Dear Parents

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break making the most of some glorious sunshine. The Summer term is already in full swing, we look forward to your children continuing to make progress and enjoying their learning at Rathfern.

EASTER BOOSTER SCHOOL YEAR 6 SUCCESS
Congratulations to over 30 Year 6 children who attended Easter school. Excellent commitment to your learning, it will make a difference.

READING
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.

PUNCTUALITY
A huge thank you to all those families who are making every effort to ensure their children arrive on time. However, a few families are persistently bringing their children in late. I will be contacting you to make an appointment to help you to bring your children to school on time. Children are losing learning time and this disrupts the learning.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

SCHOOL LUNCHES PRICES
The price of school meals will be increasing by 10p to £2.20 per day from 1st May 2018.

Please encourage your child to give feedback about their school meals. There is a comments folder kept in the dining hall. We need the children’s feedback to ensure the school meals are delicious and popular.

HEATHER
Farewell
Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Heather Brewer our extraordinary Attendance Officer. I am sure you will all agree she has made a huge difference to our children, families and staff team. Heather you will be missed but we all wish you the very best in your promotion at Chelsea College of Arts.
SATs - Year 6

We would like to inform you that the children in Year 6 will be taking Statutory Assessment Tests beginning on Monday 14th May and continuing throughout the week. It is essential that your child is in school PROMPTLY, before 8.55am, during the week, as it can be unsettling for them to arrive once the test has begun. To help encourage children to be on time and prepare them for the day, we will be providing a simple breakfast of toast and cereal. They will be welcome to come into school and have breakfast from 8.15am onwards, for that week only.

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MOON LIBRARY

This week year one have taken a trip to Moonlane book shop where they enjoyed a storytelling session. The children engaged in the dinosaur stories that were told and answered lots of questions. They met Dino the puppet who helped to act out and read the stories. The children all received an exciting gift bag including their very own book!

ESOL CLASSES

Are you interested in improving your written and spoken English?

Rathfern Primary is running FREE English Speaking and Writing classes for adults / parents on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. If you are interested, please leave your name with the school office. The classes start next week on Tuesday the 1st of May.

SUMMER FAIR

The summer Fair is fast approaching and the Friends of Rathfern need volunteers. Please keep the date free Saturday 30th June and if you would like to help please see Ms Rose or leave your name in the office.

SATs - Year 2

These will be taking place from Thursday 3rd May – Thursday 24th May.
DEBATE MATE

Debate Mate Cup

“As we entered Goldsmiths University it was amazing getting ready for the first round. We had to huddle together to plan the right moves. As we were sitting down everyone was nervous because this was a prepared motion called: This house would make community service compulsory over the holidays for the age of 9-11”.

Paris Year 6

The first debate:
‘Nerves were high but that didn’t stop our focus. This prepared debate was important. Kay-Kay the fist speaker, Sipho the second and I, Shade as the third and Paris the summary speaker, we pushed through and debated our hearts out. Our first competitor, Rotherhithe, were good but fortunately we won the first debate”.

Shade Year 6

“The feedback from judges Milly and Lawrence really helped us to improve our language and content for the next debate”.

Paris Year 6

The second debate:
“In the second debate our motion was to introduce a 4 day school week. We were debating against Tidemill Academy who were a very good side. However, we showed we were even stronger. The outcome was only going to be announced once we were all back in the main hall.

We were all nervous for what was to come and that’s when it happened…

Kay-Kay Yr6

The results:
“As anxiety spread the room each school could only hope that they were the chosen finalists. After a drum role we found out that Curwen received 142 points and we came in with 138 putting us in finals too. We were so overjoyed. Both teams had to then make their way down and find out what the motion would be for the final debate. The motion was: This house would fine individuals who don’t recycle. We were given only 5 minutes to prepare. Happy yet nervous both teams were ready for their debate. Both teams had passion. However we were stronger once again and we won. We couldn’t believe it, this was an experience that we will never forget!”

Sipho Yr 6
Rathfern Gymnasts retain their title as Borough Champions!

On Thursday the 19th of April Rathfern competed in both the Key Steps 2 (Year 3/4) and Key Steps 3 (Year 5/6) Gymnastics Borough Final Competitions.

We set the standard last year winning both competitions and going on to compete at The London Youth Games. This year we were keen to impress once again, and wanted to demonstrate our passion and commitment to gymnastics. The squad work tirelessly to learn and perfect complex routines both at home and during lunchtimes.

Gymnasts competed in three events - Body Management, Floor and The Vault. The children were scored in each event giving them an individual score that contributed to their overall team score.

