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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

*It has been an incredibly busy week at Rathfern, with fantastic and varied learning opportunities for all of our children.*

## WINDRUSH DAY

We are proud to inform you that we launched our Race Equality Pledge on Windrush day.

The whole school had a fabulous time commemorating Windrush Day 2021, 73 years on from The Empire Windrush arriving at Tilbury Docks. The whole school assembly allowed us time to think about the reasons British citizens from the Caribbean came to the UK.



## DINNER CHANGES

We ask that parents give us notice if they wish to change their child's meal choice. We cannot accommodate ad hoc meal changes.

Every morning, the chef makes the number of lunches according to the meal sheet; if we are not notified of a change, the meal will be wasted and the school will be charged.

Meal changes require one month's notification to the school office, otherwise you will incur the cost of the meal.

## SCHOOL BAGS

We understand that everyone is busy, but it would be helpful if you could ensure that your child is prepared for the day by organising his or her bag the night before and ensuring musical instruments, swimming bags and lunches are ready.

## CLASS PHOTOS

We would like to remind parents that payment for the photographs will need to be made on-line NOT in school. This will need to be made by Wednesday 6th July.

A card with a QR code will be issued to the children on Monday as ordering will need to be done on-line. Please order by the date given on the website as P & P will need to be paid for by yourselves for any late orders.



## PLANT DONATIONS NEEDED



If any parents / carers are able to donate plants or cuttings for our planters outside the school gates, we would be extremely grateful. They can be brought to the school office for the attention of Ms Jenny or Mrs Henderson Vieira.

Thank you in advance.

## TARGET SETTING

Will be on-line again. Appointments will be open at **07.00am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** and can be accessed via an Arbor email. This will be sent on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**.



## SUMMER SCHEME UPDATE

This is a reminder to parents who have yet to pay, to please do so by the dates advised.

Payment should be made by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**.

Payment can either be made via ParentPay this week or if you are paying with vouchers or tax free child care, this will need to be made in the first week of July, clearly stating where the vouchers should be allocated to.

## SPORTS DAY

Good news! Sports day will be going ahead. However, this year, parents will not be able to attend; due to the current restrictions, it will be impossible for us to ensure that everyone can maintain social distancing.

## Well Being Tip of the week: Mindful or Mind-full?

### Do you ever feel like you're running on autopilot and life is passing you by?

Taking a moment to stop and absorb what's happening around you has been shown to improve our mental wellbeing. This is known as being mindful.

#### Mindfulness is:

- (i) observing our surroundings and the senses we're experiencing in that moment,
- (ii) noticing our thoughts and (iii) connecting with our emotions.

Research shows that being mindful can increase our enjoyment of the world, help us to understand our thoughts and feelings better, can reduce the risk of psychological illness and help us to feel calmer.

#### How can I practice mindfulness?

1. Pay attention to the small everyday tasks and the senses you experience e.g. while brushing your teeth
2. Pick a time of day when you'll practice being mindful. Notice and observe your stream of thoughts without judgement

Have a go this week at becoming fully aware of some of the tasks you complete and see if you notice any differences in how you feel.



## SUMMER CONCERT

Our annual Summer Concert will be held on **THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July** at 9.15am. Sadly, due to social distancing rules, parents will not be able to attend on site, but can join virtually.

<https://zoom.us/j/99583473640?pwd=ZIFSQIFuMndyRm12UU5GT01ZYXZoUT09>

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## PLEASE EXERCISE CONSIDERATION

It has come to our attention from neighbours in our community, that a very small minority of parents are not respecting the residents houses / cars/ driveways in the surrounding streets (including Blythe Vale). We would ask you all to make every effort to consider your actions by not sitting on walls, double parking next to parked cars and parking across drive ways. We appreciate it may only be for 5 mins but that is not acceptable for those whose cars have been blocked in or have found rubbish in their front garden.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/wild-world-heroes-intro>

### Summer Reading Challenge

We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021! Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer. Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville! It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the ...

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

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## Please help us keep the Coronavirus out of Rathfern

### IMPORTANT DATES

Stay, Play & Learn for new Reception intake. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 4.00pm & 5.00pm  
Sports Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July  
Summer Concert Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (change of date)

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Last day of term

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**INSET DAY**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

INSET days

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Back to school**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**





	<b>Class</b>	<b>Outstanding Learner</b>	<b>Act of Kindness</b>	<b>Leading Citizen</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Coral Reef	Daisy	Madeline	Hakeem
<b>Reception</b>	Stream	Harry S	Luca	Daniel M
	Mangrove	Gloria	Emily	Joshua
	Ocean	Amelie	Zephon-Lyrik	May
<b>Year 1</b>	Waterfall	Lancia	Livia	Eva
	Storm	Kai	Kason	Vanessa
	Cloud	Zekiera	Leo	Ariel
<b>Year 2</b>	Avalanche	Ethan	Williams	Long
	Everest	Renata	Theron	Jaden
<b>Year 3</b>	Crater	Shamsher	Azra	Hallie
	Caldera	Michael	Demari	Shyanna
<b>Year 4</b>	Typhoon	Victoria	Harry R	Shanuki
	Tsunami	Markiyan	Khaleed	Isaac
<b>Year 5</b>	Meridian	Ata	Niamh	Clinton
	Equator	Morayo	Alex	Keshikan
<b>Year 6</b>	Panthalassa	Stacey	Eshe	Walentyana
	Pangaea	Brihanna	Yanni	Destiny

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