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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The term promises to be a challenging, exciting and action packed learning adventure. Just a few reminders

Make sure you get your child to school on time
Be sure to collect your child from school on time
School Learning ends at 3.25 p.m KS1 and 3.30 KS2
Develop a routine for home learning and reading every day - 15 - 20 minutes of reading and maths practise can make all the difference.
Make sure your child gets to bed on time they need to get plenty of sleep so they have the energy for the learning challenges of every school day.

THANK YOU TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO ALREADY DO ALL THE ABOVE

**HEADTEACHER**
**TEACHER DROP IN**
Don’t forget I am available every Tuesday 9.15am-9.45am & 5.00pm -6.15pm

Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me.

No appointment necessary just drop in and have a chat.
Thank you to those parents who have come and discussed their concerns with me I have found this communication extremely helpful.

**CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS**

Crisis are the national charity for homeless people. They help people directly out of homelessness and campaign for the changes needed to solve it altogether. Thank you to all those parents/carers who contributed to the collection for CRISIS we raised £128.22

**Volunteers needed to read with children.**

A workshop is being run for parents who are interested in volunteering at school to read with children. These will be held on:

**Tuesday 16th January at 2.30pm - 3.20pm**
and repeated on

**Thursday 25th January at 9.00pm - 9.40pm**

If this is something you are interested in? If so please see Shayan in the office.
Our annual Christmas Concert held in St Dunstans was a great success again, with children performing in various ways, we had the Choir, Instrumentalist, Composers and Gymnasts all show casing their talents. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the children and for Miss Sally and Miss Sophie who put so much effort into making it a success. Below are some quotes from a parent and pupils who enjoyed the day.

“I have never witnessed such a display of innovation, creativity and talent in a primary school performance as I did at Rathfern on the 20th December. Having worked for several years in secondary schools I would unequivocally confirm that the high standards I saw on display at the very least rivalled work of much older children. I was so impressed! I can’t wait until the next one! A huge well done to all the staff and children involved – an incredible achievement!”

Mrs Orumbi – Parent of Children in year 3 & 5

On 20th December our Christmas concert was held. To kick off the concert everyone performed a Christmas Medley to all the parents and carers. There were lovely poems from children of all different ages about Peace and Hope. In year Six, four groups of children performed their Christmas songs 'It's the time of Year', 'Christmas Miracle', 'Time to Shine' and 'Another Winter Song' and we all sang along. As a special surprise our teachers sang a jolly good song to spread the joy.

It was a great success!!

Musa - Naidoo Class

Keeping everyone on their toes, Delina, Lauren, Kayti and Shade performed 'It's the Time of Year' written by themselves, and made and produced by our band. Our wonderful teachers performed a song they had been practising a lot. Then we had our drummers and gymnasts stun the crowd. To finish off our concert Laila, Alba, Emmanuela, Sianna-Sheree, Yasmin and Shanna sang 'Christmas Miracle'.

Milandra - Horowitz Class
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

Whole School Attendance 93%

The whole school attendance for the beginning of the term is disappointingly low. There were 60 children absent from school on the first day back, the second day 40 absent, and the third day 30 absent. Some were a result of illnesses, but mostly holiday or no reasons given. It is really important that you communicate with the school as to why your child is absent. If we receive no information from yourselves then it will be marked as an unauthorized absence and may result as a referral to our Attendance and Welfare Officer. We do appreciate and thank all the families who communicate with regards to absences and request permission for a term time absence.

READING RECORDS

Please remind your child to bring in their reading record - well done to those children who are reading so regularly.
THANKYOU if you are ensuring your child is reading every night. Just 10 minutes listening to a child or reading to a child can make a huge difference.

NURSERY TIMINGS

We would like to make parents aware that in order to safeguard our children, parents are requested not to enter the school until 11.45 for collection and 12.45 drop off.
It is our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our children.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2018

January

Monday 15th Jan  Horowitz class to Horniman
Wednesday 17th Jan  Naidoo class to Horniman
Friday 19th Jan  Language of the Month Assembly
               (Arabic) 2.30pm

February

Thursday 8th Feb  Global Café

Half Term school for Year 6 students:
Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th  9.30am – 1.00am.

Target Setting meetings.
Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd February

Assemblies:

Year 1: 9.20am – 9.50am
Tuesday 16th Jan - Donaldson Class
Wednesday 17th Jan - Daly Class

Reception: 9.00 – 9.20am
Wednesday 7th Feb - Potter Class
Thursday 8th Feb - Sendak Class

Year 5: 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Tuesday 6th Feb - Blackman Class
Friday 23rd February - Angelou Class
Thursday 26th April - Riordan Class
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Asiyah Leo & Nimota Rasheed
- **Potter** (Reception) – Fatima Toure & Shyanna Peterson - Howitt
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Lucia Von Tunzelmann & Hai Peterson - Howitt
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Shanuki Appuhamy & Labib Rahman
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Angel James & Abdulai Konie
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Oliwia Douglas & Temani Wilks Hamid
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Iman Yong & Sophia Dodsworth
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Elias Aliane & Rah’Niyah – Leigh Cato
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Patrick Moseray & David Maduka
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Go-Go Tassie & Naomi Nwanedo
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Deborah Ijaopo & Miracle James
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Amari Jackman – Kallo & Jugga Singh
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Aayush Pathak & Elijah Benjamin
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Robert Ladd & Iris Kinnaird
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Shawnna Lee & Philip Wang
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Shianne Henry & Jaydon Samuels
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Devine Anglin & Larisa Olaru
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) – Al-Wasy Alam & Nathan Hiatsi
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Leo Gayle & McKaylah Wright
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Ashley Edwards & Rita Hugh

LEADING CITIZENS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Mansoor Darwishi & Isaac Annan
- **Potter** (Reception) – Lily McLean & Michael Oruma
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Lucia Von Tunzelmann & Hai Peterson - Howitt
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