



## School Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are in the final countdown to the end of Term 2 and I can't believe how quickly this term has flown by. This past term the school has grown from strength to strength, I am very proud to say we have a well-established team of dedicated staff who truly put your children first in everything they do. Over the past couple of months I have been showing prospective parents around Ramsgate Free School and countless parents have commented on the fantastic behaviour of our children. They cannot believe how brilliantly the children participate in the learning through talk partners, no hands up signals and the way we get children to stop and focus. These things are second nature to the pupils at Ramsgate Free School but obviously not in the surrounding schools they may have visited. If you are aware of any parents who may be looking for a Reception place or Year 3 place for next year, please get them to phone our school office and come and have a look at what is going on in our super school!

I thought I would share these fantastic pictures from some of our Year 1 pupils. They were set a 'Love2 Learn' task to draw or write about what they thought our new building will look like. These two particularly caught my eye. I think the EFA have wasted thousands of pounds on employing architects and really they should have got Luci and Scarlett to design the school!



Needless to say, I am now looking forward to seeing more of the children's creative designs and pictures of Ramsgate Free School. With this in mind, I have a meeting with 'Blue Sky', the architects, next Thursday to finalise everything and I will be definitely taking these to the meeting. On a more serious note, we are pushing the Education Funding Agency to get every contract signed this side of Christmas so the contractors, McAvoy's, can start the demolition in January.

### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December-**  
Christmas Panto –The Legend of Sleeping Beauty.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.30pm Children's Christmas performance- Join us for mince pies afterwards.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** –Team Bearet Christmas Party.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** -Team Richards/Team Spurrier Christmas Party.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** –Last day of term , school finishes at 2.00pm.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January-**  
First day back.

Class newsletters are now in the form of a **Blog** that can be accessed on the **website**, or on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.



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## Parent Council

Although only five people attended our last Parent Council meeting, it was very productive. The team made some important decisions about the way forward for the Parent Council and also the school. As I said in my last newsletter, I feel the Parent Council is a strong forum for our parents' voices, and don't want the meeting to be just led by the school. I want us to work in partnership about how best the school meets the needs of your children. This is never more important than at this crucial time in the school's development. At the last meeting I was very keen to appoint Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. I was also keen to maintain the momentum from the last meeting and have a proactive, well-informed group of parents who are working for the benefit of our whole school community. Sadly, due to the lack of numbers, we decided that appointing these positions wasn't the right thing to do at this meeting.

After much discussion we agreed that the parents did want a voice and to work in partnership with the school. We agreed that on the next newsletter, our parents would be invited to nominate and then second parents who would be interested in either of the roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Don't be scared of what these roles entail! Talking to me is the most important thing - that, and a few organisational skills! If you are interested in one of the roles, then please fill out the attached form below and give it in to the office before our next meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. If you are unsure what these role entail and would like more information, please do come and speak, e-mail or phone me to find out more. Again, I am so proud of how much we have accomplished as a team and really feel as though we have established a strong Ramsgate Free School community. Let's not slow down now!

At the Parent Council meeting, we discussed our Christmas Nativity on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** and agreed that the Parent Council would help organise the fund raising event afterwards. We would to sell mince pies, cakes and drinks to help raise some funds towards trees and shrubbery for our new building. The children will have a non-school uniform day on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** in exchange for bringing in cakes and mince pies to be sold at the nativity. If you are also willing to help set-up and/or help on the stall on the Friday please let the office know.

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### And finally, (in case you hadn't noticed!) it's Christmas!

With the last weeks approaching, I just wanted to remind you about all the exciting events that are happening for the children of Ramsgate Free School...

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Whole School Pantomime</b> – The Legend of Sleeping Beauty.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Non - School Uniform Day</b> – Bring in cake/mince pies!
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Ramsgate Free School Nativity</b> (in Chilton School Hall). School gates will open 2.20pm, hall at 2.25pm. Production to start at 2.30pm. Mince pies/cakes to be sold afterwards.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Team Beraet's Christmas Party</b> - Children will need to wear their party clothes to school.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Team Richards and Team Spurrier's Christmas Party</b> - Children will need to wear their party clothes to school.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>School Christmas Lunch:</b> A special Christmas lunch will be served - turkey and all the trimmings! <b>Wear a festive jumper</b> and bring in a donation - money raised (again!) will go towards trees and shrubbery for our new building. <b>Last Day of Term</b> School will finish at 2.00pm.



## Parent Council Nomination Form

I nominate (name of person being nominated).....  
to Chair/ Vice Chair / Secretary (please delete as necessary.)

Nominated by (name of person making nomination).....

Signature .....

Seconded by (name of person seconding the nomination).....

Signature .....

Dated .....