



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

Friday 6th September 2019

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

WELCOME BACK

I hope you have had a wonderful summer with your children.

Our diligent and committed staff look forward to another exciting and challenging year to ensure your children achieve their very best.

BRITISH COUNCIL VISIT

I will be in South Africa visiting our partnership schools for two weeks.

Look out for my tweets on the website!

A warm welcome to our new staff:

Teachers

Anu Adegbuyi: Year 3

Charlotte McGrath: Reception Class

Teaching assistant:

Louise Togoh

Lunchtime supervisor:

Tami Fowler

Ramota Adebajo

Wraparound staff:

Samantha Glenn

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!

NEW RECEPTION LEARNERS

A very,very special warm welcome to all our new Reception pupils and their families. We are confident your children will have a wonderful learning adventure at Rathfern. They have settled in beautifully - Well done children and Early Years staff.

Clare Goldsmith one of senior leaders will now be our second Assistant Head working alongside Ms Daley

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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 as 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

PARENT DROP IN –DON'T FORGET

(covered by Assistant Head and Inclusion Lead whilst I am in South Africa)

- Tuesday 9.00-9.20 a.m.
- Tuesday 5.30-6.00 pm

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

MEAL COSTS – AUTUMN 2019

First half term 33 days

£75.90

Second half term 39 days

£89.70

Total for the week £11.50

Total for the whole term £165.60

RIGHTS RESPECTING

We are pleased to announce we are now a Gold Rights Respecting School, recognised by UNICEF UK. The third stage of the award means that our school has fully embedded children's rights throughout our school's policy, practice and ethos.

We will however, continue to work with UNICEF to explore new ways to embed and develop an even deeper understanding of rights respecting across the school and community.

Copies of the full report are held in the School Office if you would like to read it.



UNITED KINGDOM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2019

SEPTEMBER

Monday 9th Year 1 and 2 Coffee Mornings 9:10-9:30
Tuesday 10th Year 3 and 4 Coffee Mornings 9:10-9:30
Wednesday 11th Year 5 and 6 Coffee Mornings 9:10-9:30

Monday 16th Soft Start begins for whole school NOT for
Reception classes.

OCTOBER

Tuesday 15th TARGET SETTING
Thursday 17th TARGET SETTING

Friday 18th Half Term Break

Monday 28th Reception soft start begins



TERM DATES : 2019/20

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd September 2019	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Children return to school
Friday 18 th October 2019	Last day of term

Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 28 th October 2019	Children return to school
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7th January 2020	Children return to school
Friday 14th February 2020	Last Day of term

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24th February 2020	Children return to school
Friday 3rd April 2020	Last day of term

Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020 – EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April 2020	Children return to school
Monday 4th May 2020	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 22nd May 2020	Last day of term

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 1st June 2020	Children return to school
Friday 17th July 2020	Last day of term

Monday 20th July 2020	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st July 2020	INSET DAY