



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 5, which we are happy to say, feels a little bit more like we're getting back to normal. We are still being extremely vigilant in our hand washing and social distancing, maintaining separate class bubbles still during breaks and lunchtimes. We are hoping to be able to merge our breaks before the end of the summer term, but this will be dependent on the national picture. As our children settle back into their learning, we are more able to make use of our outdoor spaces too.

You will receive your letter from your class teacher today too. In this letter you will find information about the term's learning and any upcoming events. You will also be told about PE days, homework and any special arrangements that you need to know about.

Whilst the national testing and exams have been cancelled this year, we do intend to assess our children in Term 6 to be able to ascertain their progress over the year. We fully understand that there may be gaps in their learning, and these assessments will help their next teachers to effectively plan to fill those gaps. We do however continue to put our children's well-being and mental health as a priority, so will be taking a flexible and relaxed approach towards any assessments.

I am pleased to tell you that our school counsellor started with us on Wednesday. She was able to carry out some individual sessions and a group session. As Mrs O'Hara settles in, we will hopefully be able to find more time for others to join them. I am also delighted to let you know that Mrs Barwick has joined the EYFS team as a TA. Many of you will know Mrs Barwick as she is also chair of our PTA. She has previous experience of working within an EYFS classroom, so has been able to jump straight in the deep-end!

I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr



We are delighted to let you know that raffle tickets are now on sale from the school office, to give someone a chance to be Headteacher for a day! On 16th June, one lucky pupil will decide what happens at Capel school and can organise the school day as they wish! If you would like a chance to enter, please purchase a raffle ticket (or more if you would like) for £1 a ticket, from the school office. The draw will take place on 13th May, so don't delay!!

Good luck everyone

## Upcoming Dates and events

3rd May—Bank Holiday

13th May—Headteacher for a day Raffle

28th May—last day of term

31st May—Half Term

7th June—Pupils return to school

16th June—Raffle winner is Headteacher for the day!

23rd June—Enrichment day KS 2

24th June—enrichment Day KS1

**SPORTS DAY WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE USUAL WAY THIS YEAR.**

7th July—Meet the Teacher—pupils meet their teacher for the next class.

8th July—Secondary School Day for Year 6

9th-11th July—Year 6 Camp out

12th July—Reports to parents

20th July—Children's last day

## REMEMBER:

Please let us know if anyone in your household tests **positive** for Coronavirus. It is vital that we are informed as soon as possible in case we need to take any action. If you are self-isolating due to contact with someone who has tested positive, please make sure you let us know that too.

We continue to be fortunate, managing to keep all our bubbles open, but please remain alert to the possibility that a bubble would close following a positive case. This could mean that we ask you to collect your child quickly, and remain away for a set time. In this situation, remote learning would be reinstated through the use of Teams. Please let us know promptly if you require the use of an iPad in this situation.

Our play equipment is back in use and we have a special rota for the use of it. Each class will have a week dedicated to them, enabling the equipment to be used everyday as it will stay within one bubble. It will be thoroughly cleaned before another bubble uses it the next week. It is therefore, very important, that other children **DO NOT USE** the equipment after school. If others go on it, we will have to stop a class using it to allow for quarantine time. We know that some families like to socialise and chat after school which is absolutely fine, but please do not allow your children, whether school children or younger, to use the equipment. Please can I also ask that you remind your friends if they forget and allow their children on it. Thank you.



## Behaviour Policy

We have been able to start implementing our new Behaviour Policy in school this week. We have posters around the school and in classrooms, reminding the children of our three rules:

**Be ready**

**Be respectful**

**Be safe**

There is also an exciting addition to classrooms—The Recognition Board. The whole class have a target to work towards, and those pupils meeting it have their name added to the board. It is so lovely to be able to walk into a classroom and immediately see those children that are striving to meet those targets everyday.

You may also have seen our new message cards. These cards are being used around the school, to let parents know when their child has gone above and beyond, really impressing staff. A note will be on the back letting you know why your child received it. We ask that you display these proudly at home as their reward, as opposed to a present or prize as we are trying to instil self motivation for achievements as opposed to a physical reward.

These cards have replaced Capel Stars. The children and staff have expressed how the 'Capel Star' didn't always feel fair. Sometimes pupils were chosen because it was their turn, instead of for their achievements. It also limited us to one per week, which sometimes resulted in a pupil who had worked their socks off, not getting a star because another pupil also deserved it, or perhaps they had very recently had a Capel star. This way, we are able to genuinely reward and praise pupils without the limitations. Please look out for these special cards winging their way to your homes!