



## A message from Mrs Chambers

Dear Families,

Unfortunately, we continue to have regular issues with parking on the roads surrounding the school. As we have said before, parking irresponsibly is incredibly dangerous and it puts the safety of our children who are using these roads at risk.

As you know, our staff welcome our children via the school gates - this is essential to ensure that they come into school happily and that once in school, they are safe and cannot leave again via the gates. Our staff should not need to remind parents of appropriate places to park. For this reason, we have asked the local PCSOs to visit as regularly as they can to monitor the situation. Phil White, our Estates Manager, will also be monitoring the situation throughout the week at peak times.

We ask that parents do not park in designated disabled bays and we strongly advise that parents do not park / stop on the zig zag lines outside the school and adjacent to the side gate at the rear of the school. Not only does this endanger children crossing the road and cause a build-up of traffic, this is also a fineable offence and you could receive 3 points on your licence and a £100 fine.

We take the safety of our children and Repton community very seriously and we do hope that you will all begin to see a change in how the traffic is managed going forward.

Don't forget..... Speech and Language Coffee Morning - **Monday 18th March** from 9am. This will be with Lotte Best, NHS Speech and Language Therapist and Mrs Summers/Mrs Myers from the Inclusion team.

Classroom Open Afternoon - **Friday 22nd March** (2.50-3.10pm)

Medal Assembly - **Thursday 28th March** (KS1 9am, KS2 9:30am)

**A note from Price & Buckland our uniform providers** – *‘Over the last 12 months we have seen inflation and interest rates rise to levels not seen for quite some time. Whilst both are beginning to come down, salary rises (including the increase in the minimum wage), have meant our costs have increased overall.*

*On a positive note, since we manufacture most of the garments we sell, we can negate some of the impact of these cost increases.*

*As a result, whilst we have no choice but to increase some prices, many are staying the same such as our style 2011 Polo Shirt. Also, some are only going up just 50p such as our sweatshirts and cardigans. None of the regular garments shown on our website will be going up in price by more than 50p or 5%.*

*Any increase will take effect from 1st April’*

Thanks,

**Jackie Chambers**  
**Head of School**

## Reception

- ❖ Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. We'd be very grateful if you practice the skill of dressing and undressing independently in preparation for PE lessons.
- ❖ PE is on a Monday and PE kits can stay in school all term.



<b>Year 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays</li> <li>❖ Dinosaur and fossil workshop – 26<sup>th</sup> March (Closes 15<sup>th</sup> Feb)</li> </ul>
<b>Year 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays</li> </ul>
<b>Year 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Please ensure your child reads at least 5 times a week and that you sign your child's reading record.</li> <li>❖ PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays</li> </ul>
<b>Year 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Please can all children be reading and parents ensuring that books are signed</li> <li>❖ PE Wednesdays and Thursdays</li> </ul>
<b>Year 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ PE Mondays and Wednesdays</li> <li>❖ Hever Castle – 27<sup>th</sup> March (Closes 20<sup>th</sup> March)</li> </ul>
<b>Year 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ PE Tuesdays and Fridays</li> <li>❖ The slides from the SATs information evening have now been emailed to parents. A copy of these can also be found on the website: <a href="https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/Term-4-2024/SATs_Parents_Presentation_2024.pptx.pdf">https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/Term-4-2024/SATs_Parents_Presentation_2024.pptx.pdf</a></li> <li>❖ Homewood Transition Week is on the following dates this year: 1st July - 4th July (so just the 4 days Monday to Thursday).</li> </ul>
<b>Whole school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✂ <b>Strictly no peanuts or peanut butter products in school please.</b></li> <li>✂ Please be reminded that the front car park is for <b>badge holders only</b>.</li> <li>✂ The school opens in the morning for children at <b>8.30am</b> and the gate closes at 8.45am. In the afternoon the gate will open at <b>15.15pm</b> for home-time (with the exception of extended care and clubs).</li> <li>✂ Please allow 2 working days for email responses. Should your query be of an urgent nature please do call the office.</li> <li>✂ Please ensure that you sign up for trips <u>before</u> the deadline.</li> <li>✂ <b>ALL</b> medications must be bought <b>directly to the office</b>. We ask the children <b>do not</b> come into school with medications in their bag please ✕</li> </ul> <p><b>Useful contacts:</b>          For attendance and absences email: <a href="mailto:attendance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk">attendance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk</a>          For finance related queries email: <a href="mailto:finance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk">finance@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk</a>          for all other queries email: <a href="mailto:office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk">office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk</a></p>
<b>Pastoral and Inclusion</b>	<p><b>Nominations for the Wards Children's Awards are now open.</b> Do you know an inspiring young person or family that deserves to be recognised for the incredible bravery they have shown in the face of adversity? Nominate today across these 6 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brave and Courageous Child of the Year</li> <li>- Young Volunteer or Fundraiser of the Year</li> <li>- Exceptional Young Carer of the Year</li> <li>- Courageous Family of the Year</li> <li>- Young Hero of the Year</li> </ul> <p><b>The KCC Household Support Fund Scheme</b> - Open now. This scheme supports vulnerable Kent households in need of help with significantly rising living costs. If you require any assistance to complete the referral, please contact <a href="mailto:flo@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk">flo@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk</a></p>



**Energy** - You might be able to get help for energy-saving improvements to your home if you receive certain benefits and live in private or social housing. The Boiler Upgrade Scheme provides grants to property owners to install low carbon heating systems and The Home Upgrade Grant provides energy efficiency measures and low carbon heating to low income households in England. Visit the Ashford Borough Council website for more information.

