

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

January 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

Happy New Year to all of our families. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break. We are very pleased to see the children back at school and happily enjoying their new topics. It has been lovely to see so much fun and laughter being had already around the school.

With Covid cases rising nationally, we want to ensure you all that we are committed to keeping things as normal as we can for our children. However, please bear with us if some arrangements need to change at short notice; we will endeavour to keep you all as updated as we can do. It remains critical, though, that our families keep following Government guidelines with regards to Covid-19:

- Please be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 and test with a PCR test if anyone in the household has symptoms.
- Please consider testing with a lateral flow test twice weekly.
- If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test, or on a PCR, please inform us as soon as you can.
- If your child is a close contact of someone with Covid-19, please follow guidelines from Track and Trace and test them with a lateral flow test daily for 7 days.

With this in mind, we would like to remind you all that your child's learning will be updated to their Google Classroom each week, so that they can access it if they are isolating for any reason and feeling well. Please submit their learning daily to us via the Google Classroom and a member of your child's teaching team will mark it and send your child a comment. If you have any questions or queries around this, or you are struggling to access your child's learning, please do call the school office and we will pass you onto someone who can help.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Mrs Chambers and Mrs Summers

Heads of School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 4 Jan 2022 - Friday, 11 Feb 2022

Term Starts - Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Parent Focus Group - Date TBC

Parents' Evening - Wednesday, 9 February 2022

Term Ends - Friday, 11 February 2022

Cold Weather

With the weather rapidly turning colder, please ensure that your children are sent to school with a named, waterproof winter coat as they will be very cold at playtime without them.

Also, they should have PE kit suitable for cold weather in school (tracksuit bottoms and jumper).

Event Reminders

We have had very positive feedback from the text reminders that we sent to families last term 2 days before each event was due to occur. For this reason, we will continue to send text reminders to you all this term.

We are aware of the cost of sending text messages for each event and so we are looking into alternative methods of communicating reminders to you all. We will update you as soon as we know more.

Lost Property

We had an extremely large amount of lost property at the end of last term, which was un-named and which was not claimed by any of our families. We can only imagine how much losing items must cost our families, so please ensure that your child's items are named. If lost items are named, it is easier to reunite them with their owners. Ashford Vineyard have kindly offered to take any unnamed items still left from the end of last year off our hands and they will be holding a second hand sale for these. Please do claim anything that you think is yours ASAP.

Class Assemblies this Term

Unfortunately, with new Covid restrictions this term, we will only be able to host the parents of the children presenting the assembly in our school hall each week. The assembly will be live streamed to the rest of the school.

We kindly ask any parents who are attending to please wear a face covering and to take a lateral flow test on the morning before visiting the school.

Class assemblies will start at 9am and we ask parents to please wait outside the out of hours door until someone welcomes you into the school hall.

This terms assemblies are as follows:

Year 4, Miss Kemp and Mrs Jakeman (William Harvey class): Friday 14th January

Year 4, Miss Taylor (Elizabeth Garrett Anderson class): Friday 21st January

Year 4, Miss Hughes (Leonardo da Vinci class): Friday 28th January

Year 3, Miss Pittam (Charles Darwin class): Friday 4th February

Year 3, Miss Farmer (Alan Turing class): Friday 11th February

Goodbyes and New Members of our Family

We are very sad to have to say goodbye to two members of the Repton Family this term. After working at Repton Manor since 2016, Viki Webb has decided to leave the school to pursue other interests. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Viki for the contribution she has made to the life of the school and we wish her all the very best for the future. We also say goodbye to Kayley Williams who has left to take on a new challenge. Again, we thank Kayley for her time with us and we wish her all the best for the future.

With all goodbyes, come new hellos and we are very excited to welcome some new members to our Repton Family, some of whom you may have already met:

Anita Gurung—TA in Year R
Sandra Newton-Oguntuga—TA in Year 2
Melissa Ashton—TA in Year 3
Radhika Angdembe—TA in Year 3
Laura Holmes—TA in Year 3
Nicole Lewis—TA in Year 4

Parent Focus Group

Unfortunately, the Parent Focus Group which was planned for today has had to be rescheduled for later this term.

In our meeting this term, we are hoping to gather feedback on our new school website which is due to be launched very soon.

The views of you all are incredibly important to us and in a bid to find a way that more of you may be able to attend a Parent Focus Group, our Governors have suggested that we hold a rolling Parent Focus Group during Parents Evenings.

Therefore, if the website is ready, this term we would like to trial this method and so we will invite parents who would like to review the school website and to offer feedback on it before its launch, to join us on the evening of 9th February (Parents Evening) either before or after their slot, to do this. More details on how this will work will be communicated nearer the time.

Repton Manor Family Photo Album

We are determined to fill up our Repton Manor Family photo album in the main entrance this year. If your child doesn't have a photo in our photo album, please do send them into school with a LANDSCAPE 6"x4" photo of themselves and they can add it to our album. Photos can be informal family photos.

We are also keen to ensure that our Kindness World Map display in the hall is completed this year. If you have any photos of your child completing acts of kindness, please also send them in with these.

Safeguarding—Road Safety

We continue to receive emails and phone calls from concerned residents with regards to parents parking and driving during drop off and pick up times around the school site. Please can we remind you to please drive and park sensibly during these busy times. Our children's safety is of utmost importance to us all and during these busy times extra caution may be needed.

