



Term 2 Viking Newsletter

Dear Viking Families,

As the end of Term 2 approaches, I wanted to use our Viking Newsletter to share the many successes achieved across our Viking schools and also celebrate the collaborative team events that have taken place trust-wide between children attending Chilton Primary, Ramsgate Arts and Upton Junior Schools.

This term has been extremely busy for children as our staff look to ensure learning is as engaging as it is purposeful. The Viking team are constantly looking for ways to bring learning to life, opening our classroom doors to visitors in various guises to add the extra sprinkle of magic to create the awe and wonder we want for our children. Below are just a few photos showing the creative way children across Viking immerse themselves in their learning.



Chilton 'Walks Like an Egyptian'



'Prehistoric' RAPS

Joining the Viking family...

The admissions deadline for the new Reception and Year 3 cohorts is fast approaching. The deadline for applications is Monday 15 January 2024. If you haven't yet taken a tour at one of our schools and would like to, please contact the school office:

Chilton - 01843 597695
RAPS - 01843 582847
Upton - 01843 861393



'Hello Yellow' at Upton

Don't forget you can keep in touch with all Viking news and events by following each school on Instagram, Facebook and X (Twitter).





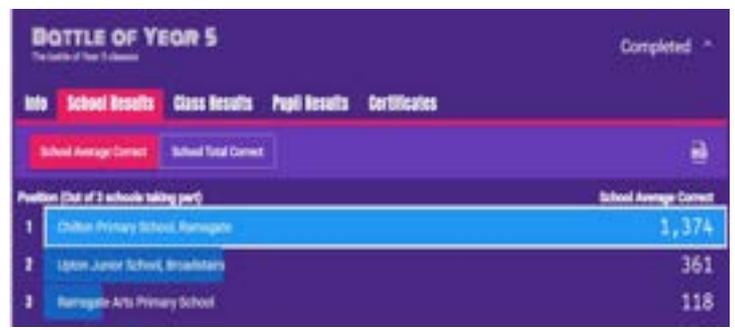
Blogs

Families, we thank you for working in partnership with us and are pleased to see how our ‘Class and Year Groups Blogs’ have become the main point for communication from teachers into your home. The blogs allow us to celebrate with you the fantastic learning taking place across each week as well as updates on the ‘what next’ – sharing what the children will be focusing upon next in their learning as well as news and information specific to your class. We recommend you save your child’s class ‘Blog Page’ to your ‘favourites’ for easy access.

TTRS Viking Competition:

Year 4 and Year 5 children participated in trust-wide ‘TTRS battles’ with Chilton taking the TTRS crown on both occasions. Well done to the children (and staff) in Year 4 and 5 at Chilton! I understand the teachers were particularly competitive and determined to win the battle.

Year 3 and Year 6 ‘battles’ will commence next term. Will Chilton make it a clean sweep or will RAPS and Upton fight back?



For further information please [Click here](#) to view TTRS youtube video guide for families

We are always looking to find new and exciting ways for the Viking family to come together. The new year will see children compete at school and trust levels in ‘The Speaker’ competition, Maths Mastermind and Spelling Bee as well as our annual Viking Games. Details will follow closer to the dates.

Viking’s ‘One Voice’ for Democracy...

Elected representatives from our Junior Leadership Teams, Pupil Council and House Captains have had the opportunity to meet together this term to share suggestions for ways Miss Arthur (Upton), Mr Budge (RAPS), and Mr McAuley (Chilton) could make our schools even better. As they say, “out of the mouth of babes’ – if it needs saying and doing, we have no doubt our children will tell us!

They have also met with Polly Billington, East Thanet’s Labour candidate to tell her the issues that matter to them, not only ideas for improving the local community (clean water and safe beaches) but highlighting global concerns including the climate crisis.





'Tis the season for glitter and tinsel...

Festive fun is well underway at Chilton, RAPS and Upton as our schools have fully embraced the Christmas spirit with a variety of festive events planned for children and families across the trust to enjoy. Nativity and Panto performances, Christmas carols, choirs singing, parties, fairs and decorations – and not forgetting the ‘naughty elf on the shelf’ that seems to enjoy wreaking havoc in our classrooms on a daily basis!

In amongst delightfully decorated trees, we even have a ‘Harry Potter’ themed Christmas tree...

Don't forget to check your class / year group blogs for reminders of what's happening during the final days of this term.



As busy as life is for everyone at the moment in amongst the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping; grid-locked traffic jams at Westwood Cross, present wrapping, costume making and card writing – I can only share how fortunate the Viking staff team feel to be working with your children as they weave their special Christmas magic at this time of year. There really is no better place to be to remind us of why we do what we do for the children. On behalf of my ‘Viking family’, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

We look forward to working with you in the new year, continuing to strengthen the partnership between home and school!

Warmest wishes

Mrs M Lewis , Executive Headteacher

DON'T FORGET! Schools close at 2pm this Friday 15th December - Emergency Out of Hours Contact over this Christmas Break

We have created an ‘Emergency Out of Hours’ contact form for parents or carers to use if they feel they urgently need to share information / get in touch prior to the start of the next term.

To access this form, please click the ‘Contact Us’ tab on your school website (Upton as an example) and the emergency out of hours link can be accessed.

