Weekly Newsletter

12th March



Welcome back. We are so pleased to have a full school again; it's lovely to hear our children playing and learning together. Hopefully there is some normality returning to home life too, and you are all managing to get back into familiar routines. As you will be aware, school is still ensuring that safety measures are in place to minimise the risk of a spread of Covid, and this is likely to be in place for a while yet. We are still encouraging children to give each other space where it is possible, and reminding them to wash their hands very regularly. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for being so considerate at drop-off and collection times, using our one-way system and being mindful of distance. It is a huge help to us and reassuring for everyone else. Whilst we recognise the risk is decreasing, especially in this area, it still remains significant across the nation.

Hopefully you have all received your class letters from your teachers, outlining the learning content until Easter. You will see that Teachers are spending time identifying any gaps in learning, to enable them to plan for the children's next learning steps. They are also prioritising pupil well-being, ensuring that specific lessons on feelings, self-regulation and expressing emotions, are carried out weekly. We are also trying to make the most of any dry weather, promoting physical activity to help with our well-being too.

In the rest of this newsletter, you will find updates on Parent's Evening, the PTA bag collection, what we got up to on World Book Day and some online safety support. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Stay safe and stay well.

Suzanne Farr

Parent Consultation Arrangements

As we will inevitably need to carry out parent and teacher discussions virtually this term, we have been exploring more efficient ways to do this. We are going to be trialling a system from Schoolcloud, which enables parents to log in and arrange their own appointment times, then allows you to simply click on the video call at the allotted time. It is a system widely used by other schools and I'm sure some of you already use it if you have children in other schools. There will be a letter coming out shortly, via email, with all the details that you will need.

schoolcloud



We would like to wish all the wonderful women caring for our children a very special Mothers Day.

Upcoming Dates and events

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

21st April-New school counsellor starts and will

be in every Wednesday.

CAPEL CAPEL





This year, we are holding out first <u>Staff Appreciation Week</u> 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



Please return devices

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



With the growing amount of time our children have spent online, we wanted to help parents and carers keep their children safe. There is fantastic information on www.thinkuknow.co.uk, with resources to share with your children, but also helpful parent advice. In addition, you may want more information about apps that your child may have on their phones or tablets. This useful poster lets you know what to look out for, or what potential risks there may be. In a world where children are increasingly more knowledgeable about technology, it is important that we do all we can to understand their world and keep up with them!

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.



Donations Please

On Friday 19th March, there will be a collection for Happy School Bag, which raises money for the school.

If you have unwanted items (see list below), please bag them up and bring

them to school on Saturday 13th March between 10am and 11am or on Friday 19th March. Our wonderful PTA will then organise the collection.

We accept

 Reusable clean and dry clothes

Reusable paired

shoes and footwear

• Fashion accessories, Handbags, Belts, light jewellery, scarves, hats, etc...

 Console games, souvenirs (small decorative ornaments, unwanted gift boxsets)

What we don't accept:

- Single shoes
- Mats, Carpets
- Duvets, Pillows, Blankets, Bedlinen
- Curtains
 Drie o Dree
- Bric-a-Brac
 District Damage
- Dirty-Damaged-Wet-Damp-Smelly items
- Old Fashioned Clothing
- No uniforms or toys (soft or hard)
- No Books DVD's

The PTA are also starting a collection for unwanted plimsolls, trainers and school shoes. They can be left in the two PTA donation boxes that are located next to the guinea-pigs and next to the shed in the playground.

Many thanks for your support.

