila Johnson & Raheem Russell
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Alisha Robinson & Nikita Eero
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Harley Jackman & Naomi Radu
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Oshai Davis Thompson & Anita Oruma
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) – Gospodina Rostas & Yasmin Loudiyi
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Khiel Thompson Goode & Ruweyda Ahmed
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Musa Conteh & Gaveran Uthayakumar