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 making good progress. The staff at Rathfern have worked diligently to support your children’s progress and I want to thank them on your behalf for all their hard work and commitment.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break with your children. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

It’s been a fabulous term and well worth remembering for some of the highlights so far.

- Macbeth at Greenwich Theatre
- The school choir perform our own songs at The Royal Festival Hall
- Early Years Breakfast
- School is awarded Silver Rights Respecting
- Anti-Idling Campaign
- Community Ambassadors win a pitch at the GLA for Homeless Persons Project
  - Nursery-Christmas songs
  - Early Years Shine Star Shine was an outstanding success
  - KS1 Christmas Production was superb
  - Lights, Camel, Action
  - Year 3-6 Christmas Carol Service

Many thanks to all parents who attended to support your children. We had an impressive turnout – well done

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

Parent Governor Election

In January we will be looking to elect a Parent Governor for Rathfern School

Parent governors are elected by the parent body to represent them on the governing body. They share the views and where, appropriate, the concerns of parents with the governing body and act as a conduit between parents and the governing body.
Rights Respecting Schools Award

Pitch Outcome – Congratulations!!!

We are pleased to announce that the Community Ambassadors Homeless Project has been granted the funding that they pitched for at City Hall.

The pupils are delighted to get this project started and with the funding will now start the process. The first stage will be to use the allocated funds to package together a care pack for 80 homeless people. Each care pack includes a sleeping bag, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, sock and a comb. These care packs will be delivered to the 999 Club Homeless Charity in Deptford by the end of January after which we will start the next stage.

The Community Ambassadors are passionate about this project and will be working on various activities to support the Homeless throughout the year. Watch this space for updates.

Homeless people are human beings, where is our humanity?

Article 27: Everyone has a right to food and a safe place to live.
CLUBS

The letter for enrichment club applications went out this week and will open on ParentPay on Monday 7th January and clubs will start the following Monday 14th January 2019.

Homework club for Years 1,2,3 & 4

Next term a new home work club after school every Monday to Thursday 3.30-4.15 years 12,3 and 4 with Miss Rose and Miss Linda. Offering support in completing home-learning with your parents in the ICT suite.

The Reading café will also take place on those days in the library parents to accompany Monday-Thursday times as above.

Pre teach session after school Friday 11th 3.30-4.15 in the ICT suite for year 2 families An introduction to the rain-forest, more information to follow.

Homework club for Year 6

This will take place every Friday in Mountsfield Park Class at 3.30 – 4.30 pm from on the following dates Fri 11th, 18th, and 25th Jan, 1st and 8th Feb.

Turning of the Year Choir Performance

On Wednesday 12th December the KS2 choir had great fun singing at The Royal Festival Hall. The highlight of the concert for us was performing our own individual Rathfern song. We sang 'Winter Spirit' composed by Elani, Naomi and Devine followed by 'Sprinkle Love All Above' composed by Shianne and Mercedes. Well done to all Choir members for the months of hard work that went into learning the eight songs for this wonderful show.
Year 1 & 2 NATIVITY

Last week Year 1 and Year 2 put on a showstopper Nativity called ‘Lights, Camel, Action!’

“I enjoyed the innkeepers tango because the actions were really good. When they were dancing with the brooms, the moves were really impressive!” – Khaleed

“My favourite part of the show was when Caser said ‘Give me big hair and some glitter and I’m away. The swim, the funky chicken, you can hustle me at the bus stop anytime.’ It was also the funniest in the school play.” – Ivy

“I really enjoyed when I went on the stage, said my lines and smiled in front of all the parents.” – Bea

“I enjoyed when the judges were dancing on the stage and doing actions. I liked when we danced to my favourite song - ‘Funky Camel’.” - Labib
SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Year 3/4 Forest Hill & Sydenham School Football Competition - Winners!
Year 5/6 Forest Hill & Sydenham School Athletics Competition - 2nd Place!
Year 5/6 Lewisham Borough Athletics Competition - 3rd Place!
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21st December last day of term

We return to school on
Tuesday 8th January 2019

JANUARY

Thursday 17th       Year 6 trip to Horniman
Friday 18th       Year 6 trip to Horniman

PARENT INFORMATION MORNINGS (Coffee Mornings)

9.10-9.30am
Thursday 10th January  Year 5
Friday 11th January  Year 6
Monday 14th January  Year 4
Wednesday 16th January  Year 2 & Reception
Thursday 17th January  Year 1
Friday 18th January  Year 3

TARGET SETTINGS
Monday 1st April & Wednesday 3rd April 2019

OPEN MORNINGS - For prospective parents

Wednesday 9th January
Friday 11th January