

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Start

November 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

What an amazing start we have had to Term 2. The children have come back firing from all cylinders and we are very proud of the learning that they are producing.

Already this term there is so much to celebrate:

- Year 6 have been touring some prospective Year R families and the feedback has been amazing. Parents have said that the children are knowledgeable, polite, very complimentary of our school and a credit to the school.
- Parent Focus Group explored the new Abor app and methods of communicating through it. They felt it would help to improve communications further.
- Year 2 have enjoyed a trip to The Rare Breeds Centre.
- We have begun our Health and Well-being project with Year 1 wearing the MOKI bands last week. Years 1 to 5 have completed their happiness surveys also.
- A group of young artists have made some wonderful creations with Mrs Hardy for the Carnival of the Baubles.
- Our Year 6 staff have moderated some writing books with an external KS2 writing moderator and she was very impressed with the children's writing so far this year and with the upcoming opportunities for their writing.
- Miss Brading and Miss Docherty (the Reading Leader at Greatstone) have been working together to further improve Reading teaching and learning at both schools.
- Staff have had wonderful storytelling and Maths Mastery CPD led by Miss Farmer and Miss Bashford.
- The children who attended school in their uniforms this week made us very proud during the Remembrance day silence.
- School Council introduced our new Term 2 whole school curriculum theme in a really purposeful way with a great assembly.

We are really looking forward to seeing what the rest of Term 2 brings... the countdown to Christmas has well and truly begun.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Jackie Chambers

Head of School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 31 Oct 2022 - Friday, 16 Dec 2022

Opal Parents Lunchtime—Wednesday, 30 November 2022

Topic Home Learning due in—
Wednesday, 30 November 2022

Year 2 Nativity—Tuesday, 6 December 2022 @ 2pm and Wednesday, 7 December 2022 @ 5pm

Classroom Open Afternoon—Wednesday, 7 December 2022 @ 2.30 - 2.50pm

Christmas Fayre—Thursday, 8 December 2022

Medal Assembly - Friday, 9 December 2022 9am EYFS and KS1, 10am KS

Reception Christmas Show—Tuesday, 13 December 2022 @ 2pm and Wednesday, 14 December 2022 @ 5pm

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, 14 December 2022

Interim Reports - Thursday, 15 December 2022

Term Ends - Friday, 16 December 2022

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

<https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/>

School Council



Our School Council, led by Miss Gorania, is developing even further this year. They have made links with our Governing Body and they are looking forward to taking the views of the pupil population to the school leaders to drive real improvement.

They are meeting weekly in school and after school and are producing this blog to share with you all their progress this year. Please do take a look. <https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/school-council/school-council-blog/>.

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.



Parental Feedback:

A while ago we asked for your feedback on our Curriculum Open Afternoons and on whether our children wear PE kits to school on PE Days. We were delighted with the number of responses that we received, and as always, we have taken your feedback onboard when making decisions about these matters.

Curriculum Open Afternoons:

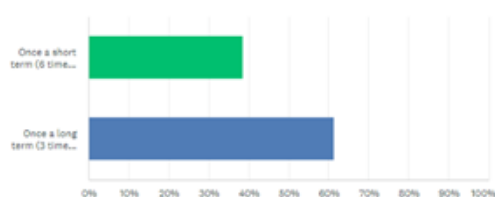
You will see from the survey that the majority of parents voted to have three Curriculum Open Afternoons—one every long term. You will also see that the majority voted to keep the timings as they are (2:30—2:50pm). Therefore, we will keep the Open Afternoons as has been communicated on our Term Dates sheet.

Term 2 Classroom Curriculum Open Afternoon will be on **Wednesday 7th December 2:30—2:50pm**. You will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and to share some learning with your child.

Lots of parents asked, in the comments section of the survey, to have an opportunity to look at learning straight after school pick up too, and for this reason, we will also keep the classrooms open from **3:15—3:45 on Wednesday 7th December** also.

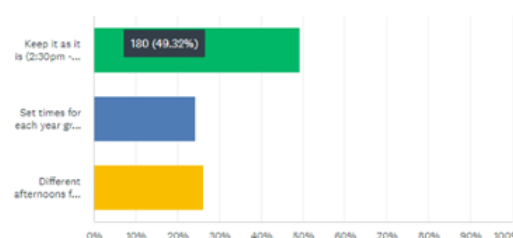
How often would you like us to run a Classroom Open Afternoon?

Answered: 365 Skipped: 34



What times would work best for our Classroom Open Afternoons?

Answered: 365 Skipped: 34

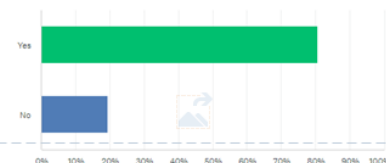


School PE kits:

Parents were also asked to let us know if they felt children in Years 1—6 should be allowed to wear their PE kits to school all day on their PE days (as we did during Covid). You will see from the graph that the majority voted in favour of this. Therefore, we will be communicating with you in the near future about starting this. We must make clear, however, that we will not be expecting any families to purchase two PE kits if their child has PE on two consecutive days.

Would you like your child to come into school on their PE days in their PE kit (Years 1 - 6)?

Answered: 362 Skipped: 37



Parent Focus Group Meeting this term:

Thank you to the four parents who attended the Parent Focus Group Meeting this term. It was great to discuss how we felt the Arbor app could help with school communications. It was also great to hear your thoughts on playing outside in the wet weather.

Parent Focus Group asked us to look at adding a school calendar through Arbor / the school website. We are pleased to say that we have already begun exploring this—you may have seen items beginning to populate your Arbor calendar and you may have noticed some more events in our website calendar under the 'Term Dates' tab. More details on this will follow very soon.

Sad Goodbyes and New Beginnings

It is always sad when we say goodbye to staff and Paul Mears, our Finance Officer, has moved on from Repton Manor. Due to this, we have two new roles being advertised at present for the school office. Please do be patient with the office whilst we find these new superheroes and please do welcome Sheran Dawson, the Office Manager at Greatstone, who will be helping us out from time to time.

It is with great joy that we can welcome Zuzanna Rew (Year 6), Kimberley Lancaster (Year R) and Katrina Walsh (Year 4) as new Teaching Assistants within our school. We know that you will welcome them.

We are also pleased to welcome Sarah Crook, who some of you will have known as a Year 4 TA, to the role of FLO. Sarah is looking forward to getting to know you all.

Opal Play and Outdoor Learning:

We are beginning to collect more and more items of waterproof outdoor clothing for spares. However, we urge you to please send your child to school with a waterproof coat with a hood each day in these winter months. Please also remember to send them in with a pair of outdoor shoes / boots / wellies that they can use when playing or learning outside on the field. These will need to be able to keep their feet dry. You can also send your child in with waterproof trousers if they have them.

If you would like to send them in with a spare pair of warm clothes to keep within school to change into in case they get wet, you are more than welcome to send these in too.



Friday Assemblies this term:

Start Time: 9am.

Friday 18 November—Miss Kemp Year 4

Friday 25 November—Miss Lynn Year 4

Friday 2 December—Miss Deacy and Mr Mulville Year 3



Don't forget that you are more than welcome to take items of clothing from our honesty shop in the school entrance foyer. There is an honesty box and a list of suggested donations for different items.

