



Dear Parents and Carers

Just one more weekend until our school is full again—we can't wait. I know many of you have used this last week to do some special things of your own and have taken steps to help your child get used to the idea of returning. We expect our children to be excited about seeing friends, but maybe apprehensive about the school work or the work they completed at home. Please reassure them and let them know that their class teachers are very aware that they will need time to adjust and get used to the daily routine again. They are also aware that the children tried their very best with the work set, so please reassure them that they do not need to worry. Luna and Star are also very excited to welcome the children back and are ready to have lots of cuddles and eat lots of treats!

You will see a flyer in this newsletter for 'Staff Appreciation Week'. As you will be aware, all our staff have embraced the changes that the pandemic has brought over the last year, continuing to put our children first and doing their absolute best for them. As a result, our school has kept it's sense of family and togetherness through the most difficult of times. Can I ask you to help me show them how much we appreciate them? If you are able, please write a note to any member of staff that has stood out for you or your child, and made a difference to you. It may relate to our school grounds, a warm welcome, lunches, break times, teaching or additional support. This will be the focus of our week beginning 22nd March.

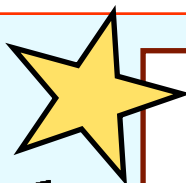
I hope you all manage to enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Stay safe and stay well.

Suzanne Farr

World Book Day

We hope you had a lovely day on World Book Day. Did you see the video of staff reading their favourite books? Their voices were masked to make it harder to guess who they were. I wonder how many you got right? Look in next week's newsletter to see what everyone go up to.



Upcoming Dates and events

8th March—all pupils return

w/b 22nd March—Staff Appreciation Week

23rd and 24th March—Virtual Parent Consultations 4:00pm to 6:30pm—information to follow

31st March—Children's last day

1st April—INSET day

19th April—Children return to school

Drop-off and Pick-up times from 8th March—please remember to wear a mask and follow the one-way system. Please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines or double yellow lines.

Class	Drop-off	Pick-up
R	Green gate 8:45am	By classroom 3:00pm
1	Side gate 8:45am	Side gate to courtyard 3:10pm
2	Railings area 8:45am	Railings 3:10pm
3	Side gate 8:50am	Playground 3:15pm
4	Side gate 8:50am	Playground 3:15pm
5	Side gate 8:55am (gate closes 9:05am)	Playground 3:15pm
6	Side gate 8:55am (gate closes 9:05am)	Playground 3:15pm

We know that many of you are having issues around ill-fitting uniform and shoes. If your child's shoes do not fit, they may temporarily wear trainers or something similar. Please try to make sure they blend in as much as possible! Please do not send your child in to school wearing sandals or heels as alternative footwear.

Children are asked to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE.



We have been asked to share this survey with you on behalf of Kent County Council who are reviewing the school entry hearing screening programme.

Children in Reception Year are offered a school entry hearing screening by the Kent School Health Service in school or clinic. This year (and also last year) the programme has been delivered differently as a result of Covid-19 and families have been given the opportunity to opt into the programme if they have concerns about their child's hearing.

If your child is in **Year 1** or **Year 2** please complete our 10-minute survey by the 12th of March 2021 so that your views can be included in any future plans for the screening programme.

<https://surveys.kent.gov.uk/HearingScreenParents>



Staff Appreciation Week

This year, we are holding our first **Staff Appreciation Week** and we would like your help. We have an amazingly dedicated staff at Capel, and I would like them to know how much they are appreciated.

We would simply like you to tell a member of staff if they have made a difference to you, your child or your family. So many times we feel thankful, but don't often have the chance to say it. So this week, if there is any member of staff within the school that you would like to thank, please send them a little note letting them know.

You can send an email to them, or drop a note into the office in the week beginning 22nd March.

Throughout the week, the staff will have other treats and events to know how valued they are.

Week beginning 22nd March

Thank you

Please return devices

If you borrowed a school device during lockdown, please could we ask that you return it on the pupils return.



The agreements that you signed will be in the office, where you can sign and date to say the iPad is returned. We hope they have been of use to you.

Should your child need to self-isolate at any point during term time, please do let us know if you would like to borrow one to help them access Teams for their work.

I know many of you are thoroughly enjoying the videos from Cooking Pioneers and are becoming skilled chefs. I have been sent this flyer for the TV programme Junior Bake Off as they are looking for contestants aged 9-15. I thought I would pass it on to you....just in case!!

REMEMBER:

Please let us know if anyone in your household tests **positive** for Coronavirus. It is vital that we are informed as soon as possible in case we need to take any action. If you are self-isolating due to contact with someone who has tested positive, please make sure you let us know that too. Thank you.

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