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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you again for all your support and patience this half term. We are working as hard as we can to make sure our school is as safe, joyful and as focused as possible. And so far, despite everything, your children have been an absolute credit to you, the school and the wider community. This is making our work even more rewarding.

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM - support for parents

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 9:30am / 5:30pm

On Wednesday 4th November 2020, we will be hosting a digital training session on how to access and use Google Classroom.

With the current need for a remote learning solution and all home learning now being set through Google Classroom, we would like to ensure that you are confident when using the platform. We hope this will enhance your ability to support your children with their online learning.

Two sessions will be available (9:30am and 5:30pm) and will include a live demonstration of Google Classroom with a question and answer session to follow.

We would be delighted if you were able to attend.

## SCHOOL CLOSED– Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November INSET day

The school will be closed on Monday 4th November for staff training so the children's first day back after the half term will be **Tuesday 3rd November**

## ARBOR PORTAL

To reduce the multiple forms of communication and payment methods, we have decided to end our contract with ParentMail from 1st October. We are now using more 'sections' of our current system to enable parents to access their:

- Meal balances
- Update phone (Contact numbers)
- Communication via -Emails and texts

For this to work, we urgently need you to inform /update us of your current email address.

IF you are already receiving emails/texts you don't need to worry. If you are not receiving either a call or text please send your current details to [replies@rathfern.lewisham.co.uk](mailto:replies@rathfern.lewisham.co.uk)



## HOT MEALS / PACKED LUNCH

We are finding that many children are swapping from hot meals to packed lunch and not informing the school.

It is extremely important that you inform the school office as soon as possible or else you will be charged for the meal at £2.30 per day, as your child would have been accounted for as having a hot meal and that meal wasted.

Children must stick to either packed lunch or school dinners for an entire half term.

## CHANGE OF PROCEDURES FOR SIBLING DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We appreciate this has been very difficult for some of our families but we want to ensure that we minimise any possible risks of transmission. The safety of our pupils and staff is our first priority

Your kind words and efforts to follow our procedures are greatly appreciated!

When collecting or dropping off your child, please remember to follow social distancing guidelines and not gather in groups.

We also ask that you do not linger at drop off and collection points to help avoid congestion. We have listened to your feedback and from Tuesday 3rd November, we have altered timings to reduce the time parents have to wait with multiple siblings.

Please see the **new timings**:

	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery	8.50-11.50	12.50 – 3.50
Rec & Year 3	8.30	3.00
Year 1 & Year 4	8.40	3.10
Year 2 & Year 5	8.50	3.20
Year 6	9.00	3.30

**IF YOU ARE LATE - WE WON'T WAIT** Please make sure you are on time. If you are late, that increases the risk of bubbles mixing and is not helping to keep our school and wider community as safe as possible. There will also be a fine of £5.00 for every 15 mins (or part of) that you are late.



## DROP OFF AND PICK UP SAFETY

If you are unable to maintain a 2 metre social distance from other parents and carers during morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times, then we strongly advise you to wear a face covering to protect yourself and our Rathfern community.

## CORE VALUES

In my assemblies, I have been reminding our children about our Core Value of RESPECT

- Respect each other

Respecting someone at Rathfern means treating someone in a way that makes them feel cared for and important.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



The school photographer will be in on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November to take individual photos of the children and with their siblings.

If you would like your child to have their picture with a sibling please email [replies@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:replies@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk) with the name and class of all children concerned.

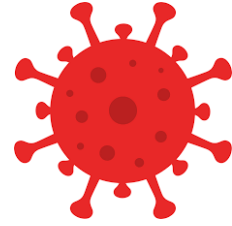
## BOOK AMNESTY

Can we please remind all Parents/ Carers who have children currently in Years 1-3 to return the books given to them in the lockdown period. This is so they can be used by other children from Reception – Year 2.

## BUG CLUB

Our virtual reading programme – Bug Club - is now up and running. Your child will bring home their Bug Club login details, given to them by their class teacher. We do hope that the children and you will enjoy this new addition to our reading provision.





## COVID REMINDER:

- Please do not bring your child to the school gates if they are a close contact of a closed bubble as they should be self-isolating at home.
- IF you have symptoms or your family is showing symptoms, the whole family should be tested and the school informed so the necessary actions can be taken.
- We would also ask parents to wear a mask when waiting to drop or collect their child from outside the school. This not only keeps you safe but others also.

### How can I support the school to reduce transmission?

- Wear a mask when bringing/collecting you child
- **Arrive at the allocated times for your child's year group**
- Do not congregate in large groups with other parents waiting to collect
- Leave the school gate as soon as you've collected your child.
- Re-enforce the safety routines with your child: hand washing and distancing

## TARGET SETTING

This week's Target setting was a chance to discuss your child's progress and targets for the term. We hope you found these useful and informative. Please give us feedback so you feel more empowered to support your child's learning.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2020

<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>STAFF INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (School Closed)</b>
Google Classroom Support	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November (9.30am / 5.30pm)
School Photographer	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu Immunisations	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>

### 2021

<b>INSET days</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Children return to school	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January

## 2020 Virtual Training events

Google Classroom Support	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November (9.30am / 5.30pm)
Learning Attributes Self -Regulation	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Learning Attributes Reflection	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December



## SLT Virtual Meet

Many Thanks again to parents who joined us for our Virtual meet the SLT. A link will be sent via text before the meeting.

We will be holding Virtual SLT meetings every Friday 9:30am-10 am. You will be able to raise any questions you may have and hear more about our approach to keeping your child/children safe and educated. *A link will be sent via text before the meeting.*

Should you have any Questions, comments and queries that you would like us to answer regarding the school closure or risk assessments you can now use our new email address:

[covid@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk)

## COATS AND LAYERED CLOTHING

As the weather grows colder and rainy days may be approaching, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Currently we are required to keep external classroom doors open through the day which means classrooms can be quite cool. Please ensure your child always brings their school jumper or cardigan but is also wearing a long sleeved shirt, vest, thermal top/underwear or alternative under their uniform.

Please also ensure your child is bringing a waterproof coat with a hood to school. On days where there is light drizzle or rain we do still go outside for breaks so the students need appropriate outerwear on these occasions.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY** please ensure that **ALL clothing is labelled** clearly, we are still finding many items without names so sadly we cannot return them to their owner



# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

	Class	Outstanding Learner	Act of Kindness	Leading Citizen
Nursery	Coral Reef	Isaiah	Setota	Salma
Reception	Stream	Oluwakemi	Jack	Amaris
	Mangrove	Malachi	Edith	Joshua
	Ocean	Abdul Azim	Zuri	River
Year 1	Waterfall	Milo	Rahsharn	Freddie
	Storm	Evan	Kason	Almeer
	Cloud	Reuben	Ivy G	Naeriyah
Year 2	Avalanche	Deshaun	Riley	Kavell
	Everest	Jewel	Georgia H	Alexia
Year 3	Crater	Naomi	Kayhan	Shayaan
	Caldera	Isaiah V	Haja	Mya
Year 4	Typhoon	Danny	Ella	Filip
	Tsunami	Emir	Ivy D	Chika
Year 5	Meridian	David	Niamh	Filip
	Equator	Keshikan	Christopher	Kisara
Year 6	Panthalassa	Eshe	Chajettha	Aishat
	Pangaea	Karen	Rebekah	Godwin

