



# Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

8<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The term promises to be a challenging, exciting and action packed learning adventure.

Just a few reminders:

- Make sure you get your child to school on time – Be in the playground by 8.50am
- Be sure to collect your child from school on time - School Learning ends at 3.25pm for KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2
- Develop a routine for home learning and reading every day, 15 - 20 minutes of reading and maths practise can make all the difference
- Make sure your child gets to bed on time, they need to get plenty of sleep so they have the energy for the learning challenges of every school day

THANK YOU TO SO MANY FAMILIES WHO ALREADY DO ALL OF THE ABOVE, I DO KNOW MOST OF YOU DO.

- Mrs Maharasingam  
Head Teacher

## OFSTED NEWS

If you haven't heard already we had a visit from Ofsted on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

We are delighted to inform you that we have achieved the highest possible grades in all areas and have been rated as an **'Outstanding'** school overall.

Overall effectiveness: Outstanding

Effectiveness of leadership and management: Outstanding

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment: Outstanding

Personal development, behaviour and welfare: Outstanding

Outcomes for pupils: Outstanding

Early Years provision: Outstanding

## BALLOON RELEASE

Please check the Newshopper for news of the Mayor's and the Director of Education's visit to Rathfern.

## RATHFERN SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please can parents apply for a library card which will be used in our school library. Please collect an application form from the office.

If your child already has a card, we would like them to apply for a school card for use in our school only.

Rathfern library cards will remain in our school.

## PARENT DROP – IN

Tuesdays: 9.15am - 9.45am

Tuesdays: 5pm - 6.15pm

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

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the coffee mornings this week.

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## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Elias Aliane & Lachlan Arno**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Hareem Adnan & Prince Mensah**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Fraser Kinnaird & Rahquarn Hill-Townsend**
  - **Carlisle (Reception) – Lateef Correia & Patrick Moseray**
  - **Hereford (Year 1) – Yasmin Patel & Vehbi Turkoglu**
  - **Canterbury (Year 1) – Abdul Sillah & Miracle James**
  - **Manchester (Year 2) – Janelle Hiatsi & Iris Kinnaird**
  - **Bath (Year 2) – Callum Johnson & Jenaya Benjamin**
- **Inverness (Year 3) – Judah Ajala & Melita Londhe McKechnie**
  - **Chichester (Year 3) – Yasmin Mark-Zeeno & Hope Wise**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Reuben Forde-Simpson & Alisha Robinson**
- **London (Year 4) – Ella-Louise Duffield & Emmanuela Okameme**
  - **Brighton (Year 4) – Zia Gosai & Jumana Rakik**
  - **Exeter (Year 4) – Ana Texeira & Alex Crabtree**
  - **York (Year 5) – Joel Afful & Jackson Armstrong**
- **Liverpool (Year 5) – Ayman Chowdhury & Raagulan Senthilkumaran**
- **Cambridge (Year 6) – Isabelle Crawford & Nashaun Okeno Crosdale**
  - **Oxford (Year 6) – Will Tassie & Conrad Mathison**

## LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Jasmitha Johnson & Skylar Carney**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Olive Yamaguchi-Crawley & Jacob Johnson**
  - **Edinburgh (Reception) – Naomi Nwanedo & Jeniela King**
- **Carlisle (Reception) – Joseph Temple & Fatoumata Tunkara Sillah**
  - **Hereford (Year 1) – Yanni Sabir & Fatima Sumareh Touray**
  - **Canterbury (Year 1) – Aishat Rasheed & Chajethha Nimalan**
  - **Manchester (Year 2) – Khadija Konie & Pinthusha Sivakumar**
    - **Bath (Year 2) – Khalil Shabazz & Kadiatu Diallo**
  - **Inverness (Year 3) – Bobbi-Rose Barker & Jaida Benjamin**
  - **Chichester (Year 3) – Joseph Burrell & Cillian Farrell-Bryan**
    - **Colchester (Year 3) – Harley Francis & Kie Purnell**
    - **London (Year 4) – Sami Shabazz & Samuel Samba**
    - **Brighton (Year 4) – Prithvi Johnson & Ashley Edwards**
    - **Exeter (Year 4) – Aminata Baanah-Jones & Illias Hansali**
      - **York (Year 5) – Gamze Karaoglan & Zohra Darwishi**
      - **Liverpool (Year 5) – Brooke Miller & Kia Clarke**
    - **Cambridge (Year 6) – Saskia Green & Naysa Marshall**
    - **Oxford (Year 6) – Zainab Olabiyi & Beverly Quansah**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

2016

- **THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** School cinema event after school
- **FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** Last day of term
- **MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** Half term – Readathon challenge
- **MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY:** Children return to school
- **THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH:** World Book Day – children to dress up as a book character for £1 in aid Roald Dahl's Marvellous children's charity
- **TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH:** Evening performance of The Railway Children for children in Years 2 – 6 (selected children)
- **THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Last day of term
- **FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Good Friday – no school for children
- **MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Easter holidays
- **MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Children return to school



## **SCHOOL TRIPS – 2016**

- **FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:** Year 1 visit the V&A Museum
- **MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:** Year 5 visit the Natural History Museum
- **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:** Year 2 visit Ragged School Museum
- **THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY:** London & Brighton classes (Year 4) visit the British Museum
- **TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:** Inverness class (Year 3) visit the Natural History Museum
- **TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY:** Chichester class (Year 3) visit the Natural History Museum
- **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY:** Exeter class (Year 4) visit the British Museum
- **FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** Cambridge class (Year 6) visit Houses of Parliament
- **TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** Colchester class (Year 3) visit the Natural History Museum
- **FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Oxford class (Year 6) visit Houses of Parliament

## **PUPIL PREMIUM: RECEPTION - YEAR 6**

### **URGENT REQUEST**

Please may we remind families to apply for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of the following benefits:-

- **income support**
- **job seeker's allowance (income-based)**
- **employment support allowance (income-related)**
- **child tax credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190**
- **guarantee element of pension credit**
- **Support under part VI of the Asylum Act 1999**

Our school will receive £1,320 for each child for up to six years. This is critical funding for our school. Your child will benefit from free school trips.