



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

I know that I quite often comment on how time seems to move differently in the life of a school – but this term seems just to have whizzed by in a blink. Term 5 was an action-packed six weeks, and also not without its fair share of disruption and special events.

Year 2 have had their SATS Week, the last cohort to ever do so. Fortunately, the people in government who know best have agreed that it is not the brightest idea to administer formal test papers to 6-year-olds. A welcome change – but it is also worth saying how impressed Mrs Joyner was with the children: they just took everything in their stride and tried their hardest! We could not ask for better learning behaviour and the children can be very proud how much they have achieved in not even three full years at school.

Year 6 also had their big test week. You may have heard that there was almost a national outcry after this year's reading paper. The pupils were given three passages of text which were respectively 623, 817 and 612 words long - or **2,052 words in total**. The Department for Education does not list an expected reading speed for an average 11-year-old, but US educational studies roughly suggest 150 words per minute is a good aim for silent reading at that age. So, reading those passages just once would take up **14 minutes**. The 38 questions contained another **1,142 words**, and every wise student remembers the advice to read every question twice, so that accounts for another **15 minutes**. Once pupils had absorbed each individual question – based on that reading speed - they would have had an average of **49 seconds** per question to scan back through the relevant passage, work out their answer and write it down. But here is the good news: our pupils did not break down; they persevered; they finished the paper and attempted every question! A huge WELL DONE to our Year 6 pupils.

And a huge well done to all of the children at RHT. Our end-of-term Celebration Worship this morning illustrated just how brilliantly all of the children have done this term and how those embedded learning behaviours have led to fantastic progress and great achievements.

As some of you will already know, we are very excited to welcome back Mrs Lawrence from her maternity leave next term. She will be working across the school, and in Year 1 on Thursdays and Fridays for term 6; it is lovely to have her back!

Have a wonderful half term, and I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

Yours,  
**Mrs Price**

### Extended Day Club – survey of interest

Thank you to everybody who filled in this survey. I am pleased to say that the interest expressed suggests that running an extended day club would be cost effective, which is great news. We will now spend the next few weeks looking at logistics for this.

Given the precarious nature of funding in education at the moment, rather than committing to this for a full year, we will need to review it at each 'big' term. This protects the school from having to run at a loss.

More information to follow, but I am pleased that it looks like we will be able to continue helping families for whom the early drop-off is a necessity.

## A Little Reminder

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed more children than usual coming to school displaying a broader interpretation of our uniform policy. Please, after the holidays, be mindful of the following:

- Shirts should be tucked in and ties should be worn. If the weather EVER warms up properly, I will take the ties under review.
- Hair that is shoulder-length or longer should be tied back, and bows/ hair accessories should be small and kept to a minimum.
- Trainers/ sports shoes can ONLY be worn on PE days.
- Other than small studs, earrings and/ or bracelets/ necklaces should **not** be worn.

With all the best will in the world, there will always be 'those' mornings when school shoes inexplicably disappear and the tie winds up in the microwave; please be assured that we've all been there, and we are always understanding if you let us know. As per our behaviour policy, we will never admonish children for wearing incorrect uniform, but we appreciate your support regarding our standards.

## Book Recommendation

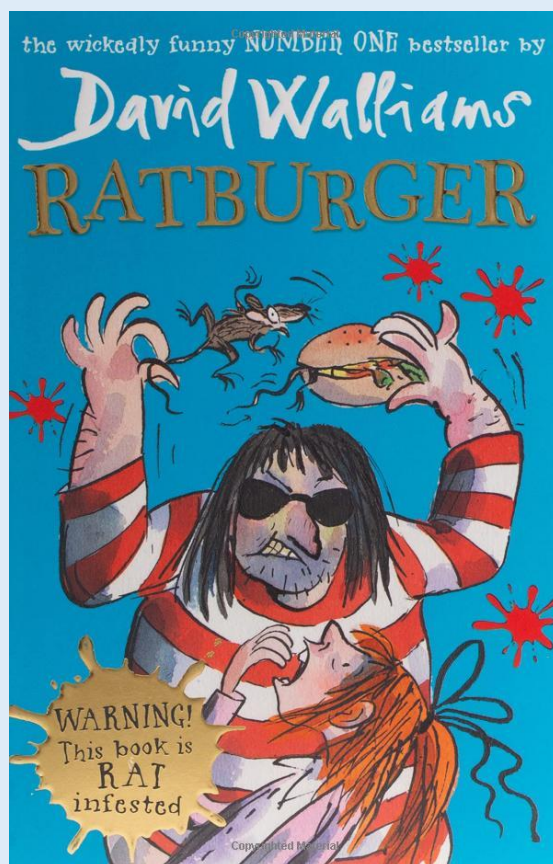
### This month's recommendation from Mr Coleman

RATBURGER, by David Walliams. Reviewed by Mr Coleman, Class 6.

Ratburger is about a little girl called Zoe, who is very sad because her pet hamster Gingernut died.

Zoe lives in a flat with her dad and her awful stepmother Sheila. Sheila is so lazy she asks Zoe to pick her nose for her! When Zoe finds a baby rat in the corner of her room, she cannot help but keeping it. She names him Armitage and he becomes her replacement pet. How will she hide the rat from her disgusting stepmother and the pest exterminator Burt? As well as being a pest exterminator, Burt runs the local Burger store. Burt's Burgers have always been appalling but have the children ever thought of what is in them?

Ratburger was a good book but it grossed me out a bit. There were some funny bits but some passages were quite revolting. I recommend this to little boys and girls who like gross books, and I rate it 7 out of 10.





## Class 4

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Howletts Wild Animal Park. The weather favoured us and we had the opportunity to spend the day outdoors, learning from each other and from the noticeboards around the enclosures.

Firm favourites were the capybaras, the gorillas and the rhinos, which were our final stop before getting the coach home.

I definitely think we have a few future Kate Humble's, Chris Packham's and David Attenborough's in our midst. There are some really knowledgeable young animal experts in our class and it was lovely to spend the day talking and learning in a different kind of way!





## Class 6

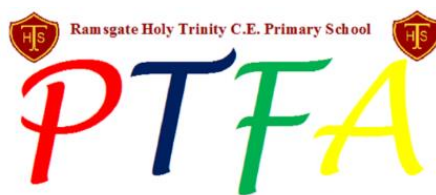
Year 6 were fortunate enough to attend a 'Discovery Planet' workshop on the last day of Term 4. The children were asked to think about how humans might both interact and use technology in the future. Class 6 children were then asked to put their ideas into a model, which they made. They were then given the opportunity to enter their model into a competition. Ramsgate Holy Trinity were awarded four winning prizes.

A huge 'well done' to all of the children who won.



Pictured with Mrs Price are: Lawrence, Seren, Jessica and Millie.

## News from the PTFA



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Coronation Tea Party! It was a wonderful occasion and we raised over £500 for the school. Special thanks to Vicki for organising such a fabulous event.

The children will be drawing a picture for the school tea towel soon and they will be available to buy next month, £4.50 each.

Please remember to support the PTFA non-uniform days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June and bring in donations of toys and bottles for the Summer Fayre.

Following our previous email, please do get in touch if you can help in any way.

All money raised goes directly to funding trips and other activities for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

**The PTFA**

