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Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you again for all your support this week. You will have seen that we have had some COVID cases reported. Please be assured that we are following very carefully our risk assessment and enacting all relevant guidance. Despite this, the school remains on track and children continue to work assiduously as we build up to the exciting end of term virtual events.

Don't forget to put the virtual release dates and times of this year's pre-recorded Festive Concerts in your diary!

EYFS Concert - Monday 15th December 5pm

KS1 Concert – Tuesday 16th December 5pm

KS2 Concert – Wednesday 17th December 5pm

A link will be shared via text and email on the day of each concert. You will be able to view the link at any time after the release date, but we would love to encourage as many families to watch our students' brilliance at the same time!

Christmas Hamper Raffle



**This is not any Hamper . .
It is a RATHFERN Hamper!!!
Tickets are 50p each**

To purchase a ticket you will need to send 50p in with your child and your allocated number will be entered into the draw.

Should you wish to buy more tickets please send in multiples of 50p and we will enter your name as many times as requested. The draw will take place on

Wednesday 16th December at 2.00pm



~~ CHRISTMAS ~~



Christmas Parties

Class parties will take place on Wednesday 16th December – **after lunch**.

Children will eat lunch as normal before attending the party, so please ensure you provide your child with their packed lunch if this is their usual lunch choice. On the day of the party, children will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes to avoid any changing at school.

Covid -19 Safety:

This year each child should bring their own Christmas snack for their own consumption during the party, as these snacks should not be shared between peers.

All parties will take place in the classroom within bubbles.

Home Learning

All home learning will be on paper over the Christmas break.

Young Minds

The Young Minds charity has put together a guide for parents to help you support your child's mental health when dealing with the current pandemic. You can find the website here.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

School meal – Spring Term

- Meals for the first half of term will be £64.40 for 28 days
- Meals for the second half of the term will be £64.40 for 28 days

Children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Minimum payment on Parent Pay: £11.50

Price of School meals per day: £2.30

Price of School meals per week: £11.50

Price of School meals for the term: £163.30



To apply for Free School Meals please go to:

www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

To apply you need to create an account and submit an online application.

Please see a member of the office team should you need help with this.



Well-being Tip of the Week – Be in the present

If we take time to be aware of ourselves and be in the present moment, noticing our own thoughts and feelings, and the world around us, we can gain a better perspective. Sometimes this is known as being more mindful.

Be mindful and meditate

Mindfulness and meditation help you to be in the present. Try our mindful breathing video. It can help you feel more calm.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/top-tips-to-improve-your-mental-wellbeing>

Rapid testing

Rapid testing is coming to Lewisham soon. This is good news as more testing helps stop the spread of the virus and prevent the need for further restrictions. Take part in this three-minute survey so we can better target the COVID-19 rapid testing when it comes to Lewisham. Tell us whether you'd take a test and if not, why?

The link to the survey is <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/covid-19-rapid-test-survey/>

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to make Christmas Jumper day such a success. We managed to raise £205.00.



Apply for a primary school place for 2021-22

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you must apply for a primary school reception year place for September 2021.

Apply online and apply on time!

The deadline for applications is midnight on Friday 15 January 2021.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Open Days

To take part in our Virtual Open Mornings please log on to our website

<https://www.rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk/2020/10/virtual-open-mornings-for-prospective-parents-2020-21/>. These will be taking place on December 16th & January 6th, 13th at 9.30am.



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

	Class	Outstanding Learner	Act of Kindness	Leading Citizen
Nursery	Coral Reef	Sianna	Zafira	Lyla
Reception	Stream	Jayden	Maya	Riya
	Mangrove	Thea	Freya	Edith
	Ocean	Munir	Serena	Sebastian
Year 1	Waterfall	Khalil	Famke	Martha
	Storm	Ethan	Mariam R	Benjamin B
	Cloud	Joyce	Maeriyah	Asher
Year 2	Avalanche	Adam	Keelan	Zach
	Everest	Theron	Ethan	Davian
Year 3	Crater	Shayann	Osagie	Elana
	Caldera	Outstanding Remote Learning		
		Isaiah V	Remi	Abigail
Year 4	Typhoon	Iman	Isaiah	Prince
	Tsunami	Shenyla	Ailsa	Ariana
Year 5	Meridian	Riley	Favour	Keshika
	Equator	To the whole class for being exceptionally good all week.		
Year 6	Panthalassa	Aishat	Seth	Tamiah
	Pangaea	Adam	Precious	Kejsi

We hope you have a wonderful, relaxed and happy weekend.

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