



## WELCOME BACK

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this term, and we are delighted to see lots of old, familiar faces too. It has been lovely to hear about their activities over the Summer and for them to share their ambitions for this year.

Within this newsletter, you will find updates on our news from over the Summer, reminders about uniform and homework, and some key dates are shared.

Please can I also remind all families about the importance of attendance and promptness each day. Missing the first 5 or 10 minutes each day, means they miss out on crucial introductory parts of lessons, making it harder to participate fully. A revised Attendance Policy will be circulated shortly, helping us all to work together to help our students.

I look forward to catching up with you all very soon.

Mrs Farr

### 2022-2023

#### Dates for your Diary

8th September—Kent Test

16th September—House Captains vote

20th September—Governors Meeting

30th September—Mrs Taylor starts maternity leave

7th October—Headboy / Headgirl Investiture assembly

14th October—Flu Vaccine, Harvest Festival

17th October—School Photos

19th and 20th October—Open mornings

24th October Half Term Week

8th and 9th November—Parent Consultations

#### 10th November 2022 (INSET DAY mid-week)

11th November—Remembrance Day

18th November—Year 3 Assembly

3rd December—Xmas Fayre

6th December—Enrichment Day

7th and 8th December—KS1 and EYFS Nativity—pm

16th December—Christmas Assembly

Term 2 ends

3rd January—INSET DAY

4th January—Pupils return

3rd February—Class 4 Assembly

10th February—Class 2 Assembly

13th February—Half Term

### Online Safety

If you are reviewing your online safety procedures at home, or want to explore the issue more fully, Virgin Media have a quiz that you could try.

[Children's Online Safety Test | Virgin Media O2](#)

They appreciate that when it comes to educating our children about the internet, parents might feel out of their depth, when their children are learning, playing and chatting to friends on websites and apps that are unfamiliar.

This is a really useful and easy to use resource—worth a look!

### Reading Army

We are continuing with our successful Reading Army project this year. Our wonderful volunteers made such a difference last year, and the children thoroughly enjoyed reading with them. If you are interested in continuing with our Reading Army this year, or wish to join, please email

headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk



### Family Learning courses starting in September/October 2022

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
ONL/124221/M/NC	Family Language (ESOL)	14/09/22	28/06/23	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
ONL/124951/M/PF	Stepping up into Primary	08/09/22	08/09/22	Thursday	19:00	21:00
ONL/125185/M/PF	Autism Awareness	19/09/22	10/10/22	Monday	09:30	11:30
ONL/125187/M/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	20/09/22	11/10/22	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
ONL/125189/M/PF	Exploring Behaviour Strategies	18/10/22	18/10/22	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
ONL/125191/M/PF	Managing Children's Behaviour	26/09/22	17/10/22	Monday	18:30	20:30
ONL/125199/M/PF	Building Family Resilience	14/09/22	05/10/22	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
ONL/125201/M/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	06/10/22	27/10/22	Thursday	09:30	11:30

To book a place on our FREE courses go to:  
[www.kentadulteducation.co.uk](http://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk)

and click on Course Areas then Family Courses

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

**FREE, fun &  
informal courses**



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Luna and Star have had a very peaceful Summer, but got to go on a very special holiday with Henry.

They thoroughly enjoyed being cuddled and spoiled for the week. Thank you to the Summers Family.



Alexander continues to impress in the golfing world as he attended the World Championships in America this Summer. He came 17th out of 147 children from across the world in the 10 year old category. He finished level par after the 3 days.

This was such an amazing achievement and we are all incredibly proud of him.

Congratulations Alexander.

### Homework

Hopefully you all received the email regarding our adjustments to homework this year. We found that using Teams, was difficult for some, so have switched back to books. We know that there were some inconsistencies in expectation, timings and amount, so have streamlined a whole-school approach.

Homework will be given out on a Monday, and expected to be returned the following Monday. It will focus on times tables, spelling and reading, with weekly quizzes to help children know what they need to revisit.

Your class teachers will be happy to give you more details for your child's class.

### Welcome Miss Bishop

We are delighted to welcome Miss Bishop to our teaching team in Year 1. She will be taking over Year 1 whilst Mrs Taylor is on maternity leave. We are lucky enough to be able to have her from the start of term, for a smooth transition.

### Uniform Reminder

- Please leave jewellery at home, especially on PE days. If earrings are essential due to being recently pierced, please only wear studs. No hooped earrings please.
- Trainers on PE days, but school shoes on uniform days.
- PE trousers are blue jogging bottoms or blue shorts— please do not wear grey or black.

## Over the summer.....

Some of you may have noticed the EYFS building has had a temporary facelift! We are delighted that KCC decided it needed remedial work to ensure the building remains sound over the Winter. They also added in new lighting and heaters. The long-term plan is to replace the building next Summer so we will keep you updated.

We have a new shelter in Forest School too. As we work hard to develop this provision, Mrs Lee has chosen a wooden structure that was kindly erected by the Harper and Summers families. We are so appreciative of the time and support that meant that our structure was up and running for the start of term. This year, each class will have one term of Forest School, spending one afternoon per week learning a whole new range of skills and gaining confidence.



It may only be September, but we wanted to remind you that we will happily take your unwanted, but washed and in reasonable condition, Christmas Jumpers. This is so that in December, we will have a stock of jumpers to give away to those that need one. We are very mindful of the rising costs we are all facing, so want to help wherever we can. Christmas is expensive enough without the pressure of providing a Christmas Jumper, so hopefully this helps. It is also a way to help our environment, ensuring that jumpers do not go to waste!

You do not have to donate a jumper to be eligible to choose one. It is open to all our families, regardless. We only ask that you only choose jumpers for Capel pupils. We will give out dates where you can come in to get one nearer the time. Thank you.

# Could you be a LOCAL HERO?



## Join our School Crossing Patrol

For more information call  
**03000 422401**, email [scp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:scp@kent.gov.uk)  
or visit [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk) and search for  
'school crossing patrols'

 @KCC\_SCP



## Responsible Parking Please

As