



Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to let you know that the children have settled back in remarkably well and have taken on board the new rules and guidelines so well. They are fantastic at keeping within their bubbles, washing their hands, using their designated facilities and taking care of each other. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful staff team who have gone above and beyond to support our children with all of these things. We have spent a long time planning on ways to ensure that mixing of bubbles is kept to a minimum, so I have a quick plea that when children are collected after school, please can you discourage them from playing with other year groups. I do understand how hard this is, but leaving the school grounds as soon as you have your child would help, as would reminding them to socially distance where possible. We know that should there be a case at our school, it will mean whole bubbles self-isolating, so we are doing our very best to avoid this.

We are having to rethink many school activities, and currently that includes our Parent Consultation Evenings. We will be sending out information nearer the time, but to avoid lots of visitors into the school, we will be conducting meetings online via Zoom. Each class will have two dates to choose from and you will be asked to sign up for a time slot, you will then be sent a 10 minute appointment within that slot. Invitations to the meetings will be emailed and you will need to log in to the waiting room a few minutes prior to your time. We hope that this will prove just as good as face to face meetings—all from the comfort of your own home! Look out for more information coming soon.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

EYFS 2020

Reception Class get settled in!

We want to extend a huge welcome to the brand new children and families that have joined Reception Class. The Reception Class team have been amazed by how brilliantly all of the children have been settling in – it really is fantastic to see! This week the children have been very busy with getting used to their new environment and routines. They have already enjoyed lots of stories together, played with loads of new toys and made new friendships too! We are so excited to have some more adventures next week. Well done Reception Class!



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

We would like to say a very
happy birthday to....

Darcey in Year R

Can you help? Do you have a child in a local Secondary School?

We have some Year 5 and 6 parents who are not able to visit the local Secondary schools, but would love to hear about your experiences and thoughts on them.

We are hoping to set up some evening zoom meetings whereby people can join and either ask questions about the schools, or share their experiences.

In the next newsletter there will be a list of dates, with the invitation link. If you are able, please join us on the dates that cover the schools that you are interested in, or have knowledge of.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or would like to let me know that you would be happy to share.

Covid-19 What happens if a child show symptoms in school?

As some of you may have experienced, if a child develops a cough in school, or complains that things taste funny or develops a temperature, we will call to speak to you. In most cases, we will ask you to collect your child, to monitor them at home, or get a test to be on the safe side. We do realise that this can be inconvenient and we do not do it lightly, however, it is following PHE guidance.

Test and Trace

Should you be concerned about symptoms that anyone in your household is showing, please do not hesitate to get a test. We have heard some experiences where getting a test has been hard—some being directed to Cardiff or even Edinburgh! However, apparently if you keep trying the site, you should end up with one nearer to our locality, especially if you try after 8pm as that is when new slots are released. If you call 119 they may be more helpful in getting a closer local test. In extreme circumstances, the school does have a handful of tests that we can give out, but there is only ten and there are no plans from the government to replenish them.

Please let us know the minute you get a response from a test so we can plan. It may be that your child can return immediately, or it may mean self-isolation. All families need to be prepared for a positive test result in their class bubble as this may mean the whole group needs to self isolate for two weeks. This would include the staff too. We would take the very latest guidance from PHE in this event, but it is likely to cause some disruption for families.

Should we need to contact a group of parents quickly, we will use the class dojo system and jotter. Please ensure you have access to these.

Upcoming Dates

Please note that whilst we have assigned dates to our usual events, these may be due to cancellations or last minute revisions. We do apologise for any inconvenience that this causes.

Some usual events will not be running at the moment, including clubs, assemblies or residential trips. This is in line with government guidance and will be reviewed when the guidance is.

21st September—EYFS pupils in all day

7th October—Harvest Festival

15th October—Kent Test

26th-30th October Half Term

Sorry!

We are sorry to say that, at this time, children are not permitted to bring in sweets to share on their birthdays. We do understand how disappointing this is, but we need to minimise what they bring in, and we certainly shouldn't be sharing our items that have come from home. As soon as we can lift this rule we will let you know.

Coming up.....

Due to the restrictions on access to our site, we do not expect to be able to run our usual Open Day. This is such a shame as we have loved welcoming new visitors to our school and our children have proudly shown them around.

As a plan B, we are creating a special video to go on our website to tell all prospective parents about our school. We will be approaching some of you for permission for your child to appear in the video, which will essentially be a guided tour of our school.

Our updated prospectus is already on our site and will be sent to local pre-schools.

Please feel free to spread the word if you know anyone looking for a primary school place for September 2021.



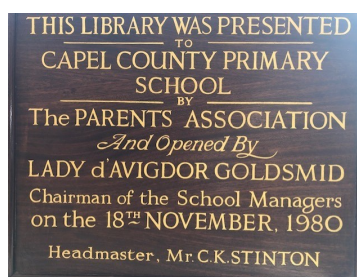
In Remembrance of Mr Ken Stinton

As some of you may be aware, this week saw the sad passing of Mr Stinton, a previous headteacher of Capel Primary School. He lead the school between 1958 and 1988 and continued to be a huge supporter of the school thereafter.

Mr Stinton and his wife have often attended events put on by our children over recent years, enjoying the choir and class performances. He was well-known and hugely respected member of our community and will be fondly remembered by generations of past pupils and their parents.

If you look closely at the badge. It was designed in 1958 by Mr Stinton. In the background, behind the word Capel, is the River Medway, which lies to the North of Five Oak Green. The sword is the sign of the Knight's Hospital, who founded Capel Church. The helm is from Fane Tomb in Tudeley, our neighbouring village. The five oak leaves represent the name of our village.

Whilst the school has undergone many changes since he was Head at Capel, reminders of Mr Stinton's impact on the school remain. In our library , for example, there is a plaque dedicated to his introduction of the school library alongside the PTA.



I am sure I speak for the all members of Capel Primary School, when I say how sorry we are to hear the sad news, and we are thinking of his family at the very difficult time.