

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER Term 2 Christmas Plans



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

It's official—we've had our first Christmas Move and Groove, there are Christmas decorations going up around the school, the children have been practising their Christmas songs in singing assembly, December is here this week—I've even heard the Coca Cola advert—**CHRISTMAS HAS STARTED!!**

Our children have been absolutely amazing so far this term; we have been extremely busy celebrating Remembrance Day, taking part in art workshops for the Carnival of the Baubles, taking part in Writing workshops with other schools, stargazing, taking part in Bikeability sessions, competing in local football matches, enjoying bedtime story sessions and all the while completing some amazing learning in class. We cannot thank our staff enough for putting in the extra time and effort to ensure that they have access to such wonderful enrichment opportunities.

With Christmas seemingly sprinting towards us, I thought it would be a good idea to outline the Christmas events that we have planned for your child this year.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,
Jackie Chambers
Head of School



Opal Playtimes

Wow! The rain has been coming down hard and fast! We're not sure where it has all suddenly come from. Our first experience of the wet weather with Opal has definitely been a steep learning curve.



WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHILST WE ESTABLISH OUR OPAL WINTER RULES AND ROUTINES WHILST THIS IS ALL SO NEW TO US.

As you know, we are passionate about ensuring that our children can play outside, explore nature and take part in active playtimes to encourage fitness, health benefits and improved concentration. **We believe that every child should have access to amazing, high quality play opportunities during every playtime, every day – with no exceptions.**

We have recently had to make some changes to our play offer but we are not allowing this to stop us from offering amazing playtimes for all children. The changes include:

- ◊ Whilst the field is so wet and slippery, it will be out of bounds to our children. We are working on ways to build pathways to various areas of the field (e.g. the mud kitchen and the outdoor classroom) and if anyone is able to offer help with this, it would be greatly appreciated. **Please do let us know if you are able to offer any help with digging these pathways in the next week or so.**
- ◊ Our children will still need to wear their outdoor shoes outside for playtimes—we recommend wellies whilst the weather is so wet. We are awaiting an order for more welly racks (like the ones outside Year 1). In the meantime, we will be storing more of the children's shoes on make-shift racks inside our classrooms to keep them dry.
- ◊ We are looking to buy some coat rails to hang wet coats on in classrooms—**if you are able to provide coat hangers, please do send these in.**
- ◊ We will be looking to offer many new and exciting play opportunities on the playgrounds and in the courtyards over the winter months—watch this space!

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 then 3:15—3:45

Christmas Fayre—Thursday, 8 December 2022

Medal Assembly - Friday, 9 December 2022
9am EYFS and KS1, 10am KS2

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/our-parents/term-dates/>

Reminder: Opal Parents Lunchtime

Wednesday, 30 November 2022.

One parent per child is very welcome to attend. A letter with the finer details will

12.00-12.30pm	Year R parents
12.15-12.45pm	Year 1 parents
12.30-1.00pm	Year 2 parents
12.45-1.15pm	Year 3 parents
1.00-1.30pm	Year 4 parents
1.00-1.30pm	Year 5 parents
1.00-1.30pm	Year 6 parents



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

Parents of Year 2 children are invited to attend their child's Nativity show. The children have been working hard to learn lines, to learn words and actions to songs and to practise their dramatic skills whilst on stage. They are very excited to perform to you all. Please wait outside the out of hours door (after school club entrance) to be shown to your seats.

Classroom Open Afternoon—Wednesday, 7 December 2022 @ 2.30 - 2.50pm then 3:15—3:45

Please visit your child's classroom to share some learning with your child. Please enter via the school office and leave at 2:50pm so that we can ensure that our children are safely dismissed. If you would like to visit your child's classroom after school, the classrooms will re-open from 3:15 until 3:45pm.

Christmas Fayre—Thursday, 8 December 2022, 3:15pm.

Our wonderful staff team have been working hard to plan an excellent Christmas fayre for our children. Please do pop along to visit after school on Thursday 8th December at 3:15pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Non-Uniform Day Friday 2nd December: We will be holding a non-school-uniform day on Friday 2nd December and in return we ask children to bring to school an item which they could donate to our 'Parent Gift Stall' - smellies, chocolates, wine, candles etc.

Christmas Market Stalls: If you own a company that sells craft items, or similar, and would like to hold a stall in our Christmas market, please do contact Becky Fagg (rebecca.fagg@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk) who will provide you with more details.

Raffle Prizes: If you have any contacts with any local businesses and would be able to provide us with a raffle prize for our Christmas raffle (hampers, gift vouchers, cooking classes etc), this would be much appreciated. Please contact Nisha Gorania (nisha.gorania@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk) if you can help.

Best Dressed Parent: We will be holding a competition at the Christmas Fayre for the best dressed parent. Please do come along with your best fancy dress attire, and let our children be the judge of Best Dressed Parent.

Medal Assembly - Friday, 9 December 2022 9am EYFS and KS1, 10am KS2

You will be notified if your child is due to win a medal during this assembly and we would love for you to join us at their prize giving if this is the case.

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

Parents of Year R children are invited to attend their child's Christmas show. The children have been working hard to learn lines, to learn words and actions to songs and to practise their dramatic skills whilst on stage. They are very excited to perform to you all. Please wait outside the out of hours door (after school club entrance) to be shown to your seats.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, 14 December 2022

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school during our Christmas Dinner, if they wish to. Our children will take part in some Christmas activities during the day and there is usually a visit from a very special visitor in the afternoon.

Please send your child into school with a recycled envelope (without an address on it) by Friday 9th December, as we like to decorate these and use them instead of crackers during our meal.

