



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an exciting week at Capel, with the highlight being our special Headteacher on Wednesday. Miss Waite did a fantastic job of leading the school, and she particularly made sure that the children had a lovely day. Her own-clothes rule, extra break, a popular lunch, outdoor lesson and virtual assembly, all helped to make the day special. She worked hard on her very own newsletter too, so we hope you all enjoyed reading it.

You will have seen that the Government has delayed the wider lifting of restrictions. Whilst all our safety measures remain in place, we do remind parents to keep to a 2m distance where possible when dropping off or picking up children. We are optimistic that our planned picnic for the new reception children, and our Year 6 leavers Assembly will still go ahead, as both events are outdoors and social distancing measures will be in place. Should this change, we will let you know.

We are excited for our up-coming Enrichment Days on 23rd and 24th June. The children have the opportunity to try new sports and take part in some team challenges. The days are designated to either KS1 or KS2, so please check which day your child has theirs. On the day, they are asked to wear their own, comfortable clothing in which they can do sporting activities. Could we also ask that you bear the weather in mind, providing either sun cream, or a waterproof! If it is wet, they will need to bring a spare pair of shoes to wear indoors.

I am happy to share the results of our Parent Survey that was taken last month. You will notice the number of responses and the percentage who agreed, along with actions that we are taking as a direct result of your views.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

PE T-Shirts

We are planning a phased change to our PE T-shirts. Currently, all the children wear a white t-shirt, but we would like them to wear the colour that represents their house in the future. The t-shirt needs to be round necked, single blocked colour, with no writing or image. This will be a slow change, with no need to buy a new t-shirt until they have grown out of their current one. It will be possible to order these from the office if you would like the Capel badge on it, but a plain one is perfectly acceptable. We will start to introduce the change from September, and expect the change to happen over the year, with the white t-shirts being phased out by September 2022.



Upcoming Dates and events

21st June—New entrants picnic

23rd June—Enrichment day KS 2—own clothes

24th June—Enrichment Day KS1—own clothes

29th June—New Parents Evening

1st July—Closing date for the Kent test

7th July—Meet the Teacher—pupils meet their teacher for the next class.

8th July—Secondary School Day for Year 6

9th-11th July—Year 6 Camp out

12th July—Reports to parents

20th July—Year 6 Outdoor Leavers Assembly

Children's last day

1st September—INSET Day

2nd September—children return to school

Those starting secondary school in **September 2022** can register for the [Kent Test from 1 June 2021](#).

The Kent Test is due to be held on:

- 9 September 2021 for children who go to a school in Kent
- 11 September 2021 for children who go to school outside of Kent.

https://www.kent.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/14513/Kent-Test-familiarisation-booklet.pdf

CAN YOU HELP?

On Friday 11th June, a car from the business opposite the school was damaged. The owner of the car has asked me to appeal to our parents after a white car damaged their grey Polo, because it happened at school time. Whilst there is CCTV on their premises, he has asked for the driver to come forward.

If you can help, please contact our school office and we can pass on the gentlemen's number.



Please could we request that if you are parked, waiting in your car, that you turn off your engine. We understand that in the hot weather it's nice to have the air conditioning on, but the exhaust fumes are affecting those in pushchairs and toddlers. Thank you.



Year 5 took their first steps towards becoming bridge builders. They were challenged to build a structure 30 cm wide that could hold the weight of a toy car. However, materials were limited to what they could purchase with a budget of £50 and could only be bought from Barlow's Building Supplies!



Dress for the Weather!

In these warmer temperatures, please ensure that your child has:

A water bottle Hat Protective sun cream applied before school as we are unable to apply it.

Our classrooms do tend to get very warm, but they are well ventilated and we use fans.



Thank you Miss Waite

I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Waite who did a fantastic job of leading our school on Wednesday this week. She was a brilliant headteacher, and all the children enjoyed her special day!



Survey Results

Thank you to those parents who were able to take the time to respond to our survey. We wanted to share the results with you, and let you know how your responses will inform future practises at the school. The results are based on the 43 responses that we received.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
My child is happy at school	31	11	1	0	98% Agree
My child feels safe at school	33	10	0	0	100% Agree
My child makes good progress at this school.	25	16	2	0	95% Agree
My child is well looked after at this school.	33	10	0	0	100% Agree
My child is taught well at this school.	34	7	2	0	95% Agree
Feedback helps my child to know their next steps and how to progress.	28	13	2	0	95% Agree
The school supports my child to develop resilience, confidence and independence.	26	15	2	0	95% Agree
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	18	24	1	0	98% Agree
This school makes sure pupils are well behaved.	20	19	4	0	91% Agree
My child is motivated to learn.	29	11	3	0	93% Agree
My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality.	28	14	1	0	98% Agree
This school deals effectively with bullying.	15	16 Don't know 10	2		95% Agree or have not experienced it not being dealt with effectively.
This school is well led and managed.	35	8	0	0	100% Agree
This school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit in normal times.	36	6	1	0	98% Agree
I am encouraged to play an active part in the life of the school	18	23	2	0	95% Agree
The school responds well to any concerns I raise.	28	14	1	0	98% Agree
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	21	20	2	0	95% Agree
I was supported by the school during lockdown.	29	13	1	0	98% Agree
In normal times, there is a good range of extra-curricular activities for my child to participate in.	19	20	4	0	91% Agree
Communication from the school is effective and timely.	26	16	1	0	98% Agree
The school values the views, wishes and feelings of children.	31	11	1	0	98% Agree
The school values the views, wishes and feelings of parents.	26	15	2	0	95%
I know who the SENCo is and how to contact her.	18	17	8	0	81% Agree
I am able to approach staff about any concerns I have with my child.	33	9	1	0	98% Agree
I would recommend Capel Primary School to others.	38	4	1	0	98% Agree

So what now.....

There were some doubts over the behaviour of our pupils, so we will continue to embed our new Behaviour Policy and ensure 'message home' cards let you know about positive examples. We will also ensure that all voices are heard when concerns over behaviour are expressed, with clear and effective sanctions and reparative steps taken.

A significant number of respondents did not know who our SENCo was, and we have already taken steps to address this. You will see Mrs Chivers on the class staff newsletter that was recently sent out, and you will see more snippets of her in our regular newsletters. Many parents only get to know her when discussing specific concerns, but we feel that it is important that all our parents know her role and face!

We note that we could be providing a more diverse range of extra-curricular activities, and once restrictions are lifted sufficiently, we will be using our PE funding to help secure coaches to run some after-school clubs for all to access, allowing our staff to run clubs that they and the children are passionate about. We also hope to resume our work with Cooking Pioneers.

Lastly, I would like to celebrate the overwhelming positive responses we received, showing that we are certainly on the right track. We sincerely appreciate the time that was taken to share your views. We hope to continue to work together with our families to ensure we provide the best experience for our children, creating happy, lifelong learners.

Henry and Archie were proud to share their footballing trophies with their classmates.

Archie won his for his team leading skills and Henry was the most versatile player.

