



Term 6 Viking Newsletter

Dear Viking Families,

Throughout the year I have highlighted the many different strengths of the Viking Academy Trust schools: in developing the personal values of perseverance, determination and teamwork; in the arts; in the field of sports; as well as in the wonderfully rounded pupils that we develop, pupils who are kind and happy and caring. However, our core purpose is to enable our pupils to develop their academic ability to its full potential. We see it as our mission to develop children who are articulate in the written and spoken word, to develop children who are confident and competent mathematicians, as well as young people who have desire and thirst to understand how the world works and to seek out new information because they can, not because they have to.



End of Primary School fun for Year 6 children across the Viking Academy Trust. We hope they take our Viking Values with them to the next stage in their lives!

Seeing the current year 6 children as they prepare to leave, I can truly say that I feel that we have achieved our mission in the time that they have been with us. I see your children who are socially, academically and emotionally ready for the next stage in their educational journey, children who have thrived in their primary schools, but who are now chomping at the bit to push themselves as they enter their secondary education. In each of our three schools the children have achieved fabulous SATs scores, showing that the vast majority of children have achieved and, in many cases, have exceeded their potential. In addition to this, a record number of Viking year 6 children will be leaving to attend one of the local grammar schools. That said, we are immensely proud in the knowledge that every child, has done as much as they can, to be the best they can be! To the children in year 6, we salute you and wish you every success in the future, wherever that may take you.



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Your children won't however, achieve all they are capable of alone, they will need your continued support, guidance, love (and cajoling), those things that are at the very heart of parenting, the things which have allowed your children to succeed so far in their lives. Saying goodbye to year 6 will also mean for some of our families – it will be a final goodbye to Chilton, to RAPS or at Upton, as your last (or only) child ends their primary school journey this week. To those parents - Thank you for all you have done to make the partnership between home and school so successful, just keep doing it, and your children will grow up to make you happy and proud!

For families returning to us for the new academic year, my staff and I look forward to building upon the strong foundations developed this year. One of our (many) Viking mantras is, 'Getting Better Never Stops.' Miss. Arthur (Upton), Mr. Budge (RAPS) and Mr. McAuley (Chilton) are determined and united in their ambition to provide an outstanding education for every child. 'One Childhood One Chance' drives us forward as we set new challenges for our Viking schools, confident in the knowledge we have our children's very best interests at the heart of everything we do!

Wishing you a wonderful summer holiday. May the sun shine brightly (always hope!) and may there be ample opportunity for precious memories to be made with your children.

With my thanks and best wishes.

Mrs. M Lewis

Executive Headteacher

Final Year 6 at RAPS as a single class of 30 children, next year it will be two classes and 60 children!



Reminder: Emergency 'Out of Hours' Contact Form

At Viking, we appreciate, despite best efforts, not everything fits within the window of a school day and emergency situations may leave you urgently wanting to contact the school. Office and Head of School emails are shared on school websites – but, as you may have seen – staff are under no obligation to read or respond to work emails outside of the 'working day'.

The message on all Viking email accounts reads as follows... The Viking Academy Trust respects the wellbeing of its staff. There is no expectation that emails are responded to before 8am or after 5pm Monday to Friday, at the weekend or during school holidays.

We have therefore created an 'Emergency Out of Hours' contact form for parents or carers to use if they feel they urgently need to share information / get in touch prior to the start of the next working day. To access this form, please click the 'Contact Us' tab on the school website and the emergency out of hours link can be accessed.

See the example below taken from Upton's website.



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