



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start this week by thanking you all for your support. Over the last few weeks we have seen an increasing number of positive Covid cases, in both pupils and staff. This has effected our staffing levels, and therefore some levels of support in our classrooms. Your understanding over this has been instrumental in helping us all to work together to try and maintain as normal a service as possible.

I wanted to reassure you about the measures that we take in school to try and reduce contact and the spread of Covid:

- Classes are not mixing indoors. They do mix to some degree in the playground, or to a limited amount in large, well ventilated areas, but this is kept to an absolute minimum.
- Adults and visitors are wearing masks in communal areas and when visiting other classrooms.
- Visitors are being kept to a minimum.
- Staff are testing more regularly.
- Families are testing more frequently where Covid cases are in their child's class.
- Deep cleans and 'fogging' of classrooms is taking place regularly.
- Cleaning of high contact surfaces is taking place throughout the day.
- Families testing twice a week with an LFT—usually on a Wednesday and Sunday.

PHE urge parents to get PCR tests if the number of cases in your child's class exceeds 10%, so generally speaking if there are more than 3 cases. We have seen examples of LFTs being negative, but a PCR positive, so if you are in doubt, please do get a PCR test.

Our current Covid cases stand at 13 positive pupils and 4 positive staff. The cases are low in numbers in R,3 and 4, but higher in 1 and 5, with five and six cases respectively. We send out dojo messages to parents to inform you of positive cases so that you are kept informed. We are very aware that the situation can change quickly, so please do check any messages. On advice from Public Health, we will be asking pupils in individual classes, where numbers continue to rise, to all take a PCR. PCRs can be booked online and results are sent within 24 hours.

Please can I continue to urge families to test twice a week, as this is a key strategy in fighting the spread.

If your child needs to be at home, but is well in themselves, please talk to your class teacher about remote learning. They will share Oak Academy resources with you, where you can access video lessons and follow up work, over a huge range of subjects and topics.

Thank you again for your ongoing support for us and each other.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr



Our first Anti-Bullying Day kicked off with some fantastic odd socks this week. By wearing a mismatched pair, pupils were showing that it is ok to be different, in fact better than ok, it is to be celebrated! In their classes, they explored ways to show kindness to others, to be inclusive and to be mindful of others feelings. Across the school we used poetry, drama and art to think about ways we can combat bullying due to people's differences. We thought about the excuses some bullies use to target someone, from their appearance, hobbies, accent or situation.

The day reflected the CARE values we hold as a school. The children spoke so passionately about the right and wrong way to treat people and were able to consider how they would feel if it happened to them. We are all so proud of the reflectiveness and care they were able to show.

## Parent Governor Election

Thank you so much to all who participated in helping us to find a new parent governor, whether that was kindly standing for election or voting.

I am delighted to announce that Mr Doug Clucas was the successful candidate after a tight vote. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Sharon Lucas -Croft for standing too.

We warmly welcome Mr Clucas to our Governing Body and look forward to working together.



Our Wonderful PTA are holding a Virtual Quiz. A fantastic opportunity to start getting in the festive spirit!

## DON'T FORGET!

The World's Best Raffle is taking place soon and tickets are going fast. To be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes to really help your Christmas go well, go to Paypal to buy your tickets. You can bring cash to the school office if you prefer.

We have some truly brilliant prizes, including tickets to Port Lympne with a AAA Safari worth over £400, cash prizes, vouchers, a mystery box, a biscuit hamper, chocolate hampers, hairdresser voucher and many more!

## Upcoming Dates and events

26th November—Own clothes Day—chocolates or pound donation please.

27th November—Christmas Virtual Family Quiz

2nd December—Enrichment Day

6th/7th December—KS1 Xmas production—afternoon performances

10th December—Christmas Raffle

13th December—Christmas Lunch—wear a Christmas Jumper

16th December—Pupils last Day

17th December—INSET day.

4th January—INSET

5th January—pupils return to school



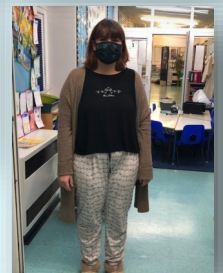
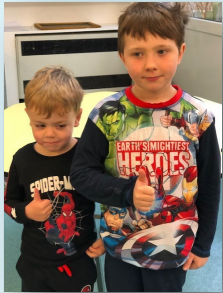




Today we have been wearing pyjamas to help raise money for Children in Need. We've had stripey ones, spotty ones and funny ones. Superhero ones, tartan ones, and unicorn ones, and even some crazy onesies.

Huge thanks to Mrs Campbell and the school council for organising today and for doing a collection. We raised a brilliant £423.50. WOW!!!!

It has been lovely to end the week with pupils and staff dressing up for the benefit of others. We hope you enjoy our photos!







On Monday, our games captains, Kaci, Archie, Ben and Charlotte, hosted an interhouse fitness fest. They created four activities for each key stage and made instructional videos so that the children would know what to expect on the day. Throughout the day, each class competed in the activities to earn points for their house. The captains each manned an activity and collected the scores.

1st Vikings 4218

2nd Romans 3959

3rd Normans 3518

4th Saxons 3356

Congratulation Vikings!!!

Thank you Games Captains.

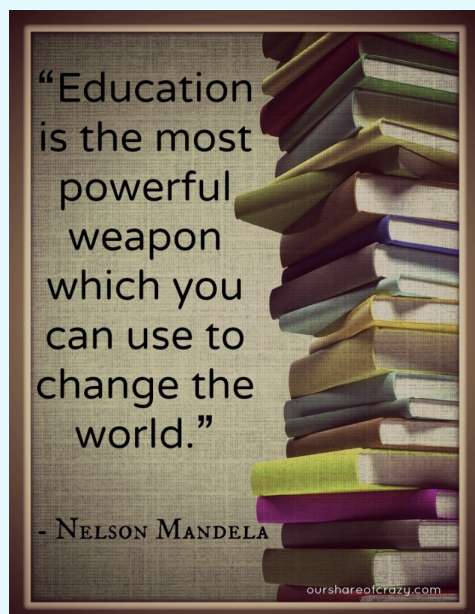

Thank you to a Good Samaritan.

This week, Capel have been the lucky recipient of a donation from a local resident in the village.

The resident had lost a precious item and offered a reward on local social media. When the item was found, instead of accepting the reward, the finder asked for it to be donated to the school as their daughter came here.

We are truly grateful for such a generous act. Thank you.

We plan to spend the donation on some new children's books that reflect diversity. We think it is important that our children see role models in books that reflect a range of races, religions, genders and disabilities.

## 5 Lessons in Life from Dr. Seuss

1. Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.
2. 'Why fit in when you were born to stand out?'
3. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
4. Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
5. Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered.

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