



Friday 16th June 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Next year, RAPS will be inviting their ninth Reception cohort through our doors and I am not sure where the time has gone! Over time, RAPS has certainly become a school of choice in the local area from just with now over 225 first, second and third choices. I believe that this is very much down to the whole school community working together to build strong relationships. Strong relationships have to be worked at, and in my opinion need four key factors for them to succeed.

Firstly – **Communication:** as a Team, we communicate to you about your child through weekly blogs, newsletters, MCAS, yearly reports, parents' meetings, and we have a very much open-door policy, where all staff are available at a mutually convenient time. In return, we ask that you read these communications and very much keep us informed about anything that may affect your child at school.

Secondly - **Respect:** this for me, means caring enough to consider how words and actions impact on others. All of us in society need to treat each other with respect if we want to feel safe and live peacefully together. As adults in our community, we should model this respect to others to our children.

Thirdly - **Trust:** this is very much a long-term goal. I think if we are honest with each other and honour our commitments, trust will be established and evolve. For us at RAPS, we pledge to give your children the best education we can, and for you as parents, you pledge to send your child to school on time, every day, in the right frame of mind to learn. We acknowledge that we may not always get it right, but we never aim to get it wrong. With this in mind, we can really begin to build that trust together.

Upcoming Dates:

19th June- Year 6 Cooking Project
20th June – Class Photos
22nd June-Road Safety Yr R, 1&2
23rd June- Yr 2 Beach School
26th June- KS2 Sports Morning 9.00-11.00
26th June KS1 Sports Afternoon 1.00-2.45
27th June -Reception Sports Morning 9.00-11.00
30th June -Yr 3 to Botany Bay
4th July – KS2 End of Year Production – Ticketed event Performances 9.00-10.00 & 3.00-4.00
7th July- Yr 2 Beach School
10th July - Year 6 Trip (see below)
Year 1 to Viking Bay
11th July- Year 6 Trip (see below)
Yr 5 Canterbury trip
12th July-Fun Day – Under 1 Roof
Year 4 Frameless Trip
13th July-Reports to parents
Final Yr 2 Beach School
14th July-RAPS Festival 3.00-6.30
Reception Trip to Ramsgate Sands
17th July-Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 6.00-7.00
18th July -Year 6 last Day

19th -21st July Transition days

21st July- Last Day School finishes at 2.00

Keep up to date with all key dates via our class blogs and website calendar on:

www.ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk



And finally, that we **Care**: I have an amazing team (needless to say, I'm biased!). They consist of a whole community of people who truly care about your child's wellbeing and education. All RAPS staff-members go over and above in caring for your children and I am very, very lucky to have them as part of my team at RAPS.

Involving our families in the future direction of our school is integral. Your views on what has gone well this year and areas that we can improve upon is valued. These views will form the basis of our 'School Improvement Plan' for the coming year. If you could please take 5 minutes to complete the brief form on the link below, that would be much appreciated.

[Click here For Survey](#)

As we start to bring this year to a close, our thoughts go towards next year. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Mann, who has found a teaching job closer to where she lives, Mr Jones who is moving back to London and

Current Class	New Class	Teacher and Teaching Assistants
Team Jones/Spurrier mixed*	Team Barnes Piper	Mrs Piper Mrs Holloway Mrs Featherstone Mrs Barnes (working across both classes)
Team Jones/Spurrier mixed*	Team Barnes O'Flaherty	Miss O'Flaherty Mrs Scarr- Steel Miss Pilcher Mrs Barnes (working across both classes)
Team Piper/Maclean mixed*	Team Amin	Mrs Amin Mrs Ivan
Team Piper/Maclean mixed*	Team Morris	Miss Morris Mrs Eastern Mr Adams
Team Okai	Team Maclean	Miss Maclean Mrs Pilcher
Team Gunson	Team Okai	Miss Okai Ms Marfleet Mr Robinson
Team Mann	Team Chamberlain	Mr Chamberlain Mr Hearne Mrs Smart (working across both classes)
Team Amin	Team Cialis	Mr Cialis Miss Goode Mrs Smart (working across both classes)
Team Cialis	Team Dannell	Miss Dannell Mr Holliday Mr Brown
Team O'Flaherty	Team Pressley	Mr Pressley Mrs Aldred
Team Dannell	Team Beraet Williams	Mr Beraet Mr Williams Mrs Fox

* Those children in Reception and Year 1 whose classes are to be mixed will find out before Thursday 6th July which class they will be in.



The children will have their 'meet the new teacher' session on Thursday 6th July, when they will get to spend time in their new classrooms with their new teacher for an hour. In addition to this, they will also have an opportunity to spend time in their new classroom on the last three days of Term 6 (Wednesday 19th July, Thursday 20th July and Friday 21st July). This means that the children will get to know the routines of their new class and teaching team over the last few of days, which will hopefully reduce any possible worries they may have about coming back to school in September. Across Term 6, Mrs Hughes will also be having transition meetings for those children who have an EHCP.

Kind regards,

Nick Budge

Year 6 - The Final Weeks

We can't believe how seven years has flown by, as ever the RAPS Team are very keen to ensure that Year 6's last term will be a term to remember for these children. Although things are not fully finalised and dates may be subject to change, we are keen to share our plans. These will be *in addition* to productions, relationship and sex education, and transition events, which are the normal part of Year 6's final term.

Below are some key dates and an outline of our plan:

Date	Event
Monday 19 th June – Friday 23 rd June	Cooking Project at Royal Harbour Academy – Children will be taught simple cooking skills over the week. On Friday 23rd June 12.00-1.00 all Yr 6 parents will be invited to lunch cooked by their children at Royal Harbour – see blogs for more details.
Monday 26 th June	KS2 Sports Day 8.45-11.00 all parents welcome
Tuesday 4 th July	KS2 Production - 9.00-10.00 and 3.00-4.00. This will be a ticketed event.
Monday 10 th July	Folkestone Leisure Centre – Sky trail/Doughnut sledging/Football golf
Tuesday 11 th July	Palace Cinema – watching The Little Mermaid (TBC) plus snack
Wednesday 12 th July	Under 1 Roof.
Friday 14 th July	RAPS Festival 3.30-6.30 (traditional summer fayre/arts workshops/ music and food).
Monday 17 th July	Leavers' Celebration - 6.00-7.00pm - Parents invited to hear children's memories and celebrate their time at RAPS. 7.00 - 10.00pm - Children stay at school for pizza, games and our Year 6 RAPS tradition of hide and seek.
Tuesday 18 th July	Children's last day finish at 2.00

As you can see, we have a lot planned over the last few weeks (**attendance of these events will be subject to good behaviour in school**). The cost for all these events will only be £30 - this includes the cost of all the trips and ingredients for cooking project for the week.