



School Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The RAPS community are continually thinking about ways in which we can ensure we protect our environment. Environmental themes run through our RAPS curriculum and the texts children read, the art projects we run often have an environmental theme. We have now elected our new 'Eco Reps' for each class who will start looking at the way we recycle across the whole school, we have registered our school commitment to becoming a Plastic Clever School.



Thursdays are no technology days across the whole of RAPS (unless children have specific writing needs). As a school, we want the children to think about our consumption of electricity but also to get children and staff to think about the amount of screen time they could potentially be exposed to. We have 'Walk on Wednesday' where children are encouraged to walk to school or be dropped off and walk some of the way. Last year we received a Good award for all your fantastic efforts of walking to school on a Wednesday. I would like our parent community to now consider making our drop off areas a no idling zone! When we drop off our children or are waiting for children at the end of the day could we please switch our engines off. I understand in the colder weather that you may want to keep your engine running to keep your car warm but have you considered the impact that this is having on our environment and our children. A recent survey has found that each driver who doesn't turn their engine off during a 10-minute period spent waiting for their children produces 1,520 m³ of excess exhaust fumes a year, which is enough to fill two jumbo jets. Even just letting a car run for a minute a day generates 760 m³ of excess exhaust fumes a year, which is enough harmful gases to fill 150 balloons. Children are therefore being exposed to a higher proportion of car emissions as they leave school. As a RAPS community, I would like us all to start to think about our drop off areas and parking around the school site as a 'no idling zone'. In addition, please can we ask that you do not park in the staff car park. We thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 25th November –
Closing date for Viking
Academy Art Prize**

**Monday 2nd December
Viking Academy Art Prize –
Private viewing**

**Friday 6th December –
Reception Christmas Craft
Workshop 1.00-3.00**

**Tuesday 10th December -
9.30-Rock Steady Concert**

**Wednesday 11th December –
Whole-school Christmas
Panto**

**Thursday 12th December -
Reception Christmas
Performance – 2.00-3.00**

**Friday 13th December –
Santa's Grotto am.**

**1.00 -3.00 - Christmas Fayre
and Christmas Jumper Day**

**Monday 16th December -
Year 1 and 2 Christmas
Performance – 2.00**

**Tuesday 17th December - KS2
Christmas Performance –
3.00**

**Wednesday 18th December –
Christmas Dinner**

School closes at 2.00

Parent Council News

AGM update - New Trustees elected

Firstly, we would like to thank all the trustees from the last year for all their hard work, dedication and incredible fund raising skills. Emma Jackson as Chair, Sabrina Littlewood as Secretary and Caroline Donoghue as Treasurer, along with the rest of the team who raised over £5000 which went towards the purchase of the stage. It will contribute towards the new outdoor space and it will be used for further needs and requests.

The AGM took place on the 12th of November and we are pleased to announce that the following parent council members were elected to the following positions:-

Chair – Charlotte Taylor

Mum to Remi in Team Rees Boughton & Bae in Team Barnes. Charlotte has been a proactive member of the parent council since joining the school in January. Although fairly new to the school Charlotte has experience in other PTAs and wants to help further develop the inclusive school community.

Secretary – Becky Beasley

Mum to Beth and Lucy in Team Amin. Becky has been a parent at the school since it opened and decided to join the school council earlier this year. She has always volunteered for events there's a rumour that she actually knows Father Christmas in person!

Treasurer – Alison Humphry

Mum to Henry in Team Dannell. Alison has been part of the school council for four years and is now excited to take on the additional responsibilities of looking after all the raised funds and ensuring we spend it wisely in her last year at the school!

Vice Treasurer – Mel Hodder

Mum to Ruby in Team Dannell along with Noah & Joseph in Team Barnes. Mel is the longest active member of the school council along with her husband Andy, together they have entertained us by organising extremely successful Comedy and Quiz nights at the school.

Please let us know if you would like to join the council. There are no rules on how involved you have to be. We welcome any help and can utilise any skills you can bring with you!

Christmas Fayre – Friday 13th December – 1-3pm

The parent council, teachers and children will be pulling together to create a magical Christmas fayre for all to enjoy. There will be more stalls than last year with plenty of games, craft and tombola's to enjoy. Refreshments and popcorn will be available throughout and we will finish the event with a Christmas carol sing along to get everyone in the festive mood! In order to make the fayre a success we will be asking parents/ carers for various donations. **Our wish list is below:-**

VOLUNTEERS – Don't be shy...we want everyone to enjoy the Christmas fayre and have some time experiencing the magic with their own children. Therefore, we need as many helping hands as we can get! We will be putting up volunteer sign-up sheets in each classroom and will need help with a number of tasks before, during and after the fayre. Tasks include: 1 hour shifts on stalls, decorating the grotto, wrapping presents, raffle ticket sales shifts, set up & clear up.

Cakes & Bakes – savoury/sweet/gluten free/dairy free/sugar free – any baked donation will be greatly received. Please let one of us know if you plan to bake something for the fayre.

All bakes will need to be delivered into school on the morning of the fayre.

Gift bag – a plain paper bag will be sent home in your child's book bag on Friday 29th November. We ask that your child decorates the bag and fills it with goodies to be sold at the fayre for £1.

Bottles – we want to run a bottle tombola as it was such a success at the summer fayre. Any bottle you can spare will be greatly received.

Soft toys - we'd like to run a tombola. It's a hit with the kids and helps you clear out some unwanted toys before Christmas! Please wash the toys before you donate them.

All gift bags, bottles & soft toys will need to be delivered into the school between the 9th to 13th December due to storage restrictions.

Father Christmas Grotto

We are excited to be running a Grotto on Friday 13th December.

Reception, Yr 1, Y2 & Y3 children will be offered the opportunity to visit Father Christmas in the morning during school hours.

Y4, Y5 & Y6 will be offered the opportunity to visit Father Christmas during the school fayre from 1pm – 3pm.

We are asking for a £3 donation per child and payments can be made by cash or PayPal to the Parent Council.

Further details will be sent out via letter.

RAFFLE

We will be selling raffle tickets in the run up to the school fayre at school pick up.

There will be a few large prizes rather than lots of little prizes so make sure you look out for the ticket sales so you don't miss out!

Christmas Lantern Parade

On the Sunday the 1st of December, there is a Christmas parade of the 'Snow Queen' happening in Ramsgate, which celebrates the Christmas lights being turned on. Some classes and parents have been involved in making beautiful props for this parade with community artists from 'Arts in Ramsgate' and Miss Vost.

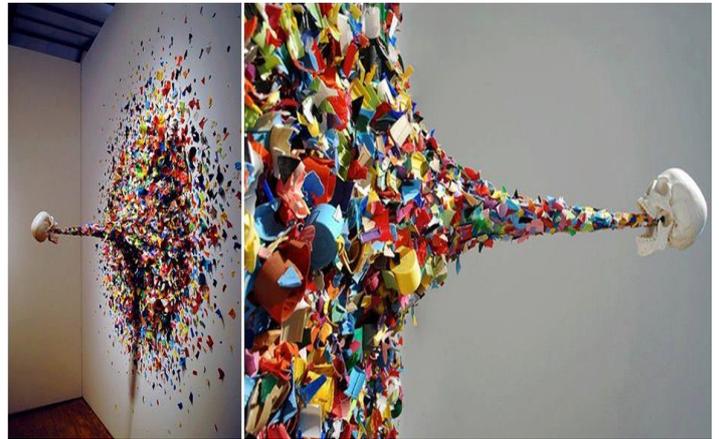
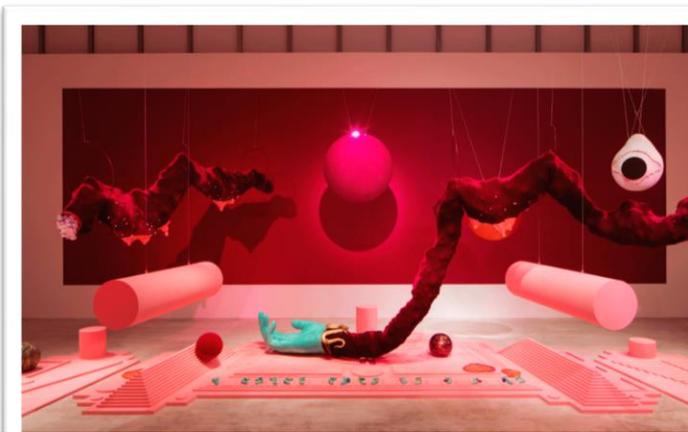


We would like to invite everyone to take part in the parade and meet at 18 Harbour Street at 3.30 pm with Miss Vost and the local community to represent our school, the parade begins at 4 pm. Children are welcome to come with face paint or costumes linked to the Snow Queen and will be given lanterns and props to hold at this point. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible for this magical event

VIKING ACADEMY TRUST ART PRIZE 2019

We are very pleased to announce our first ever art competition across all three schools in the trust. The Viking Academy Trust Art Prize is inspired by the famous Turner Prize, which is currently being held in Margate's Turner Contemporary Gallery. Inspired by the artwork you saw during this term's art assembly, we want you to make innovative, exciting art that is driven by your experiences and opinions. What does it mean to be you? What is important to you? What do you think is unfair in the world?

- Work can be any size, from a big installation to a tiny creation
- Work can be either 2D or 3D
- You can use any material or process including Lego, animation, video, installation, clay, fabric, origami or painting
- All artwork needs to be handed in to your class teacher by Monday 25th November 2019
- Give your piece a title and a short description explaining the concept that inspired it
- Include your full name, class, year group and school



Choose a theme that will inspire you. Here are some ideas to get you started;

- The environment
- The rights of groups or individuals
- Animal rights
- Your hobbies or interests
- Humour

Finished artwork will be displayed in a Margate gallery. There will be a private viewing for parents, children and school staff on Monday 2nd of December from 6pm, when the winners will be announced. Everybody is welcome.

We are really looking forward to seeing your exciting creations and showing them off to the world!

Mr Brown and Miss Vost



Santa's Christmas present workshop

For 5 days only

2nd - 6th Dec
Lunchtimes

We will be purchasing a wide range of affordable Christmas presents so that the children can visit our shop, pick a present for family members, put a label on it and then bring it home to pop under the tree!

Presents will be priced at £2.50 each and will be suited to Mums, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, Cousins and Friends.

Adults and Yr. 6 Helpers will be on hand to help your child make a sensible choice and write the label.

**Take the stress out of your
Christmas and put the
enjoyment of present
choosing and independence
in to your child's!**

1

Send your child in to school with enough money to purchase one, two, or twenty presents. All £2.50 each, wrapped and with a To: and From: tag! Please give your child a bag to bring their gifts home safely!

2

Your child enters Santa's Christmas present workshop and chooses from a wide range of gifts suitable for men, women, boys and girls, babies and teenagers!

3

Once chosen, your child will be helped to write a tag on the present stating the name of the person that they have bought for and their name.

4

Relax in the knowledge that some of your Christmas shopping has been done and that, even better...someone else has wrapped it for you!

All profits will go towards 'Outdoor Learning' and in particular, developing a Growing Area at RAPS.

If you are available to help with the shop or willing to take a bag of presents home to wrap them, please contact the office.