



School Newsletter

Friday 6th December -The Christmas Issue!
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Dear Parents,

The countdown to Christmas has truly begun with only 19 sleeps to go! The festive season is celebrated at RAPS across December in so many ways, with special Christmas assemblies to parents, Christmas parties and our fayre.

Each child has already made a fabulous decoration for our Christmas trees, which are situated in our main reception area and in the hall. Dates of our Christmas events are listed below. Please keep a copy of this on your fridge so you do not miss any of the exciting events you are invited to.

If you have any queries, please contact the office or your child's class teacher. We hope you enjoy this festive period.



Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Panto- Reception to Year 6 to attend: 10.00-11.00.
Thursday 12th December 2.00pm Doors open at 1.45pm	EYFS –Christmas Performance. This is an un-ticketed event.
Friday 13th December Christmas Fayre 1.00 onwards	Non –school-uniform ' Wear a Christmas Jumper Day '-bring a donation for Save the Children. Santa's Grotto. Christmas Fayre see below for more details.
Monday 16th December 2.00pm Doors open at 1.45pm	KS1 Christmas Performance –Year 2 will be performing 'Gnome Alone' supported by Year 1. This is an un-ticketed event.
Tuesday 17th December	Team Spurrier, Team Barnes, Team Aitken, Team Smart and Team Rees-Boughton Christmas Parties – Children may wear their party clothes to school –Please see class blogs for more information. KS2 Christmas Performance at 3.00pm. Doors open at 2.45pm –Year 5 will be performing 'The Snow Queen', supported by Years 3, 4 and 6. This is un-ticketed event, but when planning who will attend to watch, please be aware that there will only be seating capacity for 120-140 people.
Wednesday 18th December	Team Beraet, Team Amin, Team Gunson and Team Dannell Christmas Party morning - Children may wear their party clothes to school. Please see class blogs for more information. Christmas Dinner Day-School finishes for all children at 2.00pm. Happy Holidays Everyone!

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Father Christmas Grotto – Friday 13th December

The Father Christmas Grotto is available to all children at RAPS on the 13th of December.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be taken to the Grotto on the morning of the Christmas Fayre. Please return your slips and make your donation by Friday 6th.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have the opportunity to visit the Grotto during the Fayre (1-3pm). Once the donation and slip are received, we will send a confirmation home in their book bag with an allocated time to save queuing. If you need another letter please ask at reception. Or you can simply pay via PayPal using the email raps.ptfa@gmail.com. Please reference your child's name and class.

RAPS Christmas Fayre 2019 – Friday 13th 1-3pm

All parents and carers are encouraged to join their children at the Christmas Fayre.

VOLUNTEERS: We still need a few more people to help on the stalls during the fayre. Please message us or put your name down on the sign up lists that are in classroom windows.

Could you be **MOTHER CHRISTMAS** on Friday the 13th? Please let reception know or message us via Facebook or raps.ptfa@gmail.com

DONATIONS:

Cakes & Bakes – savoury/sweet/gluten free/dairy free/sugar free – any baked donation will be greatly received. All bakes will need to be delivered into school on the morning of the fayre.

Gift bag – you should have now received your gift bag. Please decorate, fill and return the bag to school so we can sell them during the fayre.

Bottles/ soft toys – for our popular tombola's. Only SOFT toys please.

RAFFLE:

Roll up! Roll up!! Tickets will be on sale at school pick up from this Friday the 6th of December. £1 per strip.

Grab your tickets for a chance to win one of the prizes listed below:-

- All -new FIRE 7
- Echo Dot
- Christmas Hamper
- Revolution Skate Park voucher
- PURE ESCAPISM Beauty voucher
- Free MOT from Formula 1 Autos
- NEPTUNES HALL - Pizza and a bottle for 2
- Regency Dance Voucher

Thanks for all you help, support and continuous generosity.

Have a wonderful Christmas!!

The Parent Council



Young Artists Are All Winners!

An arts competition inspired by the high profile nationwide Turner Prize produced an array of thought-provoking and skilful creations by talented young artists from the Viking Academy Trust schools. Children from Ramsgate Arts Primary, Upton Juniors and Chilton Primary, entered the first ever VAT Arts prize 2019 and their work was on display at the Silverland Gallery at Ramsgate Harbour arches on Monday 2nd December, the day before the Turner Prize winner was announced at Dreamland in Margate.

Six artists were shortlisted and their work was in a variety of styles including clay, 3d installations, and paintings, with themes ranging from the environment and the rights of groups and individuals, to personal experiences and war. They were Rhea with 'No Rain, No Rainbow', which was inspired by the concept of resilience; Tommaso whose theme was 'Greed', inspired by the fact that some people have everything and others have nothing; Freya whose work 'Happy Place' was inspired by the belief that everyone deserves a happy and safe place, so she created a miniature bedroom; Blakely's contribution was 'My Unfair World' which detailed his health battles; Nadia's 'Plastic Earth' explored the belief that Earth is taken for granted and that we should look after our planet better; and Rebecca's questioning piece about the future was called 'Will This Be Our World?'

Blakely, aged seven from RAPS, was named as the winner for his installation on a hospital trolley that showed photos, images and equipment from his ongoing treatment for a serious health condition. It was called 'My Unfair World'. We were overwhelmed by the very high standard, thought provoking work that was exhibited by the children and their will definitely be a similar competition run by VAT in 2020.



December Holiday Club.....Viking Holiday Club are happy to announce our Christmas dates for 2019. If you need to finish the Christmas shopping then we are ideal for you! Dedicated to all children at Viking Academy Trust schools (Chilton, Ramsgate Arts and Upton) from Reception year to Year 6. If you have a sibling at another school in Reception – Year 6, no problem. Bring them along to join in the fun!

Dates and prices below:

Venue - Upton Junior School-Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December-

Half Day - (9am - 12pm /12pm - 3pm) £10 Full Day - (9am - 3pm) £15 (Sibling Discount - 25% off when paying full price for first child). If you would like your child to attend please complete the form using link:- <https://app.keysurvey.co.uk/f/1440631/127e/> and make payment via: www.eduspot.co.uk by **Monday 16th December 2019 at 12 noon.**