

# Weekly Newsletter

13th November



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week at Capel this week, with some fantastic learning and some very poignant moments, as we all observed a two-minute silence on Wednesday in memory and respect of our armed forces. We have also carried out more virtual Parent Consultations which seem to have gone down well. The staff and I would like to thank you for engaging with the new system and we would welcome any feedback that you have regarding the process. Please feel free to email me at [headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk)

Many of you may have heard about the Government's investment into schools to support vulnerable children that may need some help to catch-up with gaps in their learning. The fund is designed to provide additional resources, tutoring or other means to address various areas of learning. I am delighted to tell you that the school has received the first wave of funding and we have partnered with a local tutoring company. They will be working with some children throughout the year, providing a ten week, individualised tutoring program. We will contact you separately if we are offering this opportunity to your child in this first round, to inform you of the process and for your consent. The tutoring will take place in school, with one session per week over a period of ten weeks. They will be assessed at the beginning to identify very specific gaps, and at the end to see the difference it has made. We are delighted to be able to start this process, and whilst we would love to be able to offer it to all children, our priority are those whose learning was most impacted by the lockdown. The second wave of tutoring will start after the February half term and the third at the beginning of May. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Next week we have an exciting 'Odd-socks' day on Monday—this is to mark our Anti-Bullying Day. Mrs Waters has given more details further on in the newsletter. You will also see a section letting you know about our Christmas plans which will need to be a little different this year. We are determined to make sure it is as fun and celebratory as ever.

Please remember our Christmas Raffle too, Mrs Maynard has sourced some absolutely fantastic prizes.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

## Christmas plans in school



We wanted to let you know what we will be doing to ensure the children have the opportunity to really enjoy some Christmas cheer!

Christmas Cards and presents—due to our restrictions, these will need to be restricted to within bubbles only. Each class will have their own post box for children to post class cards into. All cards must be in by 14th December, to allow them to be quarantined before being given out at the end of term. Late cards will not be able to be given out on the last day.

Decoration competition—each class will spread some festive cheer with a Christmas Classroom competition! Mrs Maynard, queen of the Christmas decs, will be our judge. The winning class can have boasting rights—as well as extra play!

Performances—there will be no KS1 production this term I'm afraid. However, we are hoping to create a festive performance of some kind to share with you via our website. I can't say for definite what it will be yet, but there will be singing (outside!) and a focus on the true meaning of Christmas.



Please note that we cannot give out class lists for Data protection reasons.

## Upcoming Dates

16th November—Odd Socks Day

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

5th December—Raffle Prize Draw

7th December—Shoebox collection

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...

Florence in Year 1

Theodore in Year R and

Xander in Year 4

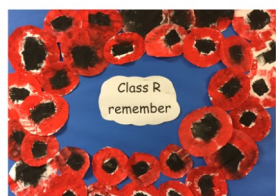
Lest we forget....

On Wednesday, at 11am, all pupils and staff observed the important 2 minute silence. It was a time for reflection and to give thanks for all those brave souls, in the distant and recent past, who have fought for our country.

Year 6 pupils concluded the silence with 'The Last Post', a very poignant moment for them as it is related to their class project work.

The children were also delighted with their poppy cupcakes, made by our very own Debbie. The pictures below show you what an amazing job she did, creating hundreds of poppies for the toppings.

After-school club made a stunning tribute which they proudly displayed in the front of the school too.



WOOHOO... MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!



WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY? Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that you wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, The Kids Are United!



WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT? The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves, free from bullying, and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



Luna and Star had a wonderful weekend with Harry last weekend. They enjoyed meeting his new hamster and being made a fuss of. Thank you Harry.

Please do contact the school if you would like to pamper our lovely guinea-pigs for a weekend.



This week in class R we have been exploring traditions. As part of this, on Wednesday we learnt all about Remembrance day. The children created their own poppy for the class wreath and we talked about why we have poppies to help us to remember. We also thought about how brave the soldiers were and how they were awarded medals. Some of the children designed their very own medal for someone that they knew and talked about why they thought that person should receive the medal. Later on in the week we also learnt about Diwali. The children learnt that Diwali is the festival of light and explored the story of Rama and Sita through their own puppet shows. We found out about rangoli patterns and the children used different resources in the classroom to make their own patterns. We also explored making fireworks and thought about how lots of Hindu people decorate their hands, creating our own designs too!

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# Capel Primary School Christmas Raffle

## Prizes Include

I pad

£100 Cash

Mystery Box

4 Tickets to Port Lympne  
( entrance & 2.5hr AAA safari)

£50 Cash

Chocolate Hampers

Xmas Hamper

Gin Hamper

Plus many more

## 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](mailto: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.