



School Newsletter

Friday 7th June, 2019

Newsletter 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

It is hard to believe that we now have less than seven weeks of this academic year left. We are all set for a jam-packed final term and are looking forward to many super events including, the Viking Games, transition days, our Summer Festival, Sports Days, Arts curriculum performances and our very first Year 6 Graduation!

This term always brings exciting news about what is to come in the new academic year, but it is also a time when people move on to pastures new. Mr Stevens is doing just this, and I thank him for all his hard work this year. I am sure you will join me wishing him all the very best for the future.

Joining our RAPS team from September, I am extremely pleased to welcome Mr Gunson and Ms Vost, both of whom are experienced teachers. Ms Vost has already worked on lots of arts projects across RAPS, and will be adding more capacity to our Arts team. Mr Gunson, who will be spending a week in school during July, will be teaching Year 5 children. Our staff team seems to be going from strength to strength! Class transitions will work a little differently this year. All children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher on the morning of Thursday 4th July during our transition morning. They will spend the morning with their new class teachers completing a variety of transition activities that will enable them to get to know the new routines in their new classroom. On this day, the children will be dropped off and picked up from their current classrooms.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will have additional transition sessions and these will be on the mornings of Thursday 20th and 27th June. For our Year 2 pupils, it will give them an opportunity to meet and work alongside our Arts team. Our two Reception classes will also have additional sessions on those dates. As a school, we want to ensure that we get the balance of each class right, so Team Spurrier and Team Barnes will be mixed up, forming two new Year 1 classes for next year. Details of the new classes will follow next week. The children already know each other extremely well as they currently work collaboratively across both classes during their child-initiated sessions and RWI. They have also been working in their new classes for many activities since last term.

Classes for 2019-2020	
Current Class	September 2018
Team Spurrier	Mixed to become either Team Smart or Team Aitken
Team Barnes	Mixed to become either Team Smart or Team Aitken
Team Smart	Team Rees-Boughton
Team Rees-Boughton	Team Beraet
Team Beraet	Team Amin
Team Amin	Team Gunson
Team Dannell	Team Dannell

Dates for your diary:

Monday 10th June – Viking Games for Reception

Tuesday 11th June - Viking Games for Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 12th June – Class photos

Thursday 13th June – Viking Games Years 3 & 4

6.00 - PESE Meeting (regarding Kent Tests) for Year 5 parents

Thursday 20th June - Transitions for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Wednesday 26th June - Parent Council Coffee Morning

Thursday 27th June - Transitions for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 28th June – Kidenza Classical Concert - Years 1 - 6

Thursday 4th July – Transition morning Reception – Year 6

Monday 8th July – Year 6 Film Project

Friday 12th July - Summer Festival – 2.30 - 4.30

Tuesday 16th July - Rock Steady Concert – 9.30

7.00 - KS2 Performance

Wednesday 17th July – Behaviour Reward Day

Friday 19th July – Sports Morning and Picnic

Monday 22nd July - Year 6 Graduation – School finishes at 1.30

Tuesday 23rd – Last day of Term 6 - School finishes at 2.00.

Summer Festival

It's that time of year again where we (the Parent Council) are talking about this year's Summer Festival!

The festival this year has been planned to take place on Friday 12th July 2:30 - 4:30pm. There will be a variety of stalls for you to come see (some of which the classes will have been organising), including arts and crafts, soak-a-teacher, beat-the-goalie, a bouncy castle, homemade craft stalls, yoga demonstrations (thanks to Zoe Smith), bottle tombola, second-hand uniform, a tea towel stall, homemade cakes (including a 'bake-off' competition!), hot food, drinks (the Pimms stall will be making a return), plus the children will be performing at set intervals throughout the Festival, as well as a special appearance from the Rocksteady bands and much more!

Over the coming weeks we will be asking very kindly if you would donate the following in exchange for an own clothes day (further details and dates to follow):

- A bottle of squash/pop/alcohol or whatever you wish.
- A decorated white bag with a small prize inside.
- Homemade cakes and/or cupcakes.

