

1000 Hours of Kindness

As many of you will be aware, we started term 2 with our 1000 hours of kindness week. Ashford Vineyard Church asked a number of schools to participate, including Repton Manor Primary School. In the usual Repton Manor way, the children, staff and families took this learning opportunity to a new level and I was incredibly proud of the results. Children planned their learning alongside the staff and discussed how they would like to support others around them in the school, Ashford and beyond.

It was interesting to see how children and adults took great delight in delivering the acts of kindness, even those that were anonymous. It was also humbling to see the number of families that got involved at home and in the community. I witnessed a number of acts by children (from Reception through to Year 6) that were incredibly thoughtful and unprompted by any adult. To name a few; a child giving away half their money for the 'bring and buy' to an upset boy who had lost his; a young girl delivering thank you notes to friends and family; a boy cooking dinner and treats for his neighbour who lives alone; children donating flowers to strangers to brighten up their day.

What is really interesting is how the children have continued with this ethos in the following weeks, showing each other and the staff great kindness and understanding the power of 'thank you' and gratitude. We hope you will have noticed this at home too.

A message from our Parent Focus Group:

Participants of the Parent Focus Group have raised safety concerns regarding hasty and inconsiderate driving behaviour during drop off and pick up of school pupils. Please don't compromise the safety and wellbeing of children while acting in haste.

Matt Rawling - Headteacher

Assembly dates for your diary:

Loggerhead Turtles Assembly – Friday, 17th November 2017
Emperor Penguins Assembly – Friday, 24th November 2017
Bottlenose Dolphins Assembly – Friday, 1st December 2017
Medal Assembly – Friday, 7th December 2017
Christmas Assembly – Friday, 15th December 2017
No Class Assembly – Friday, 5th January 2018
Bengal Tigers Assembly – Friday, 12th January 2018

Pyjama Friday!

All the staff and children are invited to wear their pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers to school this Friday. The 50p suggested contribution will go towards our school donation for Children in Need. If children choose not to wear pyjamas they will be expected to wear school uniform as usual.

Terms 2 & 3 dates for your diary:

Reception Christmas Show – Tuesday, 5th December 2017 at 2pm and Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 5pm
Year 2 Nativity – Tuesday, 12th December 2017 at 2pm and Wednesday, 13th December 2017 at 5pm
Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, 13th December 2017
Classroom Open Afternoon – Thursday, 14th December 2017 at 3.30pm
Interim reports – Friday, 15th December 2017
Term 2 Ends – Friday, 15th December 2017
INSET Days – Monday, 18th December to Wednesday, 20th December 2017

Term 3 Starts – Thursday, 4th January 2018
Parent Focus Group – Friday, 12th January 2018
Parents' Evening 2 – Thursday, 8th February 2018
Term 3 Ends – Friday, 9th February 2018