



Rathfern News

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26th April 2019

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

We hope you had a wonderful break with your children.

It is the Summer term already, we look forward to your children continuing to thrive, make progress and enjoy their learning at Rathfern.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head teacher

IMPORTANT

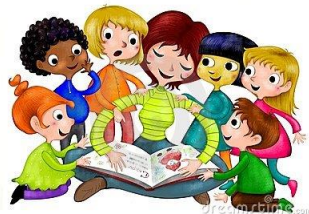
Please can I remind you that if you have changed your phone number or any other details please can you inform us as soon as possible. We have had cases recently where we have not been able to contact parents in emergency situations.



NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEPTEMBER

Apply now for children aged 3 by the end of August 2019.

Please call into the office to complete an application form.



Head Teacher Drop In

Don't forget I am available every
Tuesday 9.10-9.40am

and
5.00pm – 5.30 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. We are committed to improving our engagement with all parents and carers.

EASTER BOOSTER SCHOOL YEAR 6 SUCCESS

Congratulations to over 45 Year 6 who attended Easter school.

Excellent commitment to your learning, it will make a difference.

SATs

SATs will take place during the week of 8th May. During this week Monday – Thursday a breakfast of toast and cereal will be provided for the children arriving at school from 8.15am

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School Uniform & PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit each week. Branded clothing or football shirts are not acceptable. A uniform PE kit creates equality for all children. Our school PE consists of a plain white t-shirt and black jogging bottoms or shorts

Rathfern uniform consists of:

Nursery – Year 4	Year 5 – Year 6
Polo Shirt	White shirt & tie
Grey trousers	Grey trousers
Grey / Black socks	Grey socks
Green sweatshirt with logo	Green sweater with Logo

Thank you to the children who are wearing the correct uniform & PE Kit.

SCHOOL TRIPS £30 ANNUAL FEE

Please remember that we encourage parents to pay an annual charge of £30 for School trips, Once paid all visits will be free unless they are not educational.

PARTY BAGS AT RATHFERN

Many families enjoy providing Party Bags for their children's classmates to take home. This is wonderful but we cannot facilitate this at school.

At Rathfern, we are happy for you to celebrate your child's Birthday by sending in just ONE of the following items.

Here are some guidelines for suitable items:

A slice of cake (which must be sliced and wrapped)

OR- a small bag of sweets or chocolates

OR –A small toy/game/book

OR - Pencils/pens

OR – Stickers

OR - A balloon

We will not distribute party bags.

SCHOOL POLICY NO NUTS ARE ALLOWED

Thank you for your co-operation. If you do have any more suggestions about what works well for a gift, let me know. Remember as a school we do promote healthy eating, which means sweets as a treat only!

SUMMER CLUB. REGISTER OF INTEREST

Good news! We will be running the summer play scheme again this Summer as we appreciate the challenges that the long summer break presents to working parents and are committed to supporting our families.

However, we would need to have at least 20 children each day to cover the costs. The cost of the summer scheme would be approximately £25 per day and it would take place during the first 2 weeks of the summer break (22nd July to 2nd August).

If you are interested in taking up this service this summer, please register your interest by Tuesday 7th May or by e-mailing Gail in the office at: g.fernandes@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

A leaflet will go out on Monday with the various options for you to choose and return to the office.





MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to the Friends of Rathfern team for an exceptional Mothers Day experience, which could rival the Ritz!
A lot of thought and effort was put into the day to make it such a memorable event.



LATES / ABSENCES.

Please note that any child arriving after 8.55am is considered late whether or not the main gate is open, and will need to collect a Late card so that the teacher is aware that the child is accounted for in case of an emergency.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2019

APRIL

Tuesday 30th Year 2 SAT's meeting for parents 9.00am & 5.30pm

MAY

Monday 6th Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May Year 4 at Royal Festival Hall
Monday 13th – 16th Year 6 SAT's
Friday 24th Community Picnic

JUNE

Thursday 6th Global Café
Wednesday 12th New Reception intake: Parents meeting 9.30am & 5.00pm
Thursday 13th New Reception intake: Stay & Learn 4.00 -4.45pm
& 5.00- 5.45pm

Friday 21st Summer Fayre
June 27th Nursery to visit Mudchute Farm

JULY

Friday 12th Sports Day
Monday 15th Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17th Summer Concert
Thursday 18th Year 6 to Chessington

Friday 19th LAST DAY OF TERM

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.

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!