

Weekly Newsletter

10th January 2020

This weeks Capel Stars are: Leo in EYFS, Isabelle in Year 1, Jensen F in Year 2, Maisie in Year 3, Toju in Year 4, Hollie in Year 5 and Sam in Year 6. Congratulations on all your hard work.



And Mrs Farr's Capel Star goes to Mrs Haffenden for all she does for all of our children, especially the way she continues to support Year 6. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

We also have some hard-working students who have achieved a Headteacher Award: Georgia in Year 2, Jake in Year 2, Elsie in Year 2, Christiana in Year 2 and Devon in Year 2.



WELCOME BACK

It has been lovely to see all our children return to school after the break with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. The term has got off to a busy start, with all of the classes starting their new project work and building on last terms progress. You should be receiving class letters today which will outline the intended learning for your child's class, alongside helpful information about class routines and procedures.

As a school we have some exciting things planned over the next few months. A big focus for teachers in the classrooms will be to teach our children what having a Growth Mindset means; how to achieve it and why we need it. The staff had some fantastic training on our INSET day in December and it is something that we will be promoting throughout the school with all of our children. You will see evidence of this approach in their classrooms, their homework and in our assemblies. Please encourage your child to talk about their learning, the way that they use mistakes to improve and how failure is so important on the road to success. Our next Enrichment Day on 17th March will help and inspire the children with this too. We have some exciting things planned and we will be sharing these with you soon.

STAFF

I would like to update you about two of our members of teaching staff. Firstly, some of you may already know that Mr Duffin is currently signed off work due to ill health at the moment. I know you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and we look forward to welcoming him back soon. In the meantime, Mrs Mundy and I are teaching in Year 6, expertly supported by Mrs Haffenden.

Secondly, we are delighted to share the news of Miss Montgomery's engagement with you. She had a very exciting Christmas and is now busy planning for a wedding! Congratulations.



14th January

We are very excited to see what our new Headteacher, Oliver from Year 3, does on Tuesday 14th January. Will there be longer breaks? Which teachers will get a pay rise? What will his assembly be about?

Look out for his very special newsletter next Tuesday to find out!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Attendance every day is so important to ensure that your child is able to make the most of their learning opportunities. Missing a day or arriving late, can mean they miss out.

We are very keen to work together with families who may be finding either consistent attendance or lateness difficult. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can help in any way.

Important Dates:

13th January—Year 4 start swimming

13th January—Clubs start

14th January—Oliver becomes Headteacher for the day!

15th January—Yr 6 cooking starts

23rd January—RNLI visiting the school (part of Dare to Dream)

24th January—Young Voices

24th January—EYFS fitness for writing event

4th February—online safety day

7th February—Class 2 Assembly 9:10 am

11th February—Chelsea football club in school (part of Dare to Dream)

12th—14th February—Year 4 Residential.

14th February—Last day of term

24th February—Term 4 starts.

28th Feb—PTA Disco

2nd March—Secondary School Offer day.



As part of our Dare to Dream project, which is inspiring our children to think about their futures, we invited Blue Cross to come into school. Karen Clark spoke to the children in the assembly, helping them to think about the things that pets need to stay well and healthy. With our plan to have two guinea-pigs, it has been invaluable for the children to think about the responsibility of looking after them. It was also an aspiration for some of our pupils to work with pets in the future. We had budding Animal Rescue Centre workers, pet owners and animal nurses amongst our potential career choices. We hope that the students that were lucky enough to have some time with Karen were able to ask lots of questions and think about how they can enter the field of animal care in the future.

COMING UP:

Mrs Haffenden and the choir are busy preparing for their trip to **Young Voices** at the end of January.

Last year was a roaring success and the staff and adults that attended commented on the fun atmosphere and the joyous nature of the event.

We go on 24th January, so if your child is in the choir and is attending the event, please check the letter that went home this week to ensure they have everything they need on the day.

Watch this space for news on the day.

*Don't be afraid to
ask for help.*

*It means you're
learning!*



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HOME LEARNING! HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD?

We often get asked the question 'How can we help at home' by parents. There are some key areas that all children benefit from practising and rehearsing as frequently as possible.

TIMES TABLES: Quick recall of times tables facts is an incredibly beneficial skill for children. Knowledge of the facts will support them in all areas of maths and is such a vital life skill. You could practise reciting them whilst brushing teeth, in the car, as you climb the stairs or whilst putting on shoes.

SPELLINGS : Supporting your child with their homework spellings can help enormously, as does referring to spelling as part of your everyday conversation. Gently pointing out one or two words when they have done some writing at home, or using post-it notes on their bedroom wall if there is a particularly tricky word, all contribute to more confident and accurate spellers.

READING: Reading to your child and hearing them read is both enjoyable and valuable. To make those times even more effective, try asking them questions about the characters or make predictions about what might happen next.