



A message from Mrs Chambers

Dear Families,

We are nearly at the end of another very busy term. Our children have enjoyed many activities planned for them this term which have enhanced their learning opportunities - from school trips, to a Royal Shakespeare Production show, from Genius Hour projects, to producing an Art Mural for the community, from various themed workshop visits to sports matches, from a themed day of reading related fun during World Book Day to our OPAL play afternoon. We cannot thank our staff enough for planning these wonderful opportunities for our children and we also wish to thank each of you who have helped to support the school in one way or another to make these activities possible.

This term we are sad to be saying goodbye to Sarah Crook who has worked at Repton as our FLO for the last 2 years. Sarah has worked with many of our children and families since she started at Repton Manor and she will be missed by the team. However, Sarah has gained the wonderful opportunity to begin a new career as a Social Work Assistant, working with children with disabilities, and we know how amazing she will be in this role. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We are also excited to welcome some new members of staff to our team over the next couple of weeks.

Talia Clark, who is an ex-Repton pupil herself, has returned to the school family as a member of staff. She has joined us as a Teaching Assistant and is Repton's first member of staff who has also been a pupil at our school! We are very pleased to welcome Talia back.

Viv Morris, who was previously a Teaching Assistant at Repton Manor, will be returning to our Repton Family to the position of SENCO Assistant to cover Katie Allen's maternity leave. We are very excited to welcome Viv back to our staff team.

Laura Holmes will also be working within a slightly different role at Repton after the Easter break. We are excited to let you know that Laura has been appointed as a Nurture Practitioner for Repton Manor. Laura will be leading many of our nurture groups but will still be working with classes within her role and so our children will still see lots of her. We hope you will join us in congratulating Laura on her appointment to this role.

✦ Please can we ask for your support in informing children that they must not be on scooters or bikes in the school grounds.

Medal Assembly – Thursday 28th March

Earlier this year we decided to change the medal assembly slightly. However, we can confirm that we will be keeping the medal assembly times as they were previously:

**KS1 9am
KS2 10am**

**Jackie Chambers
Head of School**

Reception

- ❖ Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. We'd be very grateful if you practice the skill of dressing and undressing independently in preparation for PE lessons.
- ❖ PE is on a Monday and PE kits can stay in school all term.
- ❖ Pirate day – 27th March



Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays ❖ Dinosaur and fossil workshop – 26th March
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays ❖ Y2 KS1 SATS info evening - Wednesday 27th March (5.30pm)
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Please ensure your child reads at least 5 times a week and that you sign your child's reading record. ❖ PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Please can all children be reading and parents ensuring that books are signed ❖ PE Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PE Mondays and Wednesdays ❖ Hever Castle – 27th March
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PE Tuesdays and Fridays ❖ Homewood Transition Week is on the following dates this year: 1st July - 4th July (so just the 4 days Monday to Thursday).

Whole school

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Think measles!

Vaccination rates have fallen, and cases of measles are increasing in England.
Any patient with fever and a rash is potentially infectious and should be directed to a side room on arrival.

Isolate anyone presenting with a rash and fever straight away

- measles starts with a 2 to 4 day "prodromal" phase before the rash appears, with coryza, cough, conjunctivitis and a fever
- fever typically increases, to peak around rash onset
- rash generally starts behind the ears, spreads to the face and then expands onto the trunk and can become generalised. The rash is red, blotchy, maculopapular (not itchy) and lasts around 3 to 7 days
 - the rash is more difficult to spot on dark skin (see images 3, 4 and 5)
- Koplik spots may appear around the time of the rash and last for 2 to 3 days so can easily be missed. They are small white or bluish/white lesions on the buccal mucosa. They can be confused with other lesions in the mouth and so their suspected presence is an unreliable marker of measles
- the infectious period spans 8 days i.e. cases are infectious from 4 days before rash onset and for 4 full days after
- several other common rash illnesses have similar presentations (especially in young children) e.g. roseola, parvovirus infection and scarlet fever, and so identification on clinical features alone may be unreliable

If you suspect measles call your local UKHSA Health Protection Team (HPT) to notify and conduct a risk assessment

- if the patient is calling, advise them to seek medical advice from their GP over the phone or NHS 111, if this is appropriate
- if an in-person review is needed, reception staff should be alerted. The patient should be directed to a side room on arrival
- report to local HPT urgently by phone to facilitate prompt risk assessment and public health action for vulnerable contacts **under 1 year olds, pregnant, immunocompromised**. HPT contact details can be found here www.gov.uk/health-protection-team
- check for epidemiological factors that increase likelihood of measles:
 - unimmunised status
 - recent exposure to someone with rash/illness
 - recent travel
 - occupation e.g. healthcare worker, nursery worker
- exclude from nursery/educational setting/work until full 4 days after onset of rash

Check all your staff are fully vaccinated

For patients:

- routinely check vaccination history of patients
- offer vaccine if not fully protected
 - children should receive 2 doses of MMR, the first at 12 months of age and the second at pre-school (3 years and 4 months)
 - there is no upper age limit for receiving MMR vaccines

For staff:

- staff should have documented evidence of two doses of the MMR vaccine or have positive antibody tests for measles and rubella

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

- 🔑 **Strictly no peanuts or peanut butter products in school please.**
- 🔑 Please be reminded that the front car park is for **badge holders only**.
- 🔑 Please allow 2 working days for email responses. Should your query be of an urgent nature please do call the office.
- 🔑 Please ensure that you sign up for trips before the deadline.



📌 **ALL** medications must be bought **directly to the office**. We ask the children **do not** come into school with medications in their bag please ✕

Useful contacts:

For attendance and absences email: attendance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk
For finance related queries email: finance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk
for all other queries email: office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk

Pastoral and Inclusion

Please see below link with all parents on behalf of the NHS Speech and Language Team. They would be very grateful for families to complete the survey in response to the new Balance System. Thank you. <https://forms.office.com/e/ZKpgYUMWQA>

Community

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MON 8TH APRIL & FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

AGE: 5-11 YEAR OLDS
£ £20 PER DAY
10:00 AM - 3PM
CHARING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week ahead:

Repton Reminders for W/B 25.03.24

