



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of our first, full week back to school, we congratulate the children on their enthusiasm and positivity. I have heard so many reports from the staff about their excellent learning attitudes, keenness to engage in class learning and the warmth that the students show towards each other. It really is a pleasure to be back.

This week the children have nominated the House Captains and Sports Captains to represent them this year. The votes have been cast and the results will be revealed in an assembly next week. We have also had some pupils sit the Kent Tests this week. A gruelling day that many have spent a lot of time preparing for and we are all so proud of how they conducted themselves on the day. They can rest assured that they tried their best, and that is all that can be asked. For those Year 6 that chose not to take the test, we would like to thank them for being so supportive of their friends and mature in handling changes to their routine.

I wish you all a lovely weekend, fingers crossed the lovely weather lasts.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

Our children have been reminding me about our three Capel Rules.

**Be Ready**    **Be Respectful**    **Be Safe**

They have been able to think about how to follow these three rules and what behaviour we all expect of each other. We have been starting to think about how our behaviour affects others, and how it might make them feel. This term we will be going over our Behaviour Policy with the children, and focusing on the importance of considering others. Our whole class Recognition Boards are a great step towards working towards a common goal together and taking responsibility for our own part in that.

## Upcoming Dates and events

13th September—Swimming starts for Year 5

Clubs Start this week

Year 6 Trip to Tenterden

16th September—local charity bike ride travelling past the school.

29th September—PTA AGM at 7pm

30th September—Year 6 to Somerhill to see an author

October—Black History Month

4th October—Headboy/Headgirl Vote

8th October—Headboy/Headgirl Investiture

12th October—Year 2 Event

13th October—Author visit to school

14th October—Owl visitors to school

15th October—Harvest Festival

21st October—Kent Test results

21st and 22nd October 9:30-11:30 Open mornings for prospective new parents

25th October—Half Term

1st November— Term 2 starts

9th and 10th November—Parent Consultations

12th November—Year 3 Class Assembly (parents invited)

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## Uniform

Following on from the reminder in the last Newsletter, we have had some questions which I would like to clarify.

- Pupils are welcome to wear trainers with their PE kits on the days that they are doing PE, but not with their school uniform please. Pupils wear black shoes with their uniform.
- Stud earrings can be worn, except on PE days, where we ask them to be removed before school. We understand that in some circumstances such as having just been pierced, they need to remain in. In these circumstances we will help your child to secure them with surgical tape for the duration of the PE lesson.
- The white PE shirts are absolutely fine to wear. This year we are transitioning over to the colour t-shirts, but please don't go and buy one specially if you have a white one already.
- School jumpers can be worn with jogging bottoms on PE days. As they are in them all day, and to keep our uniform looking smart and consistent, we ask that other blue jumpers are not worn. Some children may have plain, navy zip-up hoodies, which they may wear if they do not have a school jumper available.
- Navy blue Leggings or jogging bottoms are acceptable for PE days.

If you have any queries, please see our website, or email our office. Thank you.

## What's coming up at Capel over the next few months?

We have exciting plans and a few adjustments to our routines that we would like to share with you.....

- Birthdays—rather than receiving a certificate on a Friday assembly, children will now receive a birthday card on the day (unless a weekend) of their birthday in class. On our special Friday assemblies, they will still get a chance to tell us about their day and have the rest of the school sing them Happy Birthday.
- We have some exciting Enrichment activities coming up over the next few months with author visits, a special presentation from an owl sanctuary and some class trips.
- A member of our staff is undertaking Forest School Training. Once qualified, we aim to provide each class with a term of Forest School Lessons. We are really excited about the possibilities that this opens up for us all and we know the children will gain so much from it.
  - Over the October Half Term, we will see The Haven being installed. This will be in the courtyard area, and will provide a nurturing space where children can have their emotional and sensory needs met. There will be a few changes in the area, with a small fence to ensure the new outdoor sensory area around The Haven remains a safe and secure place. We are working with the PTA to equip it with everything it needs. We will keep you updated with the progress as we prepare for it's opening in November.
- A local charity is doing a special cycle ride on 16th September. They will be going past our school at around midday. Some of our older children will be able to cheer them on from our front lawn area, to ensure they get a boost and are appreciated for their efforts.
- We will be creating a Reading Army of volunteers soon. We are hoping to have a group of volunteers who are willing to regularly come into school to read with our children and we will be giving some training to those who wish to join us. A letter will be coming out soon.

