

Capel Leavers 2020

The day started with the pupils being greeted at the gate by not only Mrs Haffenden, but her favourite person, Gary Barlow!



Then it was on to a wonderful breakfast prepared by Mrs Randeria! There were smiles and ketchup all round. Huge thanks to Mrs Randeria for starting their day off so brilliantly.































Remember this....?



Before lunch we had our Leaver's Assembly. This year looked very different than previous years—we missed our friends and families being there, we missed the other students and we missed some of our traditions. But we did have new things, we had sunshine, yearbooks, unique certificates and gifts and for the first time ever, Mrs Haffenden sang a solo. The Year 6's learned how proud we are of them, how impressed we are with their maturity and resilience, and how much we are going to miss them. I have included my speech below.

There are some very special days in our lives that we will always remember, special birthdays, meeting certain people, achieving long anticipated goals and moving on to new adventures. When we leave somewhere we love and are familiar with to start the next chapter, we can have lots of feelings of excitement, sorrow and nervousness. We know that you will probably be feeling all of these to different degrees today. Everyone that remains at Capel is feeling these too. We are excited for you – you are about to embark on an important next stage of your education and that brings so much in the form of new friends, opportunities and experiences. We have sorrow that you are leaving us – we are used to you being around, we see your faces everyday and you are family. You have been such a pleasure to have in our school and you will forever be members of our Capel family, no matter where life takes you. And, we are nervous too – what will our school be like without you? Like you, I know we'll be fine and we'll relish the times when we see you again.

Sometimes going forward into the unknown can be scary, but you have done it before and you can do it again. I wonder how many of you remember your first day at Capel – whether that was in Year R or another year? I wouldn't mind betting that you had many of the same feelings and questions as you had then. What will my teacher be like? Will they shout? Will I like her? – I think it's safe to say under the guidance of Miss Bingham, all of those things turned out well. I remember her talking about you all when you first started, telling us stories of your courage and bravery, your amazing discoveries and funny sayings. In fact, all through school your teachers have enjoyed boasting about you in the staff room.

We have been proud of you all the way through your time at Capel, but I have never been so proud of you as I am this year. As a class you have shown incredible resilience and consideration as you have faced tricky times. I know you all missed Mr Duffin when he was away, and even though you had changes to deal with, you were mature and kind to those who worked with you. And then you had the biggest disappointment when our school closed and your Year 6 perks

were lost – but did you moan and complain? No. You have made the very best of the situation and we have all marvelled at your good humour. You are a lesson to us all in how to deal with adversity with a smile.

I'd like to share a poem with you if you don't mind, it's called Don't Quit by John Whittier

So, leave us today with boldness and with a smile. Remember your good times, your achievements and, most importantly, remember that you are in the is Capel family for life, no matter where you go or what you do, our door remains open to you. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you back here in the future. Take care Year 6.

Mrs Farr

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all up hill, When the funds are low and the debts are high And you want to smile, but you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

For all the sad words of tongue or pen The saddest are these: "It might have been!" ~John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)



The Assembly started with all the children singing, making the most of Mrs Haffenden's talents for song writing by substituting their own lyrics.

The children then came up in their bubbles and shared their most precious memories of their time at Capel. We heard about Sayers Croft, Mrs Wickham as a mummy in Year 4 and the Year 6 picnic.











The children then received their Yearbooks and Capel gifts and had a chance to look through them. This was followed by words from myself, Mr Duffin and then a solo by Mrs Haffenden.



And finally, the water fight......























Class of 2020

You have been outstanding. Thank you for all you have contributed to Capel over the years. We wish you all the best as you start your next chapter.

P.S Rounders match Monday 19th July at 1:30pm

See you there xx