

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

December 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

Our children have been amazing so far this term; we have been extremely busy celebrating Remembrance Day, Children in Need and Anti-bullying Week, taking part in art workshops, bedtime story sessions and all the while completing some amazing learning in class.

We have had an increase in Covid-19 cases within the school, and in light of recent Government changes in guidance, we have had to update our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. Please read below very carefully as an explanation of these changes is included.

With these updates, we are looking at our planned Christmas activities and how we can celebrate this magical time of year with you all. Page 2 of this letter includes details some important details about upcoming events this term which we hope you will find helpful.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Mrs Chambers and Mrs Summers

Important Covid-19 Risk Assessment Updates

Please see below for some important preventative measures that we have put into place for the remainder of this term:

- Two classes have formed class bubbles for all learning activities. Parents of these classes have been informed separately.
- Year Groups will now work as bubbles where possible throughout the day to try to minimise spread across the school.
- All areas within the school continue to be ventilated throughout the day. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately. It is ok for children in this instance to wear alternative layers of clothing to remain warm throughout the school day.
- Whole school assemblies will be virtual until the end of the term. Class assemblies will be live streamed to the school whilst parents watch the assembly in the hall.
- Christmas Activities involving parents are explained on Page 2. Please look carefully at requirements for families. We ask all parents to please wear a face covering whilst in the school building and to consider taking a lateral flow test before they visit. Unfortunately, we are unable to have siblings and toddlers attending these events due to social distancing requirements.
- We have been made aware of some new guidance from Public Health England. **If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test and does not have a PCR test within 2 days, then they will be required to isolate for a full 10 days following their positive lateral flow.**
- If you deem your child to be a close contact to someone with Covid-19 but you have not been contacted by NHS Track and Trace, you can order them a PCR test. When ordering a PCR test it is important to check the box (online) or tell 119 'I've been told to get a test by my health protection team' **and not 'I've been told to get a test by my school or nursery'.**

We are sure that you will agree that we are doing all that we can to ensure the safety of our children, staff and families and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

We must stress that all planned Christmas events are subject to change at short notice subject to our ongoing risk assessment of cases within the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th December @2pm and Wednesday 8th December @ 5pm—
Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 8th December Open Afternoon Cancelled, Replaced with **Thursday 9th December Book Sharing @ 3:00pm—**Book Sharing on playground (weather dependent) - see overleaf

Friday 10th December—Medal Assembly (9– 9:30 YR, 9:30—10:00 Y1+2, 10:00—10:30 Y3+4, 10:30—11:00 Y5+6)

Wednesday 15th December—Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th December—Interim Reports

Thursday 16th December—END OF TERM 2

Friday 17th December—INSET Day

Tuesday 4th January—START OF TERM 3

Parent Focus Group

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended Parent Focus Group last week. It was great to be able to discuss some of the feedback from our parent survey with you.

Things that were discussed include:

Ways to improve communication between home and school, including feedback on the text messages this term.

How we can let you all know about ways that you can support your child with their learning—keep an eye out for this in our interim reports this term.

Ways that you can find out what is expected of your child in their year group—look out for information on our new school website when it is launched.



Christmas at Repton Manor

Important Covid-19 Safety Notice

For each of the events below that involve parents coming into school, we have put in the following measures to ensure the safety of our children, staff and families:

- All adults entering school will be required to wear a face covering for the entire time that they are within the school building, unless they are medically exempt.
- We ask that all parents please consider completing a lateral flow test on the morning that they are due to attend a school event.
- We ask that only 2 adults per child attend these events. Unfortunately, we are not able to host siblings or toddlers as we will need to ensure that adults can be as socially distanced as possible.

Please be aware that all of these events are subject to change at late notice dependent on Covid-19 levels within the school. We are doing all that we can do to control the spread of infection and we hope that these events can go ahead as planned, but you must understand that if levels reach a certain threshold, we may need to put extra precautions into place.

Year 5, CV Raman Class Assembly (Friday 3rd December at 9am)

We would welcome parents to still attend this assembly in the school hall. We are planning to live stream the assembly to the rest of the school in their classrooms so that parents can be socially distanced in the hall. Please wait outside the out of hours door (after school club entrance) to be shown to your seats.

Year 2 Nativity (Tuesday 7th December at 2pm and Wednesday 8th December at 5pm)

Parents of Year 2 children are invited to attend their child's Nativity show. The children have been working hard to learn lines, to learn words and actions to songs and to practise their dramatic skills whilst on stage. They are very excited to perform to you all. Please wait outside the out of hours door (after school club entrance) to be shown to your seats.

CANCELLED All Year Groups—Classroom Open Afternoon (Wednesday 8th December) CANCELLED REPLACED WITH BELOW:

All Year Groups—Book Sharing (Thursday 9th December at 3:00pm) - Outside on playground (weather dependent)

Unfortunately, we are unable to host classroom open afternoons in a safe, socially distanced manner and so the initial date for this event is cancelled. Instead, we would like to invite all parents to look through their children's books on the playground on Thursday 9th December at 3:00pm. Please wrap up warm as this will be outside.

All Year Groups—Medal Assembly (Friday 10th December)

Reception (9:00—10:00), Year 1 and Year 2 (9:30—10:00), Year 3 and Year 4 (10:00—10:30), Year 5 and Year 6 (10:30 - 11:00)

You will be notified if your child is due to win a medal during this assembly and we would love for you to join us at their prize giving if this is the case. **We will only be able to accommodate 1 parent per winner for this event.**

All Year Groups—Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 10th December)

We would love to invite your children to wear a Christmas jumper for the day in return for a £1 donation to Save the Children.

All Year Groups—Christmas Dinner, Wednesday 15th December:

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school during our Christmas Dinner, if they wish to. Our children will take part in some Christmas activities during the day and there is usually a visit from a very special visitor in the afternoon.

Please remember to send your child into school with a recycled envelope (without an address on it) by Friday 3rd December, as we like to decorate these and use them instead of crackers during our meal.

All Year Groups—Interim Reports sent home (Thursday 16th December)

Your child will bring home their Autumn Term Interim report at the end of the term. We hope that this will give you some key information about your child's achievement so far this term in various areas of the curriculum, their effort in lessons and also things that we will be working on with your children and ways that you can further support them with their learning.

