

Capel Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and managing in the current circumstances. We do appreciate how difficult it can be and we want to reassure you that we are here to support you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact your class teachers with any concerns or questions, and if you need specific support with something, please say.

At school the 'bubbles' are working well and the children have been fantastic in getting used to the new normal. It seems strange not having all of our children with us, but the self-portrait wall is helping and we love hearing about home learning. In school we continue to have critical keyworker children in, working within bubbles led by Miss Buxton and we have three Year 6 bubbles, two EYFS bubbles and one Year 1 bubble. I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for all their support with this, and the staff for the extraordinary lengths they go to everyday.

We are hoping to have some socially distanced picnics on our school field for each year group after 4th July. Each picnic will only be held for two hours, as there will not be access to the school building and toilets. Families will be invited to access the field via the large gate and find a space for their picnic. Where possible, current class teachers and next years class teachers will be on hand, as well as other members of staff that are able to attend. As far as possible, these will be during the afternoons on a school day.

The relaxed social distancing rules will unfortunately not change our arrangements in school before the end of term, but we are very hopeful that we will be able to have a relatively normal start to the school term in September. We want to help children say goodbye to their teachers and meet their new ones, so we will be letting you know how we plan to do this soon. Importantly though, I am able to share with you the staff placement for September 2020.

EYFS	Mrs Waters and Mrs Wickham
Year 1	Miss Hobson and Mrs Knight
Year 2	Mrs Taylor, Mrs Chilman and Mrs Tracey
Year 3	Miss Montgomery, Mrs Lee and Mrs Butler
Year 4	Mrs Singh and Mrs Bunting
Year 5	Mr Newsome and Mrs Dunmall (with one more TA to be confirmed)
Year 6	Miss Buxton, Mrs Haffenden, Mrs Harrington and Mrs Smith
SENCo	Mrs Chivers and Mrs Haffenden
PPA/ Support	Miss Murphy and Mrs Campbell

When considering the placement of staff, we were very mindful of the experience that the children have had since the end of March, and how we can best support them moving forward. We are

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unfortunately losing Mrs Walton-Wallace as she embarks on a new adventure, still thankfully in educating children, but in a very slightly different role. We are also sorry to say goodbye to Miss Mills and Mr Duffin, we have enjoyed working with them and wish them well on their new endeavours. All three members of staff have been such advocates of our children and worked hard for them.

It does give us the opportunity to thankfully keep Mrs Singh on staff, for which we are very grateful, as well as welcoming two new teachers Mr Newsome and Miss Hobson. Mr Newsome is currently teaching in London and is moving back to the area and Miss Hobson has just completed her QTS at Canterbury University. We are excited to be welcoming such exciting new staff and I am sure that they will love working at Capel as much as the rest of us do.

Our school will be closed to all pupils from Tuesday 21st July for the summer. Wednesday 22nd is an INSET day for staff. There will be a special learning group for Year 5 pupils who would like support in preparation for the Kent Test. It is optional and will run from 3rd-7th August in school. Thank you to those who have already let me know if you would like a space, there is still time for those who would like to join.

I will be writing to you again soon with details of our picnics, and arrangements to celebrate our very special Year 6 pupils as they move on their Secondary Schools.

If you have any questions regarding the information within this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk or your class teacher.

With Best wishes

Mrs Suzanne Farr

Headteacher

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