

Weekly Newsletter

16th June



Dear Parents and Carers

You will have noticed that Emma, our School Crossing Patrol, is now able to work again. This is great news and we are thrilled to welcome her back. She is trying her best to help us with our social distancing routines and we ask that you maintain these when crossing with her too please.

Thank you for all the **self-portraits** that I have received; we are starting to build a wall of faces of all those that we are missing. There is still plenty of time to send one if you haven't already and we would love to receive it.

Thank you for your thoughts and consideration when requesting places. We do understand that situations are changing for families and we will try our absolute best to accommodate where we can. As you will appreciate this has meant that our bubbles are getting bigger, especially our critical key worker bubble. We have adjusted our space to try and accommodate more, but please bear with us and give us plenty of notice. The government criteria for critical key worker has not changed, and whilst we appreciate that many more are able to go back to work, this unfortunately does not necessarily qualify them as critical key workers and therefore eligible for a space. We do understand that this unique situation is very challenging and we want to support wherever we can.

I will be writing to all families next week with confirmation of which staff will be in each year group and I will be sharing news about two new teachers. We still do not have a clear idea of what September will look like, but as soon as we do, we will let you know. The Government will issue guidance in due course—hopefully!

With best wishes

Suzanne Farr

Upcoming Dates

End of term for children: last day for ALL pupils is Tuesday 21st July

Staff Inset :Wednesday 22nd July (no pupils in school)

Please note that school will be closed for the summer to children from 22nd July onwards, this includes children of keyworkers.

3rd August- 7th August -Year 5 focus group

Transition for new entrants: visits on 24th/27th/28th July

As yet, there are no plans for Summer School from the Government.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!



We would like to say a very special

Eddie in Year 3

Bethan in Year 3

Oscar in Year 5

Poppy in Year 5

Dan in Year 5

TA Vacancy

We are looking to employ an experienced Teaching Assistant for Key Stage 2 from September. The post will be part-time, mornings only, and offered on a one year contract initially.

If you have at least two years experience, would like to join a friendly and exciting school and love working with children, then please visit Kent-teach.com and search for Teaching Assistant at Capel.

As you will know, the work on our Outdoor Classroom stalled due to the severe weather we had in February and then due to the lockdown. I am delighted to say that Mr Waters and his team are now able to be back on the case, and have made great strides this week. Our quiet area is now ready for the next stage and we can't wait to show you the results and then be able to start using this space.

Huge thanks to Mr Waters, Mr Summers and all those who have donated time and resources to our project.

As the final flourish for this area, we will be working on the pond during the summer. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, we would be most grateful—our pond knowledge is a little lacking!



Next Year's Term dates

Please see our website for next year's calendar dates. The highlights are:

Children start back on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

Half term is **26th October—30th October**

We break up for Christmas on **Wednesday 16th December** as the 17th and 18th are staff INSET days.

Easter is **2nd April to 16th April**