



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely week at school for our first Staff Appreciation Week. I know I speak for all the staff, when I say how much your words meant. We were able to ensure cheerful daffodils decorated the classrooms and work areas, and the staff each have their own look-a-like keyring as a memento of the week.

As we approach the end of term 4, we can reflect on all that has happened since Christmas. There have been ups and downs, but through it all there has been the indomitable spirit of Capel, with everyone pulling together to do their best. We hope that as we move forward, we are able to stay open for the rest of the year, without further disruption. We are also thinking about all the exciting things that normally happen in the summer term and considering ways that we can do them in a safe way. There is no doubt that some of the events will still not be able to take place this year, but we hope to ensure Year 6 especially, get the send-off that they deserve. There will be news coming out about this after Easter as we attempt to make up for the lack of a Residential trip with our very own take on it! At the moment, it looks unlikely that Sports Day will be able to go ahead, but we hope to hold a leavers assembly outside for Year 6 parents. We will be following Government guidance, which we know can change quickly, so watch this space for updates.

I also wanted to let you know that we are advertising locally for a TA for EYFS. We are looking for a TA, with the relevant experience and training, to work with the team. If you are interested in applying, please send a CV and covering letter to [Headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk). It is vital that you show any training that you have had in regards to general TA training, and more specific elements such as phonics, sensory circuits etc. Whilst we can provide some training, we need someone who is knowledgeable in EYFS from the outset. The hours are negotiable, however we would require mornings as a minimum.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that the sun keeps shining for us.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr



Tell us what you think.....

We would be very grateful for any comments on the arrangements for parents consultations this week.

Did you find the system easy to use?

Would you like future meetings arranged using a system where you can book your own time slots? (Including for a face to face meeting)

Did the video work well or would you prefer a phone call?

Did you have any problems with the system?

Any comments help us to plan more effectively for future occasions.

## Upcoming Dates and events

**31st March—Children's last day**

**1st April—INSET day**

**19th April—Children return to school**

**19th April—Group photos**

**21st April—New school counsellor starts and will be in every Wednesday.**

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in an appreciation note to a member of staff this week. You have helped me to let our staff know just how wonderful we think they are! We are all very grateful for your kind words and thoughts.

**THANK  
YOU!**



### 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.

We continue to be fortunate, managing to keep all our bubbles open, but please remain alert to the possibility that a bubble would close following a positive case. This could mean that we ask you to collect your child quickly, and remain away for a set time. In this situation, remote learning would be reinstated through the use of Teams. Please let us know promptly if you require the use of an iPad in this situation.

The Community Storehouse in Paddock Wood would like to remind families that they are there to help over the Easter Holidays. If you require a voucher for them, please pop into school to have a chat with us so we can issue you with one. Alternatively they are open at the following times:

**Tuesday 6th, Thursday 8th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th.**

**Tuesday's 13.00-15.00**

**Thursdays 9.30-11.30.**



### Security of our site

Following the sad news that I shared last week about people trespassing on our site, I am pleased to let you know that security measures are already in place. As you will appreciate, I will not be sharing the finer details of these with you, but you will see signs up very soon to let you know about some CCTV cameras. The cameras will be on timers and will only be used outside of school hours. Our pupils in school will not be affected by it and will not be filmed. It is such a shame that we have needed to do this, but we will not compromise on our children's safety. I would also like to say a huge thank you for all the support from our community.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other comments about our site security, please do not hesitate to contact me.



### Behaviour Policy

Hopefully many of you saw the notice sent via the Jotter on Tuesday, letting you know that our new Behaviour Policy is on our website. If you go to the school tab, you will see a 'policies' section, and the new policy is at the very top of the page. We have started to speak to the children about the new approach, starting with our three main rules:

**Be ready**

**Be respectful**

**Be safe**

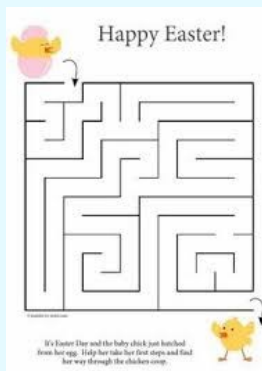
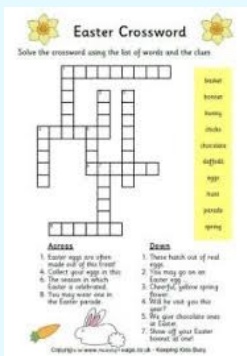
The children were asked to think about actions that help us to be ready, respectful and safe. They were able to describe how good listening was being ready and respectful, and kind hands and feet were both respectful and safe. The children had a good understanding of the behaviour expected, and were reassured that we would help them to remember.

You will see posters up in the school, reminding everybody of our three rules.

Next week we will talk more about the new Recognition Boards, the scripted conversations and the sanctions that they can expect.



As we approach the end of term, we thought a few Easter puzzles might be fun!



Dear Parents and Carers,

The school governors held their termly board meeting on 16th March.

First, we would like to thank the pupils, their families in being so supportive and engaged in the successful remote learning curriculum that the staff developed during the last lockdown. Building on this, Mrs Farr explained how her team were ensuring that the needs of each pupil's learning was being addressed in the recovery curriculum. We are confident that the staff are taking appropriate actions to enable all pupils to make accelerated progress during the rest of the academic year.

Second, the Governors were very supportive of the new Behaviour Policy, developed specifically for Capel by Mrs Farr with staff and parental involvement, which will promote a safe, calm and positive environment for all pupils.

Third, we reviewed the School Improvement Plan and found that, notwithstanding Covid interruptions, the school is on track to meet its 2020-21 objectives with new initiatives such as “Counselling with Care” and continued professional development of staff to enhance pupils’ learning eg in Maths.

We wish you all a very happy Easter.

## Sarah Faes and the Capel Governors



## Comic Relief

Thanks to your generosity,  
Capel students raised  
£209.60 for Comic Relief.  
Well done everybody x

It's Back.....

## Be Headteacher for a Day Raffle

From 19th April, you will be able to purchase raffle tickets from the school office. Tickets cost £1 each. There is no limit on how many you can buy, but only current pupils of Capel may enter. The draw will take place on Thursday May 13th during an assembly, and the lucky winner will be Headteacher for the whole day on June 16th. Good Luck!