

Repton 2020 Leavers Legacy Award

A huge thank you to all our families for their patience and support in the changes we have made to our school this year. Also a heartfelt thanks on behalf of the staff for the sympathy and understanding you have shown in recognising the extra efforts the staff are making in trying all they can to make school as normal as possible. We still have many changes ahead but working together and with the common aim of giving our children the best possible opportunities, I am sure we will continue to improve on any new challenges. I am delighted to see that largely the children are unaffected in their learning and play and I am looking forward to spending considerably more time focusing on children's achievements in learning and personal development – rather than managing restrictions and Covid related issues.

I was delighted to be contacted by some of the children and parents of our 2020 Year 6 leavers cohort last week. It was clear that this group of children were an amazing group of young people with a wonderful cohort of parents too. This was all reinforced with the children's presentation of a trophy to the children of Repton Manor. The glass trophy was jointly purchased out of the funds created by the year group and their families originally intended for end of primary school celebrations.



The children and families voted and decided to create this Resilience Award for the future medal assemblies. This was clearly a cohort of children who demonstrated such resilience in their final year of primary school and a fitting and essential life skill to recognise and celebrate. A generous act and fitting tribute, I am sure you'll agree.

Mrs Jackie Chambers stepping up, Mr Matt Rawling stepping out part-time.

I am writing to you to explain a change for our leadership team next term, this temporary change may continue until the end of the academic year. A local school has been unsuccessful in appointing a Headteacher over the past academic year following the retirement of the long term Headteacher, Gerry D'cruz. I have been asked by Kent County Council to support the Acting Headteacher in the interim, part-time each week, until a substantive Headteacher is appointed. I will remain as Headteacher at Repton Manor but on days I am working with Ashford Oaks Primary School, Jackie Chambers will be acting Headteacher in my absence. Mrs Louise Summers will be passing her duties for Special Educational Needs to Miss Katie Allen but remain responsible for the management of Special Educational Needs whilst fulfilling her role as Deputy Headteacher. We are fortunate to be able to offer this support to a neighbouring school in our community due to the strength of our staff team. Please be aware that we will make the children aware of this next term but there should be very little change for them in their contact with myself, Jackie or any other adults in school.

Matt Rawling
Headteacher