We would also be very grateful if any unwanted, decent second-hand uniform could be donated to us to be sold on the day of the festival.

Also we will be incorporating a 'bake-off' competition into our cake stall - each entry will be judged on look and taste - the best tasting and best looking cake will each be awarded with a prize on the day of the Festival. If you wish to enter, please contact a member of the Parent Council either in person or via the email below.

Please come along and help us raise funds for the KS1/2 playground equipment and support the school in what is set to be an amazing afternoon of fun and laughter.

If you would like to get involved, there will be a sign-up sheet at the main reception for you to write your details, or you could contact one of the Parent Council members, come along to one of our meetings or email us at: raps.ptfa@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,

Emma Jackson

(Parent Council Chair)

Parent Contribution to School Improvement Plan.

In my last newsletter, I asked for parents to fill out a short survey so we could gain your views about our school and support us in developing it further. **Disappointingly out of 240 parents, I have only had 5 responses back!** I have always believed that parents have a significant role in supporting us to ensure that your child receive the best educational experience possible, so I really appreciate your views on what you think has gone well this year as well as areas in which you feel we could improve. Please take five minutes to complete the form on the below link.

<http://app.keysurvey.co.uk/f/1135173/1746/>

The link will be open now for another week until Friday 14th June - it would be fantastic if we could have a little more feedback please.

Thank you in advance.

Cultural Diversity Day

Thank you for helping us celebrate the annual UNESCO global celebration for cultural diversity, the children certainly enjoyed the range of activities instead of working in their usual classes. Workshops included African percussion, Spanish songs and stories, creating Chinese willow patterns and Aboriginal art, making rain sticks, finding out about South Africa's Kruger National Park, carnival head dresses and Brazilian dance, and discovering Giacometti's figurines from Switzerland. In the workshop 'What Makes Britain Great', pupils explored the multi-cultural heritage of the UK, filled in their personal RAPS diversity passports with information, and became reporters, carrying out interviews around the school for articles they are writing.



A highlight of the day was the 'Taste the World' special lunch, where pupils, families, staff and guests sampled dishes from around the globe prepared by the Principals catering team. Tasty treats included sausage, mash and onion gravy; vegetable korma and rice; sweet-chilli chicken; vegetable jambalaya; spicy Jamaican patties; vegetable cakes such as pea and vanilla and chocolate and sweet potato; plus scones, cream and jam, cakes and fruit. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and diversity of dishes also brought in by parents and friends.

Among our guests was recently appointed Ramsgate Mayor, Raushan Ara, who was making her first public appearance in her new role, although it was not an official civic engagement. She was invited in by one of our pupils, Alisha, who is a friend of the Mayor. I know that she had a lovely time and was impressed by the sense of community that Ramsgate Primary School has developed so quickly.



The day was a definite success and it is vital that the children learn the importance of cultural diversity and harmony, especially at these current difficult times. One of our school values is 'diversity', and what better way to celebrate this than through exploring it through our arts curriculum, through music, dance, drama, art and food from different cultures!

Advance Warning

Tuesday 16th July – KS2 Production at 7.00 in the school hall. This will be a ticketed event.

Friday 19th July – Sports Day from 9.30. All parents will be invited to join in our sports day fun. There will be a mixture of traditional competitive races and team activities. All parents are invited to a picnic afterwards. More details to follow.

Monday 22nd July - Year 6 Graduation at Dreamland at 2.30. This is our first Year 6 Graduation and the **school day will end at 1.30 for everyone** on this date so that all staff can attend the graduation. There will be no After School Club. Year 6 parents will receive a letter with more details next week.

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of Term – as usual school will close at 2.00. Again, there will be no After School Club.

Next Year's Term Dates



Ramsgate Arts Primary School
One Childhood, One Chance

School Calendar 2019 - 2020

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KEY ● Bank Holiday 🚩 Holiday
★ Inset Day

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