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Dear families of Year 6,

It feels as though it was just yesterday that we welcomed your incredible children into Year 6 and watched them embark upon their final year adventures at Repton Manor Primary School. What a year it has been! Please be aware that some key events and dates, including dates on the school calendar, have changed.

Ashford Secondary Transition Week - Week Commencing 26th June 2023.

Next week, the majority of schools in the Ashford District are having their transition programmes. These range from a day to a week depending on the school that your child(ren) has accepted a place in. Please note that, even if you are awaiting an appeal to a secondary school, your child should still attend the school that you have accepted a place for. They should wear their Repton Manor uniforms (not the leavers' hoodies) as their uniform to their new secondary school on this week.

On the day(s) that your child is not attending transition days, they should come to Repton Manor as usual. We ask that if they are attending Repton Manor on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, they come in PE kit and that they wear Outdoor Learning clothes on Thursday.

Production – **Date Change – Tuesday 18th June and Wednesday 19th July**

Date Change

Please note that we have had to push the date of the production back by a week due to changes in transition weeks to ensure the children are fully prepared for their production. The dates of the production will now be:

Tuesday 18th July 2023 – Afternoon Showing – 14:00 – 15:00
Wednesday 19th July 2023 – Evening Showing – 17:00 – 18:00

Costumes

Please find a guide for costumes for the production on the following page.

Evening Performance

Please could children arrive at 16:00 to allow us adequate time to prepare them for the production.

Tickets

Please be aware that to enable all families to watch the production, we will be limiting tickets to **2 per family for each night**. Once everyone is seated, we will allow any others in providing there is adequate room. Tickets will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Last Day! Friday 21st July

Leavers' Assembly - 9:00 – 10:00

Following feedback from last year's leavers' assembly, where it was rather warm in the hall with all of the children and all of the families, we will begin by having the whole school joining parents for the first part of assembly to allow them to have the send off with the whole school. We will then be continuing with the families that have been able to join us (where hopefully it will be a bit less squashed for you all!).

Leavers T-shirts

Children are welcome to bring in a white t-shirt to be signed by their classmates, teachers and anyone that they would like to get signed by as a memento of their time at Repton Manor. We only have felt-tip pens at school, therefore if children want to bring in more permanent pens, they are welcome to do so.

Leaving the school

On the last day of primary school, we will be asking all Year 6s to leave through the main school gates so that we can give them a guard of honour as they leave the school.

A final word...

Finally, we wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the parents for their continued support not only throughout Year 6, but during all of the children's time at primary school. The Year 6s truly are a special group of children and we sincerely hope that you all understand the role that you have played in raising such incredibly young people. It's certainly going to be an emotional end to the year, we certainly all have our tissues at the ready, and although the ending of this chapter of the children's lives is an emotional one for us all, we know that these amazing children are more than ready to begin their next chapter and to continue to write their own stories. We look forward to seeing you all before the year is out!

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team: Mr Jobber, Ms Bashford, Mrs Byron, Mr Mullville, Miss Fagg, Mrs Keleher, Mrs Rew and Mrs Hardy

COSTUME SUGGESTIONS

All the characters can be effectively costumed on a small budget.

Feel free to dress your characters as elaborately as you wish if you have the time and resources.

Here are some suggestions for dressing your cast on a modest budget with a bit of help from parents and assistants!

The Ambassadors are from a rock-style future.

Black leather-look coats, bright coloured plain T-shirts, black leather-look trousers.

London Citizens, Newspaper Vendors, Practical Joker.

Various Victorian style costumes with added props.

Emma, her friends and Marion are Victorian ladies.

Long dresses, gathered at the waist with a full skirt and optional shawl or cape. As an alternative idea, perhaps a long-sleeved blouse with a full-length skirt.

Charles Darwin is a Victorian gentleman.

Straw hat, white shirt, green tie, black waistcoat, black frock coat, black trousers, brown boots.

Charles's Chums, John Murray's Staff, Sir Brodie and The Resistance are Victorian gentlemen.

White long-sleeved shirts, cravats, matching waistcoats, jackets and trousers, boots.

Mary-Ann is a Victorian Maid and **Gene** is a Victorian Butler.

Typical Victorian servant attire.

Jo is a Victorian gentleman with a hint of a soul singer about him!

White long-sleeved shirt, bright cravat, white suit jacket and trousers, Cuban heels!

Painter.

White painter's smock, long trousers, optional beret.

The Fuegians are native islanders.

Tan coloured tunics decorated with beads and shells, face-painted tribal markings. **Chief Chris** could have a more elaborate costume to indicate her/his leadership.

The officers of the HMS Beagle - Fitzroy, Martens and McCormick.

White shirts, black jackets with brass buttons, black trousers, black shoes, optional Bicorné hats.

The sailors of the HMS Beagle.

White shirt, red jackets with brass buttons, white trousers, black boots, black berets.

The Scientists.

White shirts, white lab coats, long trousers.

The Ancestors:

Ancestor 1 is reminiscent of a chimpanzee.

Long-sleeved T-shirt with animal fur markings painted on, matching leggings, sash reading 'Sahelanthropus tchadensis', face paint or monkey mask.

Ancestor 2 is slightly reminiscent of an orangutan.

Long-sleeved T-shirt with long animal fur markings painted on, matching leggings, sash reading 'Australopithecus anamensis', long wig, face paint or monkey mask, over-sized comb.]

Ancestor 3.

'Caveman' tunic with animal fur markings painted on, sash reading 'Homo ergaster', stick with a fake flame.

Ancestor 4.

'Caveman' tunic with animal fur markings painted on, sash reading 'Homo neanderthalensis', long wooden spear.

Homo Sapiens.

Toga, sandals, cardboard piece of 'rock' with some 'charcoaled-in' emojis, stick of charcoal.

Future Human.

Jeans, T-shirt, trainers, mobile phone or tablet device, large headphones.

The Travelling Fuegians (Fuegia, Jemmy and York) plus Etty and Francis.

Short jacket, white shirt, three-quarter length trousers/dress, black shoes.

Old Charles Darwin.

White shirt, black gown, matching waistcoat and trousers, black shoes, fedora hat.