



Dear Parents and Carers,

For the last two weeks, we have been conducting pupil surveys. This is important in making sure that the children play a part in the direction of the school and that they have an opportunity to share their views.

The children were asked about our values, their learning and playtimes and were asked to give positives and ideas for improvements.

The children talked about how the school values influence their behaviour – with many responses discussing the fact that you should treat people how you want to be treated. They also explained that school values keep them safe. Children from Year 1 to 6 spoke very passionately about their learning – they love challenge and they love to problem solve! They also talked about their best learning activities and often this involved making, doing and experimenting, although they also discussed how much they enjoyed their writing tasks and learning new words to use. The children said they wanted to be outdoors learning more which was an opinion echoed by parent forums and questionnaires. Children also talked about the differences at playtimes and how this made lunchtimes better – with the way equipment is organised, how lunch ends and the new quiet area that they can use.

I will take this feedback to teachers so that we can continue to shape our learning to meet the interests of the children. We are working hard to organise more outdoor activities and trips and to ensure that we continue to add balance and breadth to our curriculum.

I have emailed out a parent survey today, which contains similar questions to the ones we asked the children. Your responses and suggestions are much appreciated but I would remind parents that an online survey is not the place to express particular concerns or problems. Issues need to be raised with the appropriate members of staff so that they may be solved. An online survey can't offer answers or solutions!

Please also see the next page for news of our latest parent meet initiative!

With best wishes

Mrs Kate Law – Head of School

Head of School

Dates for your diary:

**Term 4 ends:
Thursday 29th March
at 2pm**

**Staff Development
Day – Monday 16th
April**

**Term 5 begins:
Tuesday 17th April**

**Final development
day:
Friday 29th June**

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CHECK OUR YEAR
GROUP BLOGS!**

www.chiltonreception.primaryblogger.co.uk

www.chiltonyear1.primaryblogger.co.uk

www.chiltonyear2.primaryblogger.co.uk

www.chiltonyear3.primaryblogger.co.uk

www.chiltonyear4.primaryblogger.co.uk

www.chiltonyear5.primaryblogger.co.uk

www.chiltonyear6.primaryblogger.co.uk

Parent Meet – School Tours

The leadership team are keen to find as many ways as possible for parents to be involved in the school so that they can give ideas and feedback. This helps families better understand the work of the school and helps us to shape priorities for future school development.

One of the best ways to find out about our school is to take a tour of it – as parents of our youngest children may well remember when they were choosing us. As leaders, we always enjoy these tours and explaining aspects of school life – what happens and why we take certain approaches to teaching and learning.

We would therefore like to offer the opportunity for any existing parents to take a tour of the school with a member of the leadership team. It may have been some time since you had a good look around and we would love to show you the school! The tours will be very informal and we will be open to any questions or discussion points as we walk around.

We are offering these tours by appointment in small groups on both Wednesday 21st March and Thursday 22nd March at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. This will allow you to see the school in action!

If you would be interested in one of these tours, please call the school office to book your place (we are running them just as we would for prospective parents).

Art Competition

Mrs Walton visited on Monday to deliver our art assembly for Term 4.

She told us all about Aboriginal art and how it could be painted, carved or made using sand art. Aboriginal art is considered a language in itself, communicating through lovely patterns.

We are launching our latest art competition to produce any kind of aboriginal art. This can take any form and use any material!

The final entry date for this competition is Tuesday 17th April so that the children have the Easter holidays to work on their entries.

The competition is judged by Junior Leaders and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded. All work entered will then be displayed in the hall.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations!



School shop

You may have noticed if you have been in Ramsgate town centre that the School Wear shop in Harbour Street is currently vacant. The company have contacted us to let us know that there were serious structural issues with the building which will take some time to rectify. The Margate shop is still open and the company will arrange home delivery from the shop to Ramsgate addresses on a temporary basis.

We are in the process of organising some dates in the summer terms when the School Wear shop will be operating a pop up shop at Chilton for parents. We will keep you posted!

Cake sale

We are excited to be ready to order our own bouncy castle from the fundraising that the children and Chilton Fund-Raisers have been running for the past year.

We are still raising the money for Go-Karts and some Year 4 girls have asked to run a cake sale on the last day of term for this.

