



11th December

Dear Parents and Carers

Our final full week before we break-up for Christmas has been full of Christmas cheer, as we started with our Most Christmassy Classroom competition. As you will see from the next page, there was stiff competition and the children have really enjoyed being creative in the design and make projects. We have also had our first taste of virtual lessons in school in Year 2. Mrs Taylor has needed to self-isolate, and has therefore been delivering lessons from home for the children. It has been a great learning curve for us all and has been very successful. Huge thanks to Mrs Chilman and Mrs Tracey too for making it possible. This certainly gives us pointers should we need to do remote learning with other years next term.

I would like to say a huge thanks to the entire Capel community for all their hard work and support this term. We are so lucky to have undoubtedly the best staff a school can have, and I see first-hand everyday, how hard they work. I know the daily challenges and anxieties they all face, and am in awe of their resilience and generosity. Our School governors have been working tirelessly behind the scenes too, with Mrs Summers and her board supporting the school so well. In addition, our children and families have also worked with brilliantly with us and I truly believe our community is stronger and better as a result of us all working together.

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas, so I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone stays well and gets to enjoy some family time, even if it is remotely!

Please can I ask that you keep me informed if you have any issues around COVID -19 over the holidays that we need to know, including a positive case in your household.

Stay safe and well

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr



CAPELS STARS!

This week's stars are:

Rebecca in Yr R

Cameron in Yr 1

Rosie in Yr 2

Chrissy in Yr 3

Eddie in Yr 4

Archie in Yr 5 and Rose in Yr 6

...and Mrs Smith who has retired today. Mrs Smith has been a part of the Capel Team for 18 years. Over that time she has worked with many different children and teachers and has nurtured and looked after our plants.

We sincerely hope that she has a wonderful retirement and gets to enjoy spending more time with her family. We know that she is planning in making the most of her daughters and Dad over the Christmas break and into the New Year. We hope she gets to spend many enjoyable hours in her garden and going on picturesque walks.

Thank you Mrs Smith for all that you have given to Capel, we will miss you.

Upcoming Dates

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

16th December—Panto Day! Wear your best Christmas outfit.

Children's last day in school

17th and 18th Dec—INSET days

4th January—Children return to school

15th-19th February—Half Term



As this is the last newsletter for this year, I also wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr Newsome for his work at Capel. Sadly he is leaving us at the end of term, and he will be missed. He has built up a lovely rapport with his class and the staff team and we are very sad to see him go. We wish him lots of luck as he embarks on a new adventure. Thank you for all your care and hard work Mr Newsome.

Don't forget!

Christmas Jumper day on 14th December ! We are having our Christmas dinner on this day too.



Most Christmassy Classroom.....

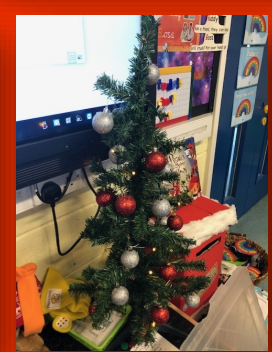
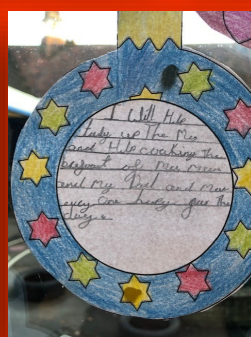


The Most Christmassy Classroom.....
The competition was fierce with all classes going the extra mile to produce exciting and engaging Christmas decorations. We saw baubles made by the children, hand crafted post boxes, a kindness beard for Santa, a multitude of trees and lights, and some fabulous Christmas Scenes.

Mrs Maynard was a strict judge, taking into account the overall impact, the originality and the very important Christmassy feeling factor. We are delighted to announce joint winners, who will win £25 each for their classrooms.....

Class R and Class 3!!

Congratulations and well done.



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Christmas holidays beckon, I wanted to give you a short update on what we Governors have been doing lately to support Capel School.

Firstly, we are delighted that we have a new Parent Governor in our team: Bukky Obidaio. Perhaps you already know her from the school run? She is well able to represent parents' views at our meetings.

The Lockdown and phased return to school disrupted the children's education in a number of ways. The School put together a Covid Recovery Plan that assessed the children's needs individually to provide them with the best catch-up support. We have reviewed the plan. We are very satisfied that Mrs Farr's approach is absolutely right. It is very thorough and the staff are carrying it out in the best possible way.

We have also been gathering data to underpin the 3-5-year strategy for the school that Lisa told you about in the last newsletter. Creating a document like this requires considerable teamwork and face to face working. Sadly, the need to minimise contact with staff while we are all in Tier 3 has meant that the next stage has to wait a little. Hopefully the next newsletter will give some more progress about this

In the meantime we wish you all a Covid-free Christmas, and a safe return to school for the pupils in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Gordon Hardwick (co-opted Governor)



*** NEW ***



Today sees the launch of a NEW
Family Advice Line
for families living in Tunbridge Wells run by experienced staff
from the **Tunbridge Wells Early Help**
(part of Kent County Council)

Parents and carers can phone the advice line to receive FREE
advice, guidance and information around a wide
range of topics including:

- Free for 2 - free childcare for 2 & 3-year olds
- Parenting advice and support - i.e. managing children's behaviour, child development
- Emotional health and wellbeing - for your child and yourself
- Children's activities - ideas to do at home with your child/children
- Signpost to other services that can support you - i.e. Housing, Domestic Abuse
- Other Topics

The Advice line is open:
Monday - Friday
10.00-12.00 and 13.00-16.00

Tel: 03000 416 200
or
Email: Tunbridgewellsearlyhelp@kent.gov.uk



★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

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

Jamie G in Yr 5

Tommy in Yr 3

Joseph in Yr 3

Stanley in Yr R

Caitlyn in Yr 5

Braydon in Yr 5

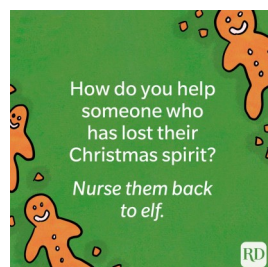
Jaymie in Yr 6

Kaci in Yr 5

Reuben in Yr 4

Evie in Yr 4

And Fletcher in Yr 6



*Merry
Christmas*

