

REPTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Start of Term 3



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

Happy New Year to all of our families. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break— doesn't it feel like such a long time ago now?!

The children have come back raring to go! They are all enjoying their new Topics, under the whole school theme of Curiosity. This term's topics are as follows:

- Year R: Drip, Drip!
- Year 1: Our Wonderful World
- Year 2: Times of Change
- Year 3: Stone, Fire, Ice
- Year 4: What a Wonderful World
- Year 5: Egyptians
- Year 6: Our Perfect Planet

We are really excited to share the children's wonderful learning with them and we hope that they will be able to share with you lots of the fun things that they are learning about.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Jackie Chambers

Head of School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3

Tuesday, 3 Jan 2023 - Friday, 10 Feb 2023

Parent Opal Playtime: 25/1/23

Parents' Evening - Wednesday, 8 February 2023

Term Ends - Friday, 10 February 2023

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

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

Friday Class Assemblies for Term 3:

We welcome family members to attend our Friday assemblies to see their children share their term's learning. Please wait outside the Out of Hours Door and we will let you in ready for assembly to start at 9am.

- Friday 20th January: Miss Farmer's Class— Marie Curie (Year 2)
- Friday 27th January: Miss Brading's Class — Albert Einstein (Year 2)
- Friday 3rd February: Mrs Fisher and Mrs Jakeman's Class — Mary Seacole (Year 3)
- Friday 10th February: Miss King's Class — Florence Nightingale (Year 1)

Dates for the remainder of Friday assemblies can be found here:

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TERM 3 THEME: CURIOSITY

For more information about your child's curriculum please see our [Curriculum page](#) or your child's [Year Group page](#) on our website.



Repton Photo Album



A big thank you to everyone who has completed their child's consent form for the school website.

I have been adding to our new 'Repton Photo Album' on our school website. This is a central place to share photos of recent events and I will update you as new collections are added.

Parental feedback has, in the past, been that families would like to be able to see as much as they can about what their children are doing in school and so we hope that this will help with that.

To view these, please visit: [Repton Photo Album](#).



Our Reception children have, for some time now, had an 'Online Learning Journey' within school. This is a secure online platform, used only by us in school, which documents their learning against their curriculum. Our Year 1 children have been trialling this, with great success, since last year. This term, we are starting a Tapestry Online Learning Journey for every child in our school. Our teachers, and our children themselves, will be collecting evidence of their learning from within their curriculum, across all subjects.

Last term we opened their children's Tapestry accounts to parents in Year R and the feedback so far has been very positive. Parents are able to login securely to their child's account and see their learning. Our aim is to gradually do the same for all children's parents in time. Our hope is that this will allow you all to see regular updates of your child's learning across all areas of their curriculum. **If you would like to find out more about Tapestry, please speak to your child's class teacher or Phase Leader.**

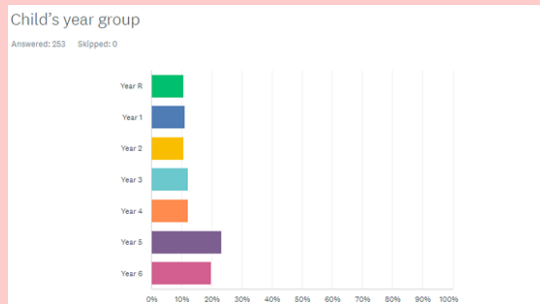
Clubs, Trips, Fundraising and Events

Parent Survey



Thank you so much to everyone who completed our survey. We are very pleased with the number of responses that we received and we are pleased to be able to share the results with you below.

We received 253 responses, with a mixture from all year groups (approximately 10% in most year groups).



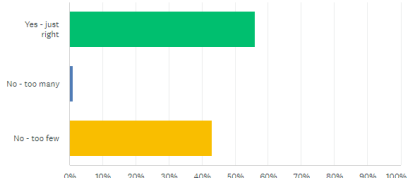
Trips and Visits

A quote from one of our responses: “School trips play an integral part to all children’s learning, development and confidence. They create memories that last forever and for some offer days out that families may not be able to afford for the whole family”.

The majority of families feel we have the amount of trips and visits just right, but more than 40% feel we could offer more. The majority of families feel our trips and visits are fairly priced.

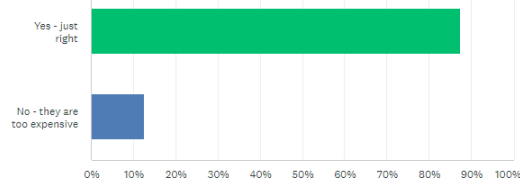
Do you feel the school offers your child a good amount of trips and visits to take part in?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 46



Do you feel the trips and visits offered to your child are fairly priced?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 46

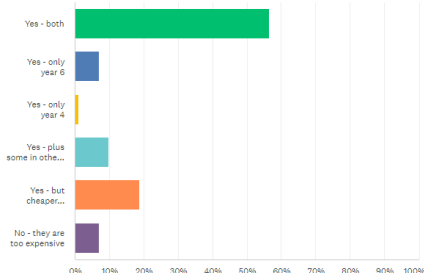


Residential Trips:

Most people would like us to keep the Year 4 and Year 6 residential trips. Nearly 20% would like us to look at cheaper options.

We currently have two residential trips (Year 4 camping approx £150 and Year 6 PGL approx £300). Would you like to see these continue?

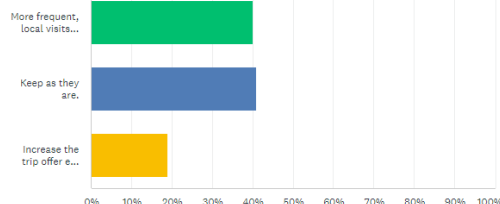
Answered: 202 Skipped: 51



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes - both	56.44% 114
Yes - only year 6	6.93% 14
Yes - only year 4	0.99% 2
Yes - plus some in other year groups	9.90% 20
Yes - but cheaper alternatives	18.81% 38
No - they are too expensive	6.93% 14
TOTAL	202

What would you prefer we do with our trips offer?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More frequent, local visits at cheaper cost.	40.00% 82
Keep as they are.	40.98% 84
Increase the trip offer even though this will cost more.	19.02% 39
TOTAL	205

Feedback on trips and visits have raised the following:

- Several parents would like us to look at more frequent, local visits—comments suggested making better use of our locality.
- Families have asked to know what trips to expect, and estimated costs in advance.

What we are doing with your feedback?

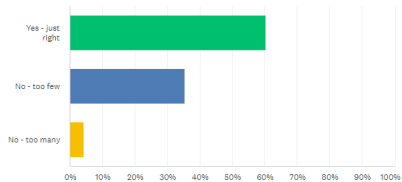
We are going to make a ‘Curriculum Enrichment’ plan for each year group which will show all of the trips that we have planned, which are related to our Topics, for the entire school year. We will share this plan with families in September each year. We will include local trips in this plan and estimated costs. These may be subject to change, but will provide families with a rough idea of what to expect. Our Year 4 and Year 6 residential trips will continue each year and we will continue to look for best value.

Events and Workshops

The majority of families feel we have the right number of events and workshops, but approximately 35% feel we could offer more. The majority of families feel that what we do offer offers good value for money. Several comments mentioned wanting discos arranged for our children.

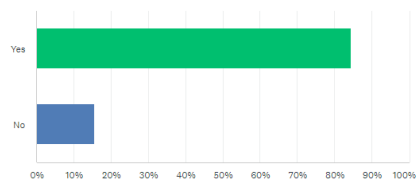
Do you feel we have the right quantity of events and workshops organised for your child currently?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 61



Do you feel the events / workshops planned offer good value for money?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 61



What we are doing with your feedback?

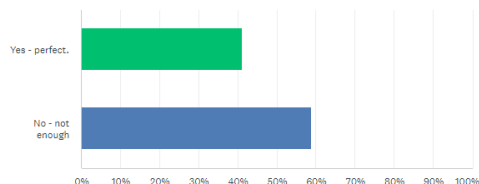
We will continue to plan special events and workshops into our Curriculum. We will add these to our 'Curriculum Enrichment Plan' so that families will know what to expect each year. We already have Valentines Disco's in the pipeline—watch this space!

Clubs

Most of our families would like to see more clubs offered by the school, even if they cost more because they are offered by outside providers.

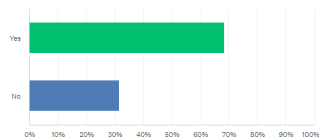
Do you feel the range of clubs offered is appropriate for your child?

Answered: 187 Skipped: 66



Our staff are limited to how many after school clubs they can run each term. Would you prefer to see a wider range of clubs offered but at a cost to families should we be in the position to increase capacity and offer this to children?

Answered: 187 Skipped: 66



Some of the clubs suggested are:

- Sports clubs - Football, Tennis, gymnastics and dance, cycling.
- Lifeskills clubs - cooking, sewing, first aid, survival, DIY
- Arts and Crafts clubs, Music and Drama clubs.
- Language clubs.
- Computing, Science clubs.

Several families also asked for the list of clubs and the sign-up time to be after school, so as not to disadvantage children of working parents.

What we are doing with your feedback?

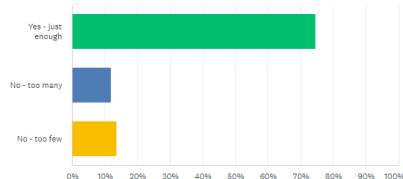
We hope that you will notice that our clubs offer seems to increase each term. Our Phase Leaders, Miss Iles, Miss Kemp and Mr Jobber are looking to book more externally run clubs for you next term. If you have an ideas as to what you would like to see, please do mention this to them. We will also look at how we communicate and open-up the sign up sheets to families, to offer equality of access for all.

Fundraising:

The majority of families feel the school does enough fundraising for the school itself and also for charity. When asked which events families would like us to recognise, a large number said both Children In Need and Comic Relief. A great number of comments suggested celebrating / recognising more charities and national days of recognition but making donations optional.

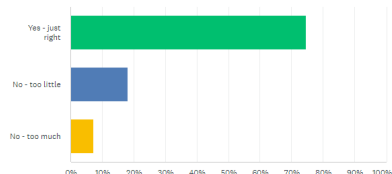
Do you feel that the school does enough fundraising events for the school itself?(Eg. Christmas fete; Summer fayre; Opal fundraisers, etc)

Answered: 177 Skipped: 76



Do you feel the school currently does enough fundraising for charity?(Eg. Red Nose Day, Comic Relief, Poppy Appeal, etc).

Answered: 177 Skipped: 76



What we are doing with your feedback?

We will continue to fundraise for the school itself and for charity, however, we will make donations for some of these fundraising events optional, and some will not involve fundraising at all but will instead offer a different mark of recognition (e.g. wearing a specific item of clothing and learning about the charity within school).