

# Weekly Newsletter

6th November



## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back to Term 2. It has certainly been an interesting start to our term, with a new lockdown and decidedly frostier weather. We are ever mindful of the national and local picture when it comes to COVID-19, and I would like to thank you all for taking on board small changes in our procedures. I especially wanted to say thank you for wearing masks to our site and for being aware of keeping a distance from others whilst waiting. We have so far been very lucky at Capel, with no positive cases within the school. I would also like to thank those of you who have self-isolated when required to do so, and kept us informed, it is very helpful for us. Should we have a positive case in school, the procedures remain the same. We will contact the Department of Education and Kent LA, inform parents of any children that need to self-isolate and we will ask you to come and pick them up as soon as possible. We do understand that this will not always be convenient, so thank you in advance for your support and help with this.

We had our first whole-school, zoom assembly this week as we now have our cameras in each classroom. From my point of view, it was lovely to see all the children together, albeit on a screen. I'm not sure seeing my face so large was great for the children, but they certainly enjoyed seeing themselves and each other! We will continue with this each Monday, resuming our Capel Stars and sharing relevant news or thoughts.

Hopefully, Years 1-6 all received their letter about Microsoft Teams yesterday. It will be such a valuable system for blended learning (pupils at school and home) and for homework. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher and we will do our best to resolve any issues. The agreement on the second page, must be signed and returned to school as soon as possible please. As we do more online learning and communication, there will also be a revised 'Acceptable Use Policy' (AUP) for staff, parents and children to sign. This will be coming out next week.

I would like to wish everyone well and send our best wishes as we move into this new lockdown, we hope that if we all do our bit, it will be over much quicker!

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr



**REMEMBER TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS! Lots of brilliant prizes are waiting to be won!**




## Christmas plans in school

As you will appreciate, our usual Christmas plans are not possible this year—so we will be adjusting them and coming up with new ways to celebrate with the children. There are several ideas in the planning stage and we will let you know what we will be doing soon.



**PACK A SHOEBOX!**

**How to Pack Your Shoebox**

**1 SHOEBOX**  
Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Pre-printed boxes are available online.

**2 SPECIAL ITEM**  
Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with pump, or stuffed animal.

**3 OTHER GIFTS**  
Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

**4 PERSONALISE & PRAY**  
Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact. Importantly pray for the child who will receive your gift.

**5 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.

**6 DROP-OFF**  
Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location **9-16 November**. Visit our website from 9th December to find out more.

**GIFT SUGGESTIONS**  
For additional gift suggestions and more, visit: [www.followyourbox.org.uk/box](https://www.followyourbox.org.uk/box)

**DO NOT INCLUDE**  
Toys that are used or damaged, items, new 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 many words.

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

Due to the current lockdown the collection dates for the shoeboxes have been postponed, new collection date will be 7 December, Alex and his mum will be outside the school on this day between 3-3.30pm

## Upcoming Dates

11th November—Remembrance Day

13th November—World Kindness 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.

16th December—Children's last day in school

17th and 18th Dec—INSET days

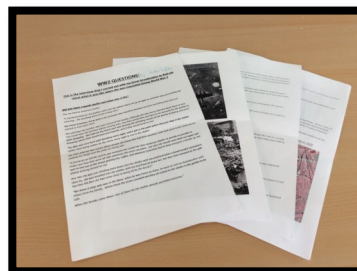
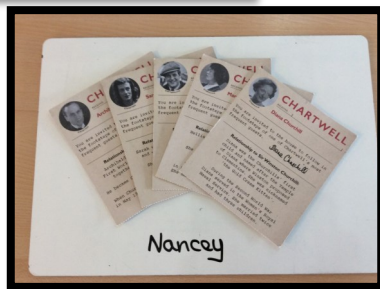
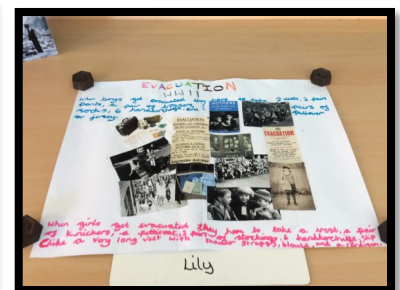
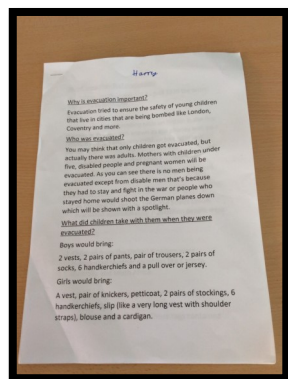
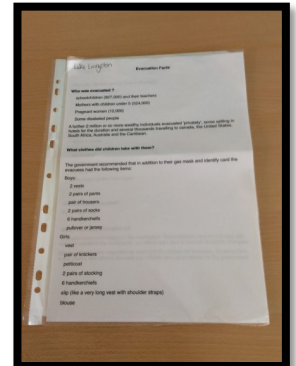
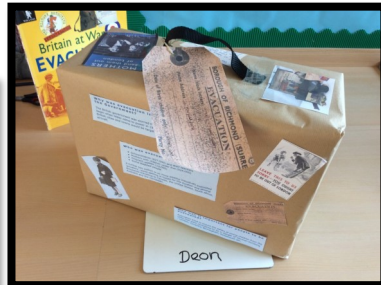
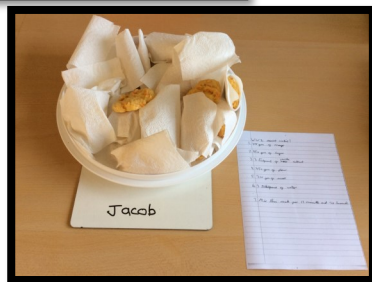
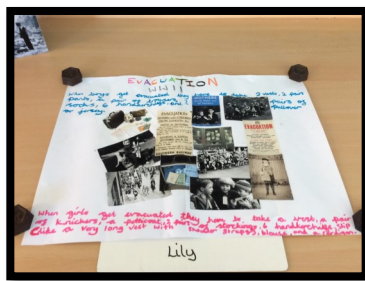
Please also see the calendar on our website.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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

Joycelynn in Yr 4  
and Amy in Yr 6



Year 6 show off their fantastic home learning projects.

