

# Weekly Newsletter

3rd September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to school. We have thoroughly enjoyed returning to a little normality already this week, with more sociable playtimes and we had our first face-to-face assembly for nearly two years as well.

This week, the teaching teams have been working hard to help settle the children and share new routines and expectations with them. Many have started their new projects for this term, and hopefully you will receive a letter from your class teacher today, letting you know about the finer details for your child's class.

Within this newsletter you will find some helpful dates for the upcoming months, some useful reminders and some guidance on Covid related issues.

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns so we are able to help.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr



Hopefully you have noticed the two beautiful benches at the front of the school. These have been arranged by the children of Mary and Ken Stinton and are for the enjoyment of our families and passers by. They are a fitting tribute to two such important characters who gave so much to Capel. Please feel free to try them out, take a breather and take in the wonderful views.

You will notice that the children have brought home Reading Records this year, rather than Contact Books. With our use of Dojo, the books were no longer used for messages, just to record reading, so have been replaced with a more appropriate book.



## Upcoming Dates and events

4th September—PTA BBQ at Capel calling

6th September—Early Years picnic

9th September—Kent Test

13th September—Swimming starts for Year 5

Year 6 Trip to Tenterden

29th September—PTA AGM at 7pm

October—Black History Month

4th October—Headboy/Headgirl Vote

8th October—Headboy/Headgirl Investiture

12th October—Year 2 Event

13th October—Author visit to school

14th October—Owl visitors to school

15th October—Harvest Festival

21st October—Kent Test results

21st and 22nd October 9:30-11:30 Open mornings for prospective new parents

25th October—Half Term

1st November—Term 2 starts

9th and 10th November—Parent Consultations

12th November—Year 3 Class Assembly (parents invited)



Luna and Star have had the best summer ever!!

They finished the term visiting Darcey and Henry, then went for an extended break to Phoebe, got spoilt by Wren and Wynter and then were entertained by Henry and his little sister. They have come back thoroughly spoiled and very demanding! Thank you to everyone who cared for our precious pets. If you would like to have the guinea-pigs for a weekend, please email me and let me know when you would like to have them.



### Mobile phones

I would like to say a huge thank you to Year 6 families for not sending in mobile phones with your children.

Mobile phones are only permitted if the child is walking home alone and needs it for safety. In the permission note to school allowing your child to walk home without you, please can you indicate if you intend to send them with a phone. This will then be kept securely in our school office for the day. Thank you.



### COVID guidelines for schools

The latest guidelines from the government have removed many of the restrictions that were in place in schools. Currently, we do not need to have separate bubbles or keep classes isolated and children do not need to remain off school if they have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid. As we know, this guidance can change, and change quickly, so we are constantly vigilant for any alterations. Please could I ask that you continue to tell us if anyone in your household tests positive for Covid, and to seriously consider whether you feel it appropriate to send your child in to school in those circumstances.

We remain vigilant about hygiene and handwashing, and are ensuring our classes are well ventilated. Our staff continue to test themselves via LFTs twice a week, more if they should show any symptoms. Any member of staff that test positive will obviously remain at home.

We will continue to update you of any changes to the guidance.

### PE Kit

As you will have seen from your class teacher letters, children are asked to wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE. There are several reasons for this, firstly it proved to be easier for parents in terms of washing kits and reduced items being lost; it also saves a considerable amount of time in school and for some children, changing into their kit was an anxious time. Please can I stress that it must be school PE kit and not general sportswear. They can wear blue jogging bottoms when it is colder, with their school jumper please rather than non-uniform hoodies. Thank you.