



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through the academic year, it may indeed seem that the summer holiday is now a distant memory. The children have settled in remarkably well. Routines across the school are running smoothly, allowing for some fantastic learning opportunities. This year holds particular significance as the school is at full capacity and it marks the first time we have seen no staff changes to our core teaching team. This stability has undoubtedly contributed to a more harmonious learning environment.

I am excited to share some great additions to our curriculum as well! The Nurture Hub is now up and running. This dedicated space provides support for those children who may find the routine of school slightly more challenging. It allows them a safe haven, where they can access the nurturing care they need.

Additionally, we have developed a Pathway approach to our Arts curriculum that caters to the varied needs of our pupils. We recognise that children transitioning from Year 2 to Year 3 and from a 3:00 finish to a 4:15 finish can find this change challenging. Therefore, we will now structure our Arts programme to ensure that all students can engage meaningfully. The pathway your child will take will be determined by their current needs and will be discussed in Year 2 at the second Parent Consultation in Term 3. This will mean that not all children will have a 4.15 finish straight away when they enter Year 3.

- Pathway One - offers Small Group Arts Nurture and will consist of a smaller cohort of children with additional adult support and an earlier finish at 3:15.
- Pathway Two - children will join the whole class for Arts lessons, but without the additional adult support, also concluding at 3:15.
- Pathway Three - encompasses the full Arts curriculum with a finish at 4:15.
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I am particularly delighted to announce that we have welcomed a new Musical Theatre teacher, Mrs New, to our Arts team. Mrs New, who comes to us from the Pauline Quirke Academy, brings a wealth of experience that will undoubtedly enrich our curriculum.

In addition, we have introduced a new initiative on Wednesdays, where children have the opportunity to choose which Arts subject they would like to delve into deeper. This means the children won't study every subject every term, allowing for a more personalised learning experience in the Arts.



I would like to take a moment to address school attendance. We expect all children to be present every day and to arrive on time. If a child is absent or late, they miss out on the incredible learning experiences our curriculum offers. It is essential for developing the skills they will need for future success. Should your child be absent or arrive late, please be aware that the Senior Leadership Team may reach-out to offer support. Kent County Council does issue penalty notices for persistent absence or lateness and the school does not authorise holidays during term time unless exceptional circumstances arise.

With the changeable English weather, I must emphasise the importance of appropriate clothing. As we endeavour to take our learning outside whenever possible, ensuring that your child brings the appropriate attire for all weather conditions is vital. Please note that it is the parents' responsibility to prepare their children adequately for the day; children will go outside in all weathers, so without suitable clothing they may end up feeling wet and cold.

I am thrilled to report that RAPS Fest was a fantastic success this year! This beloved community event not only brings us all together but also raises much-needed funds for our school. We raised an impressive £3,800, which will be directed towards enhancing play equipment for break and lunchtime. My heartfelt thanks go to Coralie, Charlie, Hannah, and Jonny Henfrey, whose efforts created the perfect festival atmosphere. A huge shout out to the RAPS Choir, Naomi, the Year 4 dancers, and our dedicated dance teachers Lizzie Prince and Dani Batchelor! None of this would have been possible without the Parent Council, who worked tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the event to ensure it was a joyful celebration.

Lastly, I would like to convey my congratulations to our new Young Leaders! Every year, the children select four Year 6 pupils to support our Leadership Team in running the school. Their responsibilities include leading the Junior Leadership Team, representing our school at various events, leading assemblies, and warmly welcoming new parents to share the wonderful experiences that our school offers. A heartfelt congratulations goes to Hugo and Annie, who will serve as the Young Leaders, with their deputies Fenix and Tallulah. I eagerly anticipate working alongside you!

Wishing you all a delightful remainder of the term.

Warm regards,
Nick Budge

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What's In The News.



The RAPS Fest was a huge success this year. Parent Council raised over £3,800, which will go towards new play equipment for the children. Thank you to all that helped make it happen.



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What's In The News



Our Take One Picture is now up in our main Reception. Check out our Instagram and website for more photos.



Congratulations to our newly appointed Young Leaders.

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Parent Reading for Year 1 - Every other Wednesday at 2.40- 3pm 10th, 24th and 8th

Parent Reading for Year 2 - Every other Tuesday at 2.40- 3pm 9th, 23rd and 7th

Parent Reading Reception - will commence in term 2



Upcoming Events

Fri 3rd Oct

KS2 - Come Read With Me - 2.30pm

Fri 10th Oct

RWI Parent Workshop - 2.30pm

Tues 14th Oct

Yr 6 - Kent Life Trip

Thurs 16th Oct

Kent Test Results

Fri 17th Oct

Reception - Yr 6 Flu Immunisations

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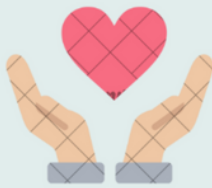
Values



Our core values are: kindness, collaboration, resilience and creativity. The whole school focuses on a different core value each term - this term's value is kindness.

Pupils explore the value, learning about its meaning and importance. Although we delve into the details of one core value each term, we continue to model and develop all of our values throughout the academic year.

Kindness



Kindness is like sunshine on a rainy day. It's when you do something nice for someone else, just to make them smile and feel happy. Whether it's sharing your toys, helping a friend who's feeling sad, or saying kind words, kindness is like a warm hug for the heart. It makes the world a brighter and happier place for everyone!

Collaboration



Collaboration is when you and your friends work together as a team, like superheroes joining forces to save the day! It's when everyone brings their own special skills and ideas to solve a problem or create something amazing. Just like pieces of a puzzle fit together perfectly, collaboration helps us achieve big things by working side by side with others.

Resilience



Resilience is like being a superhero with a special power to bounce back from tough times. It means staying strong and never giving up, even when things get really hard. Just like a tree bends in the wind but doesn't break, resilience helps us face challenges and keep going with a brave heart. It's knowing that even when we fall down, we can always stand back up and try again!

Creativity



Creativity is like having a magic wand inside your imagination. It's when you use your thoughts and feelings to make something new and wonderful. Just like an artist paints a beautiful picture or a storyteller tells an exciting tale, creativity is when you let your ideas fly and create something special all on your own!

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SNACKS AT BREAKTIMES

Please can snacks brought into school be healthy – e.g. fruit, vegetables, cereal bars or popcorn etc. We do not consider crisps, cakes, pastries, chocolate confectionary or sweets to be an appropriate healthy snack and therefore cannot be eaten during break.



NAMING CLOTHING

Please can parents ensure that children's jumpers, coats etc are labelled with your child's name in them. This makes it so much easier to return lost property to the rightful owner.

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PARKING

Please be considerate and kind when parking on and around the school grounds.

Please park safely in the designated parking spaces provided.



DOGS ON SITE

Just a quick reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site, only guide dogs. If outside the gates, please keep them under control,

Thank you.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure your child is wearing correct school uniform/P.E Kit with suitable trainers. Plain dark blue t-shirts/jumpers for PE are acceptable.



WEATHER.

Please make sure that your child has sun cream and a hat for the warmer weather and a warm coat/raincoat for the colder months.

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