

## Social Media Surprises

Social media can be both a wonderful form of communication and an incredibly negative one. Many people use it to express views about all sorts of things and inevitably schools come up in conversation.

We are often all linked to each other through friends of friend's or work colleagues. I thoroughly enjoy seeing photos of friends and their families and catching up with people from far afield that I would have probably lost contact with. Over the last fortnight though, something exceptional has happened that has had a significant impact on our staff. A number of parents in different online groups and social media platforms (as well as emails directly to the school) have been proudly stating their support for Repton Manor Primary School. I have been sent screenshots of a number of these published comments and I'm not sure if parents understand the positive impact it has on our staff. Thank you for this praise. Although I know it was not intended for our eyes, when shared with adults working in the school, you can see a direct positive impact on the staff.

We often speak to our children about the impact words have on the people around us and our community. It's important for us all to see our children interacting positively with each other and understanding the impact comments can have on each other. We praise children for being supportive and kind and yet sometimes we forget to recognise this is just as important to us as adults. It's a brave new world and long may our social media surprises continue.

Matt Rawling - Headteacher

## Christmas Fayre

We would like to remind all of our families that we will be holding our School Christmas Fayre on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 from 3pm to 6pm.

This year, each year group will be making items to sell and running their own fun stalls. Father Christmas will be making his usual appearance and we hear that there will be a high chance of snow on that evening!

Please could we kindly ask for donations of chocolates, male and female toiletries or wine. These will be used for the children to buy and wrap a surprise present for their loved ones.

If you have any queries, please come and ask a member of the office staff.

### **Children In Need 2016**

We would like to congratulate all of the children for helping to raise a fantastic sum of £361 for this year's Children In Need.

## Terms 2 & 3 dates for your diary:

Reception Christmas Show – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 2pm  
and 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm  
Year 2 Nativity – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 2pm  
and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 5pm  
Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Interim Reports to Parents – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Term 2 Ends – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016  
INSET Day – Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017  
Term 3 Starts – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Parent Focus Group – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Parents' Evening – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Term 3 Ends – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Assembly Dates for your diary:

Year 6 – Hammerhead Sharks – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
Year 4 – Emperor Penguins – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016  
Year 3 – Bottlenose Dolphins – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Medal Assembly – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Christmas Assembly – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016

## **Warm Wishes .....**

We would like to send warm wishes to Mrs Cutts and her husband and look forward to meeting their new arrival. Congratulations!!