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

We are having a fabulous half term and these are some of the highlights so far:

- Parent information mornings
- A visit from UNICEF
- A visit from a Government minister
- Parents spoke at training for Newly Qualified Teachers
- Peer Review with Good Shepherd, Drumbeat and UCL
- Reception have a Penguin Day
- Y5/6 have restorative justice training
- STEM Science Workshops
- Community Ambassadors support homeless in Deptford

Mrs Maharasingam   Head Teacher

OFFICE OPENING HOURS.
I would like to inform parents that the school office will be closed between the hours of 10.00am – 3.00 pm for general enquiries.

LATES / ABSENCES.
If your child is late please ensure they come into the office to collect a Late Card, this is to ensure they are recorded as ‘present’ for the day.

If your child is absent please ring the office in the morning so that we are informed of a reason.
ANY requests for absence (holidays etc) will need a form filled in and authorised by the headteacher.

PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE
Lost learning time has a detrimental impact upon your child’s learning progress.
Effective schools have excellent attendance and punctuality.
Thank you to those parents who are punctual - I do notice you!

HEADTEACHER TEACHER DROP IN
Don’t forget I am available every Tuesday 9.00-9.30am and 5.30pm – 6.30 pm

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.

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Community cohesion in action - Homeless project

Community cohesion was truly in action last week Friday as Rathfern pupils handed over 80 sleeping bags and care packages to the good people at Deptford 999 Club for the homeless. The mayor of Lewisham and other dignitaries were in attendance. Please visit our website to see the tweets, articles and letters of thanks for our participation in this project.

SDG 1 - No Poverty

SDG 2 - Zero Hunger

Article 27 - I have the right to have a proper house, food and clothing.
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) – Focus group with UNICEF

On Thursday 24th January our children had the opportunity for to share their experiences, ideas and work they have been doing with the SDGs with UNICEF and guest visitor Lord Bates. The purpose of the visit was to speak to a group of pupils in a focus group about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UK Government will be reporting on its progress towards the SDGs and are reviewing work done in schools and organisations across the UK.

They came to speak to our children to incorporate their voice into this review. It was a very important and valuable opportunity that may influence the government’s work on the SDGs in the near future and a valuable learning experience for our children.

The UK government will be submitting the Voluntary National Review to the United Nations, at a High Level Political Forum in July 2019.

Article 12: I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously.

Article 17: I have the right to get information in lots of ways, so long as it’s safe.
Thank you,
Rathfern Primary School

Your generous donations of sleeping bags and toiletries will help homeless people in South London to change their lives.

January 2019
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

Attendance Statistics for period 8th – 18th Jan 2019.
Whole School Attendance 94%

Congratulations to all classes achieving over 97%. Beckenham Place and Friendly gardens are joint with 98.1%, Chinbrook, Horniman and Wells Park also achieved 97% +.

CORE VALUES

Core values underpin all that we do at Rathfern they enable all members of our community to feel safe and valued.

Please discuss our core values with your child they are vital to enable your child to learn effectively at Rathfern.

- Respect each other
- Always question your best
- Take responsibility
- Help and care about each other
- Everyone Matters
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2018

February
Thursday 7th Feb  Debate Mate competition

HALF TERM 18th February – 22nd February
Half Term school for Year 6 students:
Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th - 9.30am – 1.00am.

Monday 25th  Children return to school

Target Setting meetings.
Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd April

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.

Year 4 Swimming
ALL children MUST bring in their swimming kits EVERY Thursday. They must have a swimming kit, swimming hat and a towel.

If children are unable to swim, parents are advised to write a note to the class teacher with a reason.
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