



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this week finds you well and bracing yourself for a bit of a cold spell! We have had a good week at school, especially as our numbers of positive Covid cases have gone down significantly. As of yesterday we have six children off that have tested positive, but have not had any new reports since the 22nd. We are not getting complacent, and know that it is extremely likely that we will have more, but I would like to thank all our families for their part in helping us to reduce numbers. Thanks to your regular testing, we have been able to reduce the number of positive pupils in school, and therefore reduced the spread. We will maintain our rigorous hygiene procedures and will keep our classes separate for a little while longer.

Next week we are pleased to say that our exciting Enrichment Day is taking place. The day is planned to reduce any mixing, with classes assigned to their own workshops. Rooms will be sanitised after each class, and visitors will do an LFT and wear a mask where possible. The children are welcome to wear their own, comfortable clothing for the day to make it easier to participate in some of the more physical activities. Your class teachers will send you information on your class's workshops via Dojo.

We are also pleased to confirm that our KS1 and EYFS Nativity Production will be going ahead. We have truly missed this very special event over the last two years, and I know the children are looking forward to it too. KS1 and EYFS families have hopefully received the letter regarding tickets, so please do return it to us as soon as possible. There will be limited numbers this year, with only two tickets per family. Whilst we know this may be disappointing for some, I'm afraid it is not negotiable, and we do not expect to have any spare tickets.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

On Tuesday, 10 children from year 6 set off to Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre to take part in a Team Building event. There were seven activities to complete which involved using communication and collaboration skills. These included being blindfolded and led around a course by a partner to collect cones, using hockey sticks to transport balls and bean bags, and building a cup pyramid without the use of hands! Jacob's favourite was the Spider's Web. "One by one we had to get our team through the gaps, however, once one person had gone through, no-one else could use the same gap."

The children worked really well together and had a lot of fun!



## Upcoming Dates and events

**1st December—Freddie the pony will be collecting donations outside after school.**

**2nd December—Enrichment Day**

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

**10th December—Christmas Raffle**

**10th December—Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day—all are invited to wear one if they wish and are welcome to bring a donation.**

**13th December—Christmas Lunch—wear your Christmas Jumper again!**

**16th December—Pupils last Day**

**17th December—INSET day.**

**4th January—INSET**

**5th January—pupils return to school**

### 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 an AAA Safari worth over £400, cash prizes, vouchers, a mystery box, a biscuit hamper, chocolate hampers, hairdresser voucher and many more!

### Christmas Cards

From 1st December, children are welcome to bring Christmas cards to school for their friends. Please make sure the name is clearly written on the front, with the class, for ease of delivery. We will have a postbox for them to use and the letters will get sorted and delivered !



We often get requests for class lists at this time of year, but we are not able to do that due to GDPR. Sorry.

Year 5 received a letter from the Varmint in our class book asking us to help them clean the water in their new environment. We had to work together to plan and experiment with different ways to filter the water. The best way we found was using multiple steps including a sieve, filter, filter paper and a funnel. At the end the water was pretty clean and some of us even offered to drink it (we didn't)!



### Capel Primary School Christmas Raffle



We have decided not to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year, but we have decided to carry on with our fantastic Christmas Raffle to raise much needed funds for our school.

The draw will take place Friday 10th December.

**Family Tickets to Port Lympne**  
**£100 Cash**  
**£100 Love to Shop Vouchers**  
**Hampers**  
Plus many more prizes

**Tickets £1.00 Each**

Our preferred method of payment is PayPal. To make your payment, login to your own PayPal account and click "send" to: fundraising@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk. Please note your mobile number with your payment. We'll know how many tickets you want to buy from the amount you pay.

Alternatively, hand in your cash or cheque to the school office in a named envelope, including your mobile number.



We would like to say a huge, heartfelt, thank you to Aztec Carpets in Southborough. They have generously donated some carpet tiles for our Haven.

Their generosity has meant that the school and the PTA, can spend more on the resources inside for the children. It has helped us move towards our completion date too, so we are on track for it to be completely ready for Term 3.

Thank you again, Aztec Carpets in Southborough.



# Capel—Can you help?

This is a very special pony called Freddie.

Freddie has been used many times as a therapy pony and was once a riding pony for the disabled .

Freddie is set to become a reindeer for December and will be visiting Demelza House where he will be delivering presents to the residents, travelling from room to room to greet every one. Freddie will also be attending Demelza Houses, 'Little Dots Christmas Party', where he will greet the siblings of the residents and deliver sweet treats from his sacks with the help of us as Elves and Mother Christmas.

Freddie will then have routes planned for attending the local special needs schools as a reindeer with us Elves and Mother Christmas. He will greet the children with sweet treats from his sacks and a cuddle.

***Freddie has a very busy December ahead and is ready and set to go, however, he needs the help of generous people.***

They need to raise enough money to buy all these treats. They are off to a good start but still need to raise a little bit more as they cater for over 700 children.

***Please help to support this amazing cause if you can.***

***Freddie is coming to do the school-run at Capel school on Wednesday 1st December to personally ask for your help.***

***He will have his helpers with their buckets to accept your donations.***

***Thank you***

