



School Newsletter

Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and I'm sure you're now beginning to anticipate the onset of the Summer holidays, which are now less than five weeks away! Until then, we all are set for a jam-packed final term of this academic year and are looking forward to many super events including transition days, a STEM week, our Summer Fayre, Sports Days and Arts curriculum performances to name but a few!

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 Todd will be moving to a school in Canterbury and Mrs Vine is returning to Small Haven, next door, to continue working in an area in which she is passionate - supporting children with SEN. My enormous thanks goes to both these colleagues. I am sure you will join me wishing them all the very best for the future.

Joining our team from September will be Mr Stephens and Mrs Dannell who are both experienced teachers and who I am extremely pleased to welcome. Mrs Dannell will be leading music across the school and Mr Stephens will be leading the curriculum in addition to leading Year 6. I would also like to formally welcome Mrs Barnes, who joined us in Term 5 and who will be teaching our additional Reception class in September.

Our staff team seems to be going from strength to strength with also the recent additions of Mrs Beech, our new deputy head teacher, and also Mrs Elliott, our new Well-Being assistant and Mrs Hardley our new Finance assistant. I can't wait for next year!

The children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher on Thursday 5th July during our transition day. They will spend the day 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.

Classes for 2018-2019

Current Class	Will become in September 2018
Team Spurrier	Team Smart
Team Smart	Team Rees Boughton
Team Rees Boughton	Team Beraet
Team Beraet	Team Amin
Team Amin	Team Dannell
Team Todd	Team Stephens

Key Dates

25/7/18-Parent Council Meeting 3.15-4.15

5/7/18-Transition Day

6/7/18-Kidenzia Classical Concert Years 1-5

Week beginning 9/7/18 Parent Consultations

9/7/18- VAT Speaker Finals

9/7/18 STEM Week

13/7/18- 2.30-3.15 Governor Parent Surgery

14/7/18-Summer Fayre- 11.30-2.00

18/7/18 100% Behaviour Treat Day

20/7/18-Sports Afternoon 1.00-3.00 Reception-Year 5

23/7/18-KS2 Performance- Alison in Wonderland- 7.00

24/7/18 Last day of term- 2.00 finish





Kidenza Classical Concert for Kids!

On Friday 6th July, Year 1 through to Year 5 have the fantastic opportunity to see a 14 piece professional orchestra perform at Chatham and Clarendon. The BBC Ten Pieces III Tour is not a regular classical concert - it is designed for young people and will introduce them to wonderful pieces of music by composers such as Mozart and Tchaikovsky. Throughout the concert, the children will be looking at many different musical elements including form, notation, pitch, dynamics, rhythm and timbre. Letters have been given out this week.

STEM at RAPS

For the week beginning 9th July, Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths will be taking over the curriculum. A team from the local engineering firm, Cummins, will be coming to RAPS to introduce all our children to the wonders of the engineering world with the prospect of selecting children who show interest for an afterschool Engineering Club in the Autumn term. On Monday, Reception and Year 1 will be seeing who can construct the tallest tower. Tuesday will see Years 2 and 3 both making and testing gliders and then investigating water filtration. Finally, on Wednesday, Years 4 and 5 will be investigating how engines work and then constructing their own Lego engines.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council are busy at work arranging a Family Fun Day. If you can spare any time **at all**, the team are looking for volunteers to lend a hand. Any help would be greatly appreciated as I'm sure you'll agree that many hands make light work. As it stands, the event may have to be cancelled as only three people have thus far offered to help. Please sign up on the volunteer sheets which can be found outside the classrooms and in our main reception. A meeting will be held by the Parent Council about the **Fun Day on Monday 25th June between 3.15-4.15**. Childcare will be available for parents who attend!

RAPS Family Fun Day

Date : 14th July

Time: 11:30-2:00

Children's performances throughout the day

Hot food, Tea & cakes

Stalls, activities & plenty of fun for the whole family

Reception's New Outdoor Area:

At the beginning of this term we were finally able to open the doors to our new Reception outdoor area. Parents and children enjoyed a picnic lunch on the all-weather grass after an official ribbon-snipping ceremony by pupils which heralded the multi-use facility officially 'open'. A special guest attending the opening was Colin Clutterbuck from Living Timber, who worked hard to create many of the purpose-built play stations, learning zones and special features. These include a timber tepee, a mini performance stage, integrated work tables and benches, a mud kitchen and gardening area, and a water pump, water wheel and chute for experiments!



Term Dates for 2018-2019

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