



## School Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, thank you to all of our parents and carers for continuing to respond to our requests for awareness of both social distancing and wearing face coverings whilst on the school site at drop off and pick up. In a time when we must continue to be proactive in our measures and resist complacency, it is very much appreciated. Thank you for considering others and helping us in keeping everyone safe!

Understandably, many parents are still unsure whether or not to send their children to school if they are unwell and they subsequently phone the office, often for reassurance to check they are doing the right thing. I would therefore like to provide clarity on isolation rules:

- If a family member displays Covid symptoms, the whole household should isolate until a negative test result is obtained.
- Should there be a positive case at another school with children sent home from that school to isolate, siblings that we may have at RAPS are not required to isolate **unless** they or a family member display symptoms.

Something else to consider within all of this is the weather and the fact that we must make sure that the school is well-ventilated at all times. This means that windows stay open, regardless of the weather. Please could I therefore ask you to ensure that your children are warmly dressed as the temperature starts to drop. Please also make sure that your children's clothes are clearly named. Teachers do their best to keep track of cardigans and jumpers and return them to their rightful owners but this task is much easier if items are named!

And finally at the Viking Academy Trust we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parent bodies in each of our Viking schools. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. Attached with this newsletter is our 'Parent and Carer Code of Conduct' to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our schools about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Many thanks,

*N. Budge*

## Dates for Your Diary

7<sup>th</sup> October -Parent window for signing up to parents evening closes

12th October  
Breakfast Club starts (Key Workers only)

Week beginning  
19<sup>th</sup> October –  
Virtual Parents Consultations –  
Invites to be sent via Teams

23<sup>rd</sup> October –  
Horror Hair & Last day of Term

2<sup>nd</sup> November –  
INSET Day

3<sup>rd</sup> November –  
Back to School





*Is your child due to start school in September?  
Looking for a school place in Thanet?*

*Come to see...*

# *Ramsgate Arts Primary School*

♥ Dance. Drama. Art. Music. ♥  
Call 01843-582847 to book your tour

## *Ramsgate Arts Primary School*

Ramsgate Arts Primary school is an arts school based in a bright, modern, spacious building. Our school encompasses state-of-the-art technology and designated spaces (such as our dance studio, music room and art studio) to facilitate our Arts Curriculum.

***Did you know that you do not need to live in Ramsgate to apply for a place at RAPS?***

At Ramsgate Arts Primary school, we greatly value the arts. Our pupils experience professionally- led dance, drama, music and art lessons each week. Our pupils develop confidence, collaboration, new talents and passion through their arts lessons.

We are a unique school that values individuality and creativity, whilst maintaining a constant drive towards developing knowledge and skills in Maths, English, Science and across the foundation subjects too.

If you are looking for a reception school place for September 2021, call the school office on **01843582847** to book a tour. Tours are held Tuesday evenings at 5pm and Thursdays at either 5pm or 6pm. We look forward to showing you our fabulous facilities and inspiring team.



# SOS: Calling Creative Kids

Vriendschap needs your help

## Logo Design Competition

We are turning a huge boat in Ramsgate Harbour into an arts space ready for your school to leap aboard ...

Our 130 year old, 51metre Dutch Barge is called 'Vriendschap' which is Dutch for FRIENDSHIP, so she has a name but now we need a logo ...



So, what is a logo and why do we need one?

A logo is picture or symbol that is easily identifiable and helps people find their favourite brand of, well anything, instantly! A logo becomes part of the identity of an organisation, it helps people recognise who you are, and may help tell your story.

1. A successful logo is distinctive and memorable. 2. A logo is easy to understand 3. Logos make use of shapes, lettering, symbols and/or colours 4. A good logo is identifiable and clear 5. A logo can be multimedia – you can use a computer, colouring pencils, paint, collage or even crayons!

The successful logo will help communicate who we are!

## How do you enter our logo design competition?

1. Design a logo, either individually, or as a class
2. Send your logos as a pdf to **hello@ramsgateartsbarge.org** by January the 14<sup>th</sup> 2021
3. Look out for an email to say whether you have been shortlisted
4. Shortlisted logo designers will be exhibited at Moon Lane Books and Toys, Ramsgate from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 - head over to see your entry in the window!
5. The winning entry will receive a VIP class invitation (if you enter as an individual you will still be able to bring your class) to come aboard the barge in Autumn 2021.

*Once logos have been shortlisted, the public will vote & decide on the winning logo!*

**Email competition entries to: [hello@ramsgateartsbarge.org](mailto:hello@ramsgateartsbarge.org)**

### **FOR THE GROWN-UPS:**

*Ramsgate Arts Barge CIC are a social enterprise 'not-for-profit' organisation founded in Ramsgate, Kent. A crowdfunder is running between October 19- November 15 2020, to raise vital funds for the project, please visit our website for upcoming details.*

*A key aim of the Ramsgate Arts Barge project is to engage with all schools across the county of Kent, forming partnerships & creating educational programmes/workshops/cultural experiences for children. We are currently exploring the idea of creating a 'History of Ramsgate' 1-day visit/workshop/programme. The experience will include reflections on the World Wars, on Ramsgate's maritime heritage and the rich cultural past featuring authors and artists such as Jane Austen, Wilkie Collins, Augustus Pugin and Van Gogh.*

**Please visit [www.ramsgateartsbarge.org](http://www.ramsgateartsbarge.org) for more on who we are and what we're doing!**

## RAPS Parent Council News 02.10.20

Hello,

It's been a while! What a weird time it's been! I know we all let out a HUGE sigh of relief when we dropped our kids at school on the first day of term! Happy to be back?

Firstly, we would like to thank Mr Budge and his team for supporting our RAPS community during the last six months and doing their best to provide some sense of normality in such challenging times.

Secondly, 'Hi' to all the new Reception parents/carers and welcome back everyone else. It's nice to see all the 'masked' faces on the school run once again!

For our new parents/carers, you will find more details on the RAPS Parent Council and what we do on the school website. In brief, we are a group of parents/carers who organise events and activities to raise funds for the school. This year will be novel and challenging, raising money in a socially distanced fashion but we will do our best and find creative ways to create some fun!

You can find details about the Trustees and Class representatives on the school website and in addition we have lots of active members who contribute when they can. At the start of each year we need to find Class Representatives for our Reception Teams (Spurrier & Smart). Please contact us if you would like to help.

An easy and time-sensitive way to help us raise funds is to shop through our affiliate, EasyFundraising.org. Simply download the application to shop through familiar stores and a small donation will be made to RAPS.

### Key dates for your diary:

23.10.20 - HAIR HORROR DAY - Children can come to school with Horror hair in return for a £1 donation. The most horrific hair in each class will win a small prize.

W/c 26.10.20 - Half term – we hope to organise a fun activity you can do in your own time during that week. We will keep you posted.

W/c 09.11.20 – Annual General meeting (AGM). Details to follow. You can find more information on what this is about on the school website.

Christmas Cards – we successfully produced personalised Christmas Cards last year which featured your child's artwork. The school will be working with your children on their artwork and order details will be sent out in due course.

If you want to contact us then please check our Facebook group (RAPS Parent Council) or email us directly on [rapsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:rapsptfa@gmail.com).

Parents Evening is now available to book via the MCAS app. This year will be slightly different as it will be held via Teams Meetings. You will receive an email prior to your booked appointment time with instructions on how to gain access. If you are experiencing any difficulties in booking please contact the School Office. Thank you

# Parents Evening