



School Newsletter

Friday 25th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much parents who attended our Parent Consultation appointments. Meeting with the class teachers should have allowed you to come away with a detailed picture of how well your child has settled into their new year group, successes so far, as well as ways you can continue to support your child at home. We still however have a small number of parents who, despite reminder texts and phone calls from Mrs Brown and Mrs Smith, have yet to make or rearrange an appointment. These are extremely important meetings, timetabled at the beginning of Term 2 to ensure vital information is shared between home and school. I truly believe attending these meetings are imperative if home and school are to work together for the benefit of every child!

With this in mind, please remember that every member of the Ramsgate Free School staff has a school e-mail address which is published at the end of this newsletter. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns, questions, or are able lend your support in any way! Never feel you have to leave queries or raise concerns at Parent Consultations. We work in partnership with you - so please, communicate with us regularly.



We are so excited to announce the excellent news regarding our planning. We have all waited an extremely long time for the project to actually reach the planning meeting due to one hold up or another, but last week Thanet District Council unanimously agreed for the construction of our primary school on the Newington Road site. This means we will be looking at demolition in January and then the EFA and the contractors have said they are looking at completion at the end of July. When I get a revised timeline I will obviously share this with the parent council.

Moving to our new site means that we will be able to educate your children in our own open and spacious two-storey building with state of the art technology, our own recording studio, dance facilities, art room and dedicated music centre. We will also have our own hall, playing fields, school hall and kitchens. I can't wait!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 28th

November-Parent Council meeting at 6.30pm in Team Beraet Classroom.

Friday 16th December at 2.30pm Children's Christmas performance- Join us for mince pies afterwards.

Monday 19th December -Team Beraet Christmas Party.

Tuesday 20th December -Team Richards/Team Spurrier Christmas Party.

Wednesday 21st December -Last day of term , school finishes at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 3rd January- First day back.

Remember that class newsletters are sent out every Friday via email. The information can also be found under the class blogs on the website. Paper copies are available from the office.

School Uniform

Uniform is not just so children look smart - it's one of many things that help children be part of a team and remember they are in a learning environment. Our children look incredibly smart around the school and it helps that at the start of each term we remind them of some of the uniform requirements. With this in mind, please don't send children to school wearing nail varnish; hoop earrings; jewellery; temporary tattoos; trainers; boots rather than shoes; or with toys. These items detract from a learning environment. If there are occasions where something is unavoidable, a short letter to a teacher or via the office means that common sense can be applied.

Special Achievements

We have an extremely talented group of children at Ramsgate Free School. Many of our pupils are able to develop their talents through the wide variety of clubs we have on offer in school. Lots of our children are fortunate to participate in a range of clubs and activities outside of school.

We want to be able to share your child's talents and successes – whatever they may be! In order for us to celebrate success we need to know about it! Don't be shy – be proud and let us know. Email your celebrations to enquiries@ramsgatefreeschool.co.uk.

We have a 'Celebration Assembly' every Friday and encourage children to bring in their certificates, trophies and medals and receive congratulations from the whole school community.

Congratulations and Well Done to...

Riley Marsh who is the Ninja Sprint Kart World Champion and also Ruby Hodder for an amazing piece of Love 2 Learn homework!

A Christmas Reminder...

After the Harvest extravaganza in which we shared proceedings with Chilton, Christmas will be a little different as we will be having our own Free School celebrations. All year groups have already started rehearsing for their own version of the Nativity story with acting, singing, music and dance. This will take place on the afternoon of **Friday 16th December at 2.30** in Chilton's school hall. Afterwards, please join us for mince pies and hot chocolate to raise some funds towards trees and shrubbery for our new building.

Our festivities will continue on **Monday 19th December** for Team Bereat with their Christmas party. Reception and Year 1 will have their Christmas party on **Tuesday 20th December**. On party days, the children may come to school in non-school uniform or party clothes. More information regarding the parties will follow in due course. On Wednesday 21st December (the last day of term) the children will have their Christmas dinner.

School will finish at 2pm on this day

A message from After School Club

After school club is a flexible service that runs from 3.15 until 6.15 on weekdays during term time. We offer time slots to suit busy family needs and the prices do vary due to this. Healthy snacks and a light tea are included at set times. We try to create a homely and relaxing environment where children can engage in a range of activities. **For enquiries please contact Miss I Aitken by emailing iaitken@chilton.kent.sch.uk**



Parent Council

Our next parent council will be on Monday 28th November at 6.30pm. It was great that at the last meeting there were so many new parents as well as old. I feel the Parent Council is a strong forum for parents, and the school and I are very keen to hold these meetings every term. In the next meeting, I would like to appoint Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary so we can maintain the momentum and have a proactive, well-informed group of parents who are working for the benefit of our whole school community. As always, you will be warmly welcomed at the next meeting, so do come along!

The Parent Council group have set up a Facebook page called “Ramsgate Free School Mummies, Daddies and Carers”. Parents can discuss the latest info, news and events and the odd lost cardigan!

Agenda

Appoint a Chair/Secretary

Update on new building

Update on Planning and Pre-conditions –Travel Survey

Fund raising ideas

New Parents meeting

Take a look at our Website!

Please take time to have a look at our updated website. Hopefully you will find it more user-friendly and easier to navigate. The changes mean that we are able to edit and update the site ourselves. It is also directly linked to our social media pages Twitter and Facebook. Look out for our class blogs too!

And finally...

It is with great sadness that we have to say good bye to two of our pupils in Team Spurrier, both are moving away. Ozanjay is moving back to London and Coco to nearer her family's parents. We wish you and your families all the best.