



Dear Parents and Carers

Half term has arrived and as we look back on our first term back at school, I must tell you how proud we all are of the children. After such a tricky end to last year, they not only came back well, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn, but have managed to sustain that through a long term. Teachers are also compiling all the necessary information for us to start planning how we will support pupils with our new funding from the government—we will let you know when this is confirmed.

Please watch out for information about Microsoft Teams coming out very soon. There will be information for parents, instructions for logging in and a protocol that we will require all families to sign before using it. This is to ensure everyone stays safe on it and it is used in the best possible way. In the meantime, should you wish to learn more visit: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/distance-learning-with-microsoft-365-guidance-for-parents-and-guardians-89d514f9-bf5e-4374-a731-a75d38ddd588>

Following the half term, we will continue with our safety measures, to do what we can to limit the spread of coronavirus. This will mean that children will continue to need their own, fully-stocked, pencil cases and will wear PE kits to school on their designated days. You will notice more staff wearing masks outside of the classrooms, and we do invite parents to wear masks up to the school for pick-up and drop-off. We will require a mask to be worn by any parent that enters the school office too please. A sign will be up to remind you.

I would like to wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

Winter Warmers

Hopefully you have seen the information regarding our school dinners. After half term, there will be a three week rota of hot meals. These will still be served in the classrooms and strict Covid safe practise adhered to.



Class R finish their first term with a BANG!

Class R have made a super start to their first year at Capel and have completed their first term.

Check out our page on the website to see photos of some of our more recent exploring.



Upcoming Dates

26th-30th October Half Term

4th November—Wear own clothes and bring in chocolate or £1

11th November—Remembrance Day

2nd and 3rd December—Enrichment Day
(2nd Dec for Years 3-6
3rd December Years R-2)

5th December—Raffle Prize Draw

14th December—Christmas Lunch and wear a Christmas Jumper Day.

Please also see the calendar on our website.

7-8 Division

Over 70 players featured on the 2020 Order of Merit, with fantastic talent throughout. Alexander Dunmall had a superbly consistent season, never often out of the Top 3 and, as a result, held a commanding lead for much of the season, and having added the Tour Championship to his collection, he topped the division to be crowned the 2020 OOM Champion. Sully Donald had a storming second half of the season with some fantastic results to climb into the runner-up position, while Dominic McKenna kept hold of third place in the final standings despite a run from another Welsh talent in Oliver Hulbert.



Well done Alexander! What an achievement.

The 7-8 Division also saw an incredible finish to the year, as Alexander Dunmall stormed to victory in the Tour Championship producing a brilliant round of 76 around the Bernard Hunt course to take the title and cap a fabulous year. Dylan Barney finished 5 shots behind to miss out on the win, but he should be very proud of his efforts, while Oliver Hulbert took third place on countback from Jensen Ringer after their matching rounds of 83 to complete the boys' podium. Georgia Groves finished the season with a win in the Girls Division after her round of 100, ahead of Stella Walters (109) in second, as they flew the flag for the younger girls at the season finale.





Capel Primary School Christmas Raffle



Due to current restrictions we are not able to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year, but we have decided to carry on with our fantastic Christmas Raffle to raise much needed funds for our school.

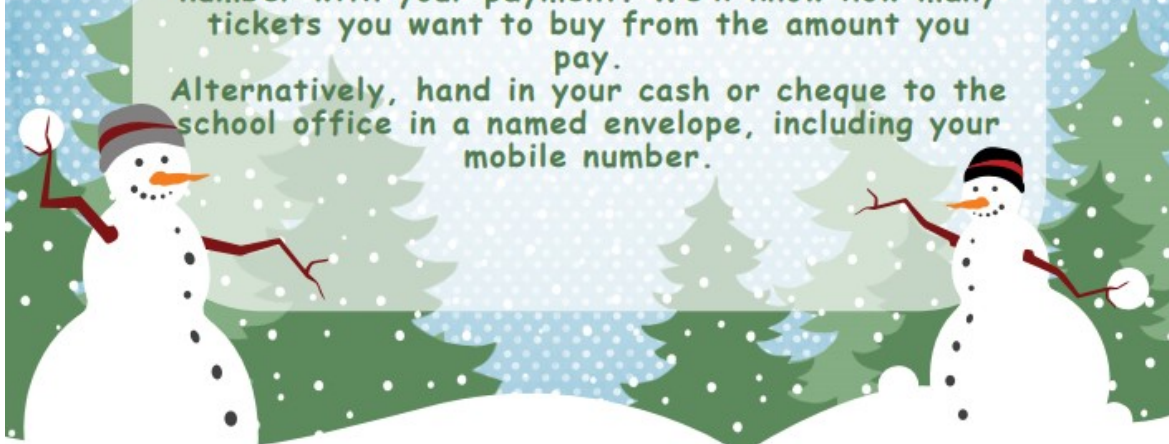
The draw will take place Saturday 5th December.

1st Prize i pad
2nd Prize £100 Cash
3rd Prize Mystery Box
Plus many more prizes

Tickets £1.00 Each

Our preferred method of payment is PayPal. To make your payment, login to your own PayPal account and click "send" to: fundraising@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk. Please note your mobile number with your payment. We'll know how many tickets you want to buy from the amount you pay.

Alternatively, hand in your cash or cheque to the school office in a named envelope, including your mobile number.



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!



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

Eliza in Yr 3

Harry B in Yr 4

Amelia M in Yr 1

Hollie in Yr 6

Eleanor in Yr R

Betsy in Yr 3

Deon in Yr 6

Faith in Yr 5

Olivia in Yr 5

Amelia S in Yr 1

Daniel in Yr 2

William in Yr 4

And Jamie B in Yr 5



Capel School respects the well-being of it's staff. There is no expectation that emails are responded to before 8:00am or after 5:00pm Monday to Friday, or at the weekend. We thank you for your understanding in this.

Alex and his Mum are working hard this Christmas to spread some special cheer to children less fortunate. They are taking part in the Shoebox Appeal and need our help. If you feel you are able to contribute, please visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and there is more information on this page. Alex's mum is intending to collect any donations outside of the school on the 9th and 10th November, from 3:00pm to 3:30pm.



How to Pack Your Shoebox

- SHOEBOX**
Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.
- SPECIAL ITEM**
Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with pump, or stuffed animal.
- OTHER GIFTS**
Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
- PERSONALISE & PRAY**
Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact. Importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- INCLUDE A £5 DONATION**
A donation of £5 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through Follow Your Box and include the barcode in your shoebox to discover its destination.
- DROP-OFF**
Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location **9-16 November**. Visit our website from late September to find one near you.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit: [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)

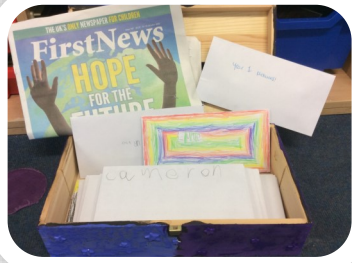
DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sweets, seeds, chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; sharp or fragile items; aerosol cans; books with mainly words.

Due to import regulations, toothpaste and sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes.

COVID-19

Please could I ask our families, that if you or members of your household receive a positive test over the half term, that you let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.



In Class One, we have been looking at ways we remember the past and how time changes things. We have created a "Class One Time Capsule". Inside we have included this week's First News newspaper, photos and we have written letters and drawn pictures to ourselves that we will open in the year 2026!



Capel School Governors

Who are we?

We are made up of 10 volunteers bringing a mixed skill and knowledge set to Capel School, to provide Mrs Farr and her team with support and challenge on a strategic level, to ensure the school is the best it can be for your children.

What are we doing?

The first half of this autumn term has mainly been spent approving the school's latest Covid Risk Assessment to ensure the upmost of safety, health and happiness to the pupils and staff at Capel during the ever-changing times we find ourselves in. We have also been working with Mrs Farr and the Capel staff to compile the school's SIP (School Improvement Plan) for this academic year, a plan that sets out the goals and objectives for Capel over the next 10 months as well as beginning to think about the long term plans for Capel, a 3-5 year strategic plan.

We work hard alongside Mrs Farr and her team and although with the current climate we are unable to physically visit the school as we would wish, we are still dedicated to ensuring Capel stays as the special school that we believe it to be.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy half term.

Lisa Summers (co-chair) & Capel Governors.

In Year 4, while celebrating Black History Month, they discussed many renowned names not only from the past but also people surrounding us now, who are inspiring us in all walks of life! They heard the famous speech 'I have a dream' by Martin Luther King Jr. and then children wrote about the dreams they have for the world.