We were thrilled when it was announced that both of our teams had come in first place, and that we were once again off to the London Youth Games to Represent Lewisham! What an amazing achievement!

In addition, two of our gymnasts were awarded special medals for their individual overall scores. One of our gymnasts received 3rd place and the other came 2nd overall.

The Gymnastics squad have already started training for The Youth Games and look forward to performing and sharing their skills at several events during the Summer Term.

Pupil Reflection

At the Key steps competition we performed our routines that we had been practicing for months. This year there were many more schools and a lot of competition. However, because of all our hard work, we won! We have been the Borough champions two years in a row now in gymnastics!

Musa Yr 6

One of the highlights for me was the feeling I had when I knew I had landed my vault perfectly. It was very special to be part of the winning team. All the hard work we have put in has paid off!

Matilda Yr 5
Key Steps 2 (Year 3) Gymnastics Squad
Borough final Winners!
19/04/18

Key Steps 3 (Year 5/6) Gymnastics Squad
Borough final Winners!
19/04/18
ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

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.

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.

PARENT DROP IN
Don’t forget
Thank you, to those of you who have come and aired your concerns and thanks with me. Mondays 9.30-10 a.m
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.

SUMMER SCHEME
Rathfern are offering a Summer Scheme in the holidays for children who attend our school from the 23rd July to the 3rd August, weekdays only. This will be on a first come, first serve basis from 8.00am to 6.00pm and will cost £30.00 per day. Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be provided for children attending a full day. Further information can be obtained from the office.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2018

MAY

Thursday 3rd May  E-Safety workshop 9.00 -9.30am & 3.40 -4.30pm
Held in Horowitz Class.

Monday 7th May  Bank Holiday – School Closed

Wednesday 10th  Year 1 to Crystal Palace

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th  Year 6 SATS

Monday 21st - 25th  School Journey – Horowitz & Laird Classes

Friday 25th May  INSET DAY

HALF TERM – Mon 28th - 1st June

JUNE

Monday 4th - 8th June  School Journey – Naidoo Class

Tuesday 12th  Brazillian Drummers at Tower of London

Saturday 30th  Summer Fayre

JULY

Friday 13th  Sports Day

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Rathfern Primary would like to invite all parents and carers to an e-safety workshop. If you are concerned about internet safety, we will show you how to install and use various e-safety applications during the session.

Please bring any tablets, smartphones or laptops that you would like help with.

E-Safety workshop
9.00 -9.30am & 3.40 -4.30pm
Held in Horowitz Class.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Carle (Nursery) – Mansoor & Inez
- Potter (Reception) – Davi & Lowri
- Sendak (Reception) – Cezara & Rio A
- Daly (Year 1) – Sam & Isaiah
- Donaldson (Year 1) – Elyssia & Abdulai
- Kitamura (Year 2) – Simao & Clinton
- Browne (Year 2) – Jeniela & Kisara
- King Smith (Year 3) – Patrick & Welentyna
- Seuss (Year 3) – Rio S & Shanae G
- Rowling (Year 4) – Norah & Hong Zhou
- Rosen (Year 4) – Alex H & Emohitae
- Blackman (Year 5) – Nikita & Lucy
- Angelou (Year 5) – David I & Kwesian
- Riordan (Year 5) – Melita & Isaac F
- Horowitz (Year 6) – Shanna G & Alba Matos
- Naidoo (Year 6) – Rassul & Ana T
- Laird (Year 6) – Ashley & Raudhat

LEADING CITIZENS

- Carle (Nursery) – Elizabeth & Kellis
- Potter (Reception) – Serah & Oumar
- Sendak (Reception) – Naomi & Brandon
- Daly (Year 1) – Hareem & Prince M
- Donaldson (Year 1) – Jasmitha & Amari
- Kitamura (Year 2) – Aisha A & Fatoumata
- Browne (Year 2) – Moseray & Alex M
- King Smith (Year 3) – Yanna & David P
- Seuss (Year 3) – Mustafa & Rena
- Rowling (Year 4) – Artyom & Bethany
- Rosen (Year 4) – Elizabeth J O & Raheem
- Blackman (Year 5) – Tufan & Tom H
- Angelou (Year 5) – Jimmy & Aedan
- Riordan (Year 5) – Adonye & Oshai
- Horowitz (Year 6) – Yasmin L & Wen Lin
- Naidoo (Year 6) – Paris W & Kawthar
- Laird (Year 6) – Chidi & Rebecca