**South East Water** are offering support towards the cost of household water bills for families that receive less than £18,000 a year. To find out more about these support tariffs and eligibility, visit the South East Water online portal.

**Young Carers Action Day 2024** took place on 13th March this year. The theme was 'Fairer Futures'. In school we recognise and celebrate Young Carers and the support they provide, and offer a space for pupils to share their experiences of being a Young Carer. For more information about Young Carers, including registering your child as a Young Carer if they have taken on a caring responsibility at home, visit <https://www.imago.community/Children-and-Young-People/Kent-Young-Carers>.

**Holiday Activity and Food Programme** - You can get access to free activities and food for your children in the holidays if they receive free school meals. The programme runs through the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays this year.

**Diabetes** - Tesco have published a section on their website which provides recipes for Diabetes UK approved meals.

Ashford Library - Lego Club on Saturday's from 11:45am - 12:45pm (term time)

Dunelm Pausa Cafe - Kids eat free when an adult spends £4 in the cafe. Valid on weekdays only

Dobbies Garden Centre - Kids eat free with every adult main purchased. Available daily from 12pm.





# Week ahead: Repton Reminders for W/B 18.03.24

## Community

### EASTER THEATRE WEEK!

HEADCORN 8th- 11TH APRIL  
9-3pm £100

ASHFORD 1st-5TH APRIL  
9-3pm £130  
Boys and girls 5+ yrs

SINGING!  
DANCING!  
ACTING!  
CRAFT!  
GAMES!

To book visit :- [www.bookwhen.com/stardust](http://www.bookwhen.com/stardust)

### School Support Careers

**FULLY FUNDED Online Course**

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

Are you looking for a job that fits in around your family? Gain the necessary qualifications to support you, fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Levels 1, 2 & 3 for School Support Course with a Guaranteed Job Interview.

- Our classes are based online - Run only in term time - During school hours to fit in with the school run -

Course Times

- Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am – 11am) & (1pm – 2pm)
- Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

No prior experience necessary -

Eligibility Criteria

- Must Be Aged 15+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

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\*Minimum of 2 days

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## APRIL SOCCER SCHOOLS

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**ootiboo play**

### Easteroo craft competition

Easteroo is our annual spring creative craft competition for schools and families at home.

Kids and grown-ups of any age can participate - let your imagination run wild!

We have two themes for 2024: Eggs and Spring. You can draw, make, build or paint your creations and you can work alone or as a group. Perhaps paint a character on an egg, bake some spring-themed cupcakes, or build an egg-hunt diorama as a family. What unusual idea can you come up with?

We have lots of great prizes to give away, including craft bundles from The Wilsons, books to order from Firework, a sensory dough kit from Curiosity Corner, a set of crayons and chalks from The Natural Crafter Company and a family prize of melt-and-chocolate eggs from Riverstone.

Easteroo has launched and closes at midnight on April 1.

To jump in, simply go to [ootiboo.com](http://ootiboo.com) and select the project.

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### Premier Football School

Amazing price! SPECIAL OFFER

### Kids Football School this Easter!

Every child receives a FREE trophy!

Just £13

For boys & girls aged 4 - 12 years.

### THE NORTH SCHOOL

ESSELLA ROAD, ASHFORD, THURVAL

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> - FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024  
10.00am - 3.30pm daily

Every child receives a trophy at our presentation!

To book, visit our website / scan QR code  
[www.premierfootballschool.co.uk](http://www.premierfootballschool.co.uk)

Questions? 07821 573837 / email: [premierfootballschool@gmail.com](mailto:premierfootballschool@gmail.com)

We cater for ALL abilities - complete beginners are welcome!

### Downs View and Kennington After School Club

### HOLIDAY CLUB

### THE GREAT EASTER BAKE OFF

TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> - FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024  
Open every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

£25.00 per day or £15.00 per 1/2 day  
(Limited spaces available - Book early to avoid disappointment)  
Enrollment forms available via e-mail - [Downsview@kentplayclubs.org.uk](mailto:Downsview@kentplayclubs.org.uk) or 07724 198112

BOOKINGS ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH.  
(Payment must be made in advance via Bank Transfer at time of booking)  
Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare Payments Accepted

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