



School Newsletter

Friday 7th December... The Christmas Issue!
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Dear Parents,

The countdown to Christmas will begin over the next few weeks. **Only 18 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. The children have already made fabulous decorations for our Christmas trees, which are situated in our main reception area and in the hall. Dates of all of our Christmas events are 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.



Wednesday 12th December 3.15pm Doors open at 3.05 pm	KS2 Christmas performance - Year 4 will be performing Scrooge, supported by Years 3, 5 and 6. This is an un-ticketed event, but we need families to be aware that there will only be seating capacity for 100-120.
Thursday 13th December 9.30am Doors open 9.20 am	KS1 and EYFS Performance of the Nativity. This performance is for Reception parents. (This is again is an un-ticketed event.)
Thursday 13th December 2.00pm Doors open 1.50pm	KS1 and EYFS Performance of the Nativity. This performance is for Year 1 and 2 parents. (This is again is an un-ticketed event.)
Friday 14th December Christmas Fayre: 1.00- 2.00pm	Non-school uniform 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' - bring in a donation for Save the Children. Santa's Grotto Christmas Fayre see below for more information
Monday 17th December	Team Barnes', Team Spurrier's, Team Smart and Team Rees-Boughton's Christmas Parties - Children may wear their party clothes to school. Please see class blogs for more information
Tuesday 18th December	Team Beraet, Team Amin, Team Dannell and Team Stephens Christmas Parties - Children may wear their party clothes to school. Please see class blogs for more information
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day - School finishes at 2.00pm for all children. Happy Holidays Everyone!

Christmas Fayre and Santa Grotto

There are many wonderful events planned at RAPS, but we are hoping our Christmas Fayre will, once again, be one to remember.

This year's Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 14th December, starting at 1.00 pm

Parent Council will be running various stalls and are looking for donations of bottles for a bottle tombola, chocolates for a chocolate tombola and a small selection of homemade cakes/cupcakes for our tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cake stall. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. If anyone has any questions then please feel free to speak to any of the Parent Council while at school or contact them via the Ramsgate Arts Primary Mummies & Daddies & Carers Facebook group.

Along with the Parent Council stalls, the children will also be running class stalls, which the Junior Leadership Team has voted for and allocated to different year groups. Look out for Love to Learn tasks this week, as they are likely to be Christmas Fayre related!

On the day, all Children can walk around the Fayre during the afternoon (Reception and Year 1 will walk around with an adult) Home time will be 3:00 as usual, but if children are with parents/carers they may leave earlier. We ask that you sign your child out with their class teacher if they are to leave earlier.

Entry to the Fayre will be via reception only and costs 20p per person.

On the morning of the Fayre, there will be a Santa's Grotto for Reception to Year 4 to come along to, enjoying a story with Father Christmas. Children will also receive a gift following their visit. We will be asking for a small contribution of £3 from parents to help ensure every child receives a gift from Santa. Details were sent out on Wednesday.



Our tours started running for families with children due to start in Reception classes in September 2019. The dates and times are listed below – please contact the school office (582847) to make an appointment to attend one of these tours. We look forward to showing you around!

Thursday at 9.00, 10.00 and 11.00: 6th December and 8th and 10th January

We also have evening tours at 6.30 : 10th January

Alternative times can be arranged by emailing Mr Budge , Head of School – enquiries@ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk

Rocksteady

The children had an excellent time last Tuesday when Rocksteady were in school. It was lovely to see those children who would not normally be excited by music and did not want to have peripatetic lessons be inspired and want to learn to play songs that they know. Ramsgate Arts Primary School is committed to getting as many children as possible involved, learning and playing musical instruments and see Rocksteady as another vehicle in achieving this. Please see the letter that went out below and hurry because the places are going fast!



Rocksteady Music School
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Band lessons on the electric guitar, drums, keyboard or vocals will soon be available at your child's school through a visiting tutor from Rocksteady Music School. Lessons can seriously build children's **confidence**, grow **teamwork** and **social skills** whilst enhancing **wellbeing** along the way.

We are now taking bookings to guarantee your child's place.

Here's the key points you need to know:

- Your child will learn their favourite songs in a ½ hour band practice every week, led by Rocksteady tutors. A proven way of giving them a great musical grounding.
- Lessons take place during school time and are open to all year groups, with no experience necessary. It's the most hassle free option available.
- Rehearsals build towards a live performance each term. A fun way for your child to build their self-confidence and show both you and their friends just how far they've come.
- Rocksteady usually works out cheaper than 1-2-1 tuition at £31.25 per month. The cost also includes end of term concerts and use of instruments during the lessons (no need to buy your own).
- There's a money back guarantee for the first month and you are free to cancel at any time.

Places will be booked on a first come first serve basis and choice of instrument is subject to availability. If you have any questions you can call us on 0330 113 0330 (*Calls charged at local rate*) or email enrol@rocksteadymusicschool.com

To book your child's place enrol online now at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Kind regards,



Mark Robinson
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<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ramsgateartsp>

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Genetic Moo

This week all the children across the school have been working on another collaborative project with Dreamland. Genetic Moo team have been working with the whole school to produce a collaborative digital arts project. The children have had opportunities to be involved in workshops teaching basic creative coding, 'Sprite Making', digital creature design and digital dance using Kinect sensor. The end result is that children have learnt to be creative with computers, learning simple coding skills as well as learning how to work collaboratively. The final piece of work will be given to the school as a short film with we will be able to share with our parents at school but also at Dreamland or the Turner later in the year. See below an example of Genetic Moo's work.



