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Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,
Welcome Back

It has been a glorious start to the term, with the children straight back into powerful and inspiring learning.

*Rathfern is now a **Safer Street**, as we are trying to honour our commitment to a safer Rathfern Road for our children and community. We now need all parents to do their part and adhere to the restrictions.*

NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEPTEMBER

Apply now for children aged 3 by the end of August 2021.

Please call into the office to complete an application form.



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!

WATERBOTTLES

Now the weather is getting warmer please remember to send your child in with their water bottle as the water fountains will not be turned on until further notice.



SUNSCREEN

As the temperatures are increasing, please ensure that your child is protected from the sun by wearing a hat and applying sunscreen at home prior to arrival in school. If the sunscreen needs to be reapplied during the school day, this will be your child's responsibility. All bottles of sunscreen need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and kept in their school bag.

RECEPTION SCHOOL OFFERS

Parents/carers of children who applied for a reception place in a Lewisham school will have received their Primary school offers on the 16th April.

- Those who applied online would have received their offers after 6pm on the 16th April
- **All offers must be accepted or declined by the 30th April**

To accept or decline your offer:

- Online applications—you must login to your admissions account at: www.eadmissions.org.uk. To access this account you will require the username and password that was emailed or text to you when you initially applied

Failure to accept or decline an offer will result in the offer being withdrawn

Once an offer has been accepted, you will still be able to place your child's name on a waiting list for another school. If you require any support with this process, please contact: Lisa Baldwinson in the school office.

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 will be approximately £25 per day and it will take place during the first 2 weeks of the summer break (26th July to 6th August).

If you are interested in taking up this service this summer, please register your interest by Friday 25th June or by e-mailing Gail in the office at: replies@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

A leaflet will go out via email next week giving more details for you to fill in and return to the office.



School Streets

We are so delighted that Rathfern Road is now a **School Street**



School Streets are pedestrian and cycle-only zones during term time at:

- 8:15 am to 9:15am
- 2.45pm to 3.45pm

During these times Rathfern road, or sections of the road, is closed to motor vehicles by collapsible signs operated by the school.

Please DO NOT enter Rathfern Road from 8:15-9:15 and 2:45-3:45

From next week **you will be issued with a ticket and given an instant fine** if you do not adhere to the restrictions

Please try to leave home earlier so that you can:

- Walk
- Cycle
- Use a scooter
- Use public transport

If at all possible leave your car at home.



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!

PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal has now been running for over a month and we have had good feedback. I would like to inform you that from May 1st all texts will be sent via the Portal not via our normal SMS service.

To ensure receipt of these texts and also emails plus to make payments, it is important that you download the Arbor app <https://arbor-education.com/blog-the-arbor-app-is-here/> and register your child.



STARS

A TfL COMMUNITY PROJECT

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL: ACTIVE, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE

The Big Change Competition

Can you encourage others to make changes?

Our world has changed in many ways in the last year. Previously, Londoners made 3.6 million journeys by motorised transport that **could be walked**, at least in part.

Will you be changing your journeys?

Will you be reshaping your choices to support sustainable travel?

The Competition

For this competition, we want you to get creative and make something that shows how you can make big changes to how you travel to help improve the quality of the environment or your life.

You can choose any form, such as:

ART

such as a poster, sculpture or collage

FILM

a short film or animation

WRITING

such as a poem or short story

As young people, your message can be **extremely powerful** for other people your age. We want to hear your own message in your own unique way.

Prizes

There will be four winners – one from each age category. The top entries from each group will win a gift bundle from the London Transport Museum shop worth **£75**

All winners and two runners up from each category will be displayed in our online gallery.

Inspiration

If you're struggling for ideas on what to make, take a look at some of our suggestions online!

How to enter

Enter by 5 May 2021

www.ltmuseum.co.uk/stars/big-change

MAYOR OF LONDON



Please help us keep the Coronavirus out of Rathfern

Lockdown rules for England from 29 March



Minimise travel - continue to work from home if you can



Six people or two households can meet up outside, including in private gardens



Outdoor sports facilities and open-air swimming pools are allowed to reopen



Non-essential shops, gyms and entertainment venues closed



Pubs and restaurants closed, but takeaway food permitted



Holidays abroad still banned

Source: GOV.UK

BBC



Lunch Time costs for the Summer term 2021

First Half Term 29 days: £66.70
Second Half Term 34 days: £78.20
Payment to be made on Parent Pay

Please note:

Children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)

Minimum payment on ParentPay: £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: £144.90

To apply for Free School Meals (FSM) 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Back to school

Monday 19th April

May Bank holiday

Monday 3rd May

Hearing & Vision for Reception children

Tuesday 4th May

Half Term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Children return to school

Monday 7th June

Class Photograph

Thursday 24th June

Last day of term

Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET DAY

Friday 23rd July 2021

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