Any contributions of cakes are gratefully received on the morning of Thursday 29th March. They will be selling the cakes at breaks and after school.

They thank you in advance!

Easter Bonnet Parade – Reception and Key Stage 1

After the success of our Easter Bonnet parade last year, we invite all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to make a beautiful bonnet or hat and bring it in to school on the last day of term (Thursday 29th March). We will enjoy a parade to show off all of the children's creations and then 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be awarded in each year group.

Easter Bonnet Competition – KS2

Whilst we appreciate that our older children might not want a whole parade, we don't want to leave them out of the Easter bonnet fun!

We therefore invite our children in KS2 (years 3 to 6) to make a fantastic Easter Bonnet or hat and bring it in to school with them on the last day of term. There will be a competition in each year group with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes being awarded in each. Entering this is optional – we are well aware it may not be for everyone!

Save the Date – From Mrs Hughes, our SENCo

Viking Academy Trust Autism Awareness Week - Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 27th March at 9:30 am

Held at Ramsgate Arts Primary School (Newington Road)

More details to follow soon

Also coming up this term.....

On Wednesday 21st March, it is World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. We feel strongly about this as a school and so in recognition of this, we are inviting all of our children to wear odd or crazy socks to school on that day:

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ROCK YOUR SOCKS

— FOR —

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

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Also coming up this term

Our Sport Relief Dance-a-thon makes a welcome return on Friday 23rd March! Children are invited to wear either sports-wear or fantastic bright colours or sports-wear that is fantastic bright colours! We will spend the day making sure that there is always a group of children dancing at school. Children will be encouraged to collect sponsorship – information from Mr Wheeler will follow shortly.



Class Assemblies:

The dates for class assemblies for Terms 5 and 6 have been arranged as follows and families are invited to attend (**all of these will start at 9am** – please arrive promptly to start at that time):

- Wednesday 25th April – Team Aqua
- Wednesday 2nd May – Team Turquoise
 - Wednesday 9th May – Team Royal
- Wednesday 13th June – Team Periwinkle
 - Wednesday 20th June – Team Cyan

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- Wednesday 27th June – Team Teal
- Wednesday 11th July – Reception (both Team Ocean and Team Sky)

A note on assemblies:

To make parents aware, all of our assemblies are delivered with age appropriate content. If books are used to read from, they are books written for children. If video clips are shown, they are always made up of appropriate content.

Sometimes children will come home discussing assembly themes which taken out of context may seem unusual. I would ask that you take the time to discuss and explore this with your children and if they struggle to explain, contact myself or a class teacher either by email or in person. We will be happy to explain the content and purpose of any of our assemblies.

HOUSE POINTS

Here are the latest house point standings with one week to go. The winning team will enjoy their non-uniform day on Monday 26th March.

SAXONS	3767
ROMANS	3633
NORMANS	3154
VIKINGS	3456

KEY DATES FOR TERM 4:

- Tuesday 13th March – Team Azure and Team Peacock re-scheduled parent-teacher consultations
- Friday 16th March – Year 6 must have accepted secondary school places by today
- Wednesday 21st March – wear odd socks to school for Down Syndrome Awareness
- Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March – ‘Parent Meet’ school tours
- Friday 23rd March – Sports Relief Dance-a-thon
- Monday 26th March – House winners non-uniform
- Wednesday 28th March – Spring Term behaviour reward day
- Thursday 29th March – Term 4 ends at 2pm

Early notice for Term 5:

- Monday 16th April – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 17th April – Aboriginal Art Competition final day for entries
- Tuesday 17th April – Y6 SATs information meeting 6pm
- Friday 20th April – Reports for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 out (Reception, Years 2 and 6 are sent in July after statutory assessments).

- **Tuesday 24th April – Y2 SATs information meeting 2:30pm**
- **Thursday 3rd May – KS2 Mastermind**
- **Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday**
- **Monday 14th May – YEAR 6 SATs WEEK**
- **Monday 21st May – International Diversity Day – dress up in your brightest clothes or your favourite dressing up costume**
- **Friday 25th May – Good to be Me Celebration Day**
- **Half Term – 26th May**
- **Term 6 begins – Monday 4th June**

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