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February News 2017

Both Mrs Stones and Mrs Hughes would like to take this opportunity to say how much they are looking forward to spending time at Repton Primary School over the next half term. They will be spending time over the next few weeks getting to know staff, pupils and parents.

Up until Easter, Mrs Stones will be in school on Monday and Tuesdays and Mrs Hughes on Wednesday and Thursdays with Mrs Walters being in charge on Friday.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new permanent head and will keep you updated when this process has been completed.

New Behaviour Policy

A huge thank you to all parents who returned the behaviour questionnaire we sent out last week. We have taken your views into account and your feedback has been invaluable in drafting our new behaviour policy. We are publishing the results on the school website alongside your suggestions – many of which we have incorporated into our new behaviour system.

We have also worked with the staff and school and class councils to gather their views and opinions. We want our new policy to strongly focus on rewarding positive behaviour and to provide a clear structure across the school- the majority of our new reward system is based on suggestions from children and parents.

We are hoping to launch the new system by the end of February and will be sending out more information after half term.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

When reviewing the recent OFSTED report we saw that communication with parents was considered an area for development by both inspectors and parents. We have looked at ways we can improve home school communication and help parents to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

As a result we are in the process of developing a new website which will provide information about key events and diary dates, news about what is happening in school as well as ensuring all statutory policies, procedures and information are easily found and available for parents. We are hoping the site will be live by the end of February and will be a valuable tool in home school communication. We will still continue to use our texting systems to pass on any urgent information and reminders.

Staffing Changes

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hesketh, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Clamp.

I know you will all join with us in thanking them all for everything they have done for the school during their time at Repton Primary School.

We wish them all the very best for the future.

Red Nose Day

This will be held on the 24th March. We will talk to the School Council and they will inform you of the details.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

During this week we are planning lots of special activities in school based around a book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.

As usual, children will all be given a £1 voucher to spend at a local book shop. Watch out for these in your child's book bags



PTA NEWS

These are the PTA events planned next term.

Pancake Day

There will be a short PTA meeting on the 28th February in the school hall. This will be followed by a pancake sale in the hall at the end of the school day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bags to School

There is a Bags to School collection on the 30 March. Empty bags will be sent home with the children for donations of clothing etc. These will then be collected from school and the PTA will be paid for the donations collected.

Barn Dance

Advance notice that we are holding a Barn Dance on 2 July in the Marquee at Repton School. There will be live music by Dance Cupola, food and a bar. More details nearer the time.

Parents Evening Appointments

Monday 13th March (3:30 to 5:30 pm)

Thursday 16th March (3:30 to 5:30 pm)

A separate letter will be sent home straight after half term for you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher. If you do not receive a copy please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Children at Parents Evening

If you need to bring your children with you when you come to school for parents evening, please can you bring a book or quiet game to occupy them while they wait?



Thank You

A huge thank you to the PTA who are buying both new playground equipment and somewhere we can store this. We have asked children and teachers about what they would like and new resources are being ordered. We are all looking forward to having lots of exciting new equipment to play with during lunch times

Finally, enjoy the half term break. We look forward to seeing you all when school reopens on **Monday 20th February, 2017.**