

# REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 3

September 2022



### MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL .....

As we enter the third week of the new school year, I just wanted to say how very proud I am of all of the children and of the way they are settling into their new classes. The children are really trying hard with our school rule: We take pride in our learning, by demonstrating some excellent presentation in their new books.

We have already had some very exciting curriculum experiences this term, with all classes taking part in their Stunning Start for their new topic, many classes completing Outdoor Learning, a group of children taking part in a series of trips to Godinton House with Miss Farmer for their Writing, Year 4 taking part in an Egyptian theatre visit and all children enjoying some of our new Opal playtime builds. Our youngest children have all excelled in their challenge of settling into school life, whilst some of our eldest children have worked very hard when completing the Kent Test. All of our children have also amazed us with their understanding and resilience when learning about Queen Elizabeth, her life and achievements and her sad death.

We are excited that our Term 1 clubs are now up and running, as are the Music lessons that we hold at Repton Manor, delivered by an outside provider. If you are interested in signing your child up for musical instrument lessons at Repton, please see the link: [Sign-up-for-Music-Lessons-Brochure](#).

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Jackie Chambers

Head of School

### PPA Cover at Repton Manor Primary School

Some families have asked me why our teachers have someone else cover their class every week. Teachers across the country receive 10% PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time). This time allows our teaching teams to meet together and to accurately assess their children's learning, look at what they have found easy and tricky, plan great lessons for the week ahead to best meet the needs of their classes and to prepare wonderful resources for the children. This time is invaluable for our teachers who already work so hard outside of school hours.

We are very lucky at Repton as we have employed excellent cover teachers to cover the classes during PPA time to deliver high quality lessons to the children. This term we have Mr Chris Mulville, Mrs Katharine Bryon, Mr Tim Powell, Mrs Alison Cowell and Pete (our Outdoor Learning teacher) delivering PPA lessons. If you would like to know more about PPA time for your child's class, please do ask your child's teaching team.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### SAVE THE DATE:

On Wednesday 5th October we will be inviting parents in to school to share an Opal playtime with their children again... More details to follow soon.



**Parents' Evening** - Wednesday, 19 October 2022

**Term Ends** - Thursday, 20 October 2022

**INSET Day** - Friday, 21 October 2022

**For more important dates this term, please see our school website:**

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-parents/term-dates/>

#### Friday Assemblies this term:

*Start Time: 9am.*

Friday 23rd September: Miss Bashford's Class—Alan Turing (Year 6)

Friday 30th September: Mrs Taylor's Class—Ibn al-Haytham (Year 6)

Friday 7th October: Miss Pittam's Class—Katharine Johnson (Year 5)

Friday 14th October: Miss Gorania's Class—Sir CV Raman (Year 5)

### Good Friday Awards

Each week in our Friday assemblies, as well as celebrating the children's birthdays, we also share Good Friday awards. If your child has achieved anything that they, or you, are proud of outside of school, please do write into me to let me know: [jackie.chambers@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jackie.chambers@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk).



## Some achievements from the end of last year to share with you...

We achieved two awards at the end of last year, of which we are very proud. Miss Bashford worked hard as Sports and Well-being Leader and provided the evidence for us to achieve these.; we would like to thank her for her hard work.

### Silver School Games Award

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



### Gold Healthy Schools Award

The healthy schools rating scheme has been designed by the Department for Education to recognise and encourage schools' contributions to supporting pupils' health and wellbeing. It celebrates the positive actions that schools are delivering in terms of healthy eating and physical activity, and aims to help schools to identify useful next steps in their provision.

We were assessed against the following key criteria:

- Food education, including in the curriculum and teacher training;
- Compliance with the school food standards;
- The amount of time children spend on PE each week;
- Participation in active travel schemes.



For more information about these awards, please see the PE page of our website here: <https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/subjects/pe/>

### Parent Focus Group Meeting this term:

Many thanks to those parents who attended our Parent Focus Group meeting this term. We discussed the new Lightyear federation and also school communication.

We are always looking for more parents to attend our meetings. If you would like to come along to drink tea, eat biscuits and discuss our school, to give your views or just to listen, please do pop in next time: **Thursday, 3 November 2022 at 2pm.**

### Finding out about your children's learning:

To find out about your child's curriculum this year, there is a wealth of information on our school website, which is being regularly updated.

Please visit your child's **Year Group page** for information specific to their year group: <https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/year-group-pages/>.

Here you will find:

- Class newsletters.
- Home Learning.
- Curriculum map: information about their curriculum (this will be updated throughout the year).
- Framework: information about the curriculum framework that your child will be studying this year.
- End Points: information about the age appropriate End Points that we are aiming for your child to meet by the end of the year for each subject.

### School parking



Please be aware that the parking at the front of the school is for blue badge holders only. Please do not park in this car park unless you are able to show us a blue badge. We reserve these spaces to enable our children and parents who hold a blue badge to get into school more easily.

There is plenty of parking along the roads around Repton, and we would always encourage our families to walk or to cycle to school where possible. Waitrose have always also been happy for families to park in their car parks and then to walk down to school.

