Chilton Primary School / Ramsgate Arts Primary School / Upton Junior School

Term 6 Viking Newsletter

Dear Viking Families,

Throughout the year I have highlighted the many different strengths of the Viking Academy Trust schools: in developing the personal values of perseverance, determination and teamwork; in the arts; in the field of sports; as well as in the wonderfully rounded pupils that we develop, pupils who are kind and happy and caring. However, our core purpose is to enable our pupils to develop their academic ability to its full potential. We see it as our mission to develop children who are articulate in the written and spoken word, to develop children who are confident and competent mathematicians, as well as young people who have a desire and thirst to understand how the world works and to seek out new information because they can, not because they have to.

Our 'One Childhood One Chance' philosophy resonates across every part of life in our Viking schools. Providing children with opportunity after opportunity is at the heart of life at Chilton, RAPS and Upton. How will children know what they enjoy or will excel at if they are never given the chance to explore what the world has to offer? Seeing the current year 6 children as they prepare to leave, I can truly say that I feel that we have achieved our mission in the time that they have been with us. I see your children who are socially, academically and emotionally ready for the next stage in their educational journey, children who have thrived in their primary schools, but who are now chomping at the bit to push themselves as they enter their secondary education.

One of my favourite events of the school calendar is the 'Year 6 Production' (or in RAPS case, Years 5 & 6!). As well as making memories that will stay with the children for a lifetime, having the opportunity to perform in front of an audience filled with family and friends shows us just how far the children have come in their seven year educational journey with us (four years for our Uptonians).

This year, we were entertained with performances of 'Pure Imagination' as Chilton's Year 6 children excelled in their interpretation of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,' RAPS took us back to Elizabethan England with, 'Shakespeare Rocks' – a very witty script with catchy songs and dance numbers and Upton went creatively colourful, bringing alive life 'under the sea' performing Disney's 'The Little Mermaid'.

Year 5 & 6 lit up the stage with their fantastic end-of-year production of "Shakespeare Rocks!"

Ramsgate Arts Primary School

Chilton

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Chilton

Upton

Year 6 children from Upton went creatively colourful, bringing alive life 'under the sea' performing Disney's 'The Little Mermaid'.

Upton

Besides learning lines, song lyrics and dance routines – the Year 6 children also showed how talented they are academically. Key Stage 2 SATs results were published last week and each of our three schools have performed above national outcomes, showing that the vast majority of Viking children have achieved and, in many cases, exceeded their potential. In addition to this, we have the highest ever number of Viking year 6 children moving on from us to attend one of the local grammar schools. That said, we are immensely proud in the knowledge that every child, has done as much as they can, to be the best they can be! To the children in year 6, we salute you and wish you every success in the future, wherever that may take you.

Your children won't however, achieve all they are capable of alone, they will need your continued support, guidance, love (and cajoling), those things that are at the very heart of parenting, the things which have allowed your children to succeed so far in their lives. Saying goodbye to year 6 will also mean for some of our families – it will be a final goodbye to Chilton, to RAPS or at Upton, as your last (or only) child ends their primary school journey this week. To those parents - Thank you for all you have done to make the partnership between home and school so successful, just keep doing it, and your children will grow up to make you happy and proud!

For families returning to us for the new academic year, my staff and I look forward to building upon the strong foundations developed this year. One of our (many) Viking mantras is, 'Getting Better Never Stops.' Miss. Arthur (Upton), Mr. Budge (RAPS) and Mr. McAuley (Chilton) are determined and united in their ambition to provide an outstanding education for every child. 'One Childhood One Chance' drives us forward as we set new challenges for our Viking schools, confident in the knowledge we have our children's very best interests at the heart of everything we do!

Wishing you a wonderful summer holiday. May the weather be kind and may there be ample opportunity for precious memories to be made with your children.

With my thanks and best wishes.

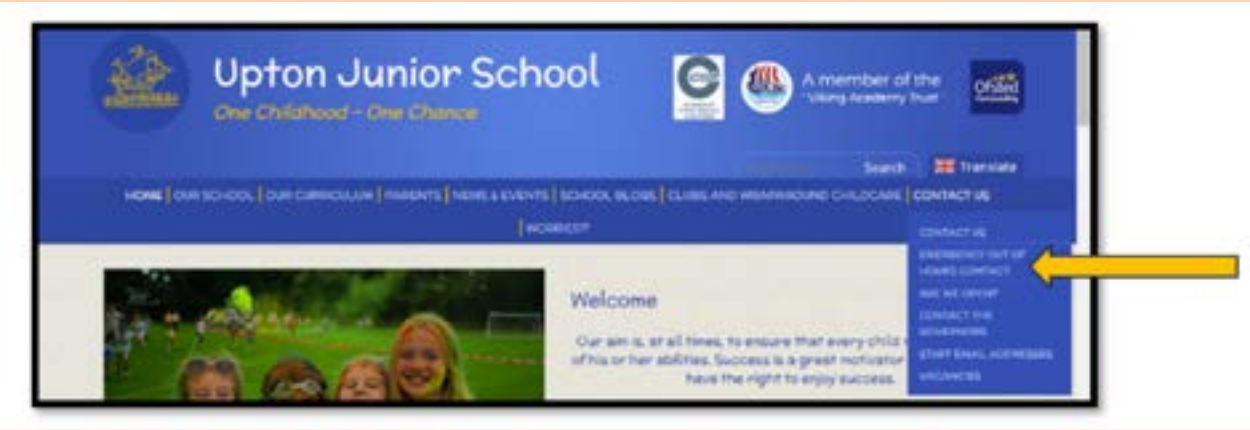
Mrs. M Lewis
Executive Headteacher

HOLIDAY REMINDER: Emergency 'Out of Hours' Contact Form… At Viking, we appreciate, despite best efforts, not everything fits within the window of a school day and emergency situations may leave you urgently wanting to contact the school. Office and Head of School emails are shared on school websites – but, as you may have seen – staff are under no obligation to read or respond to work emails outside of the 'working day'.

The message on all Viking email accounts reads as follows… The Viking Academy Trust respects the wellbeing of its staff. There is no expectation that emails are responded to before 8am or after 5pm Monday to Friday, at the weekend or during school holidays.

We have therefore 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 working day. To access this form, please click the 'Contact Us' tab on the school website and the emergency out of hours link can be accessed.

See the example below taken from Upton's website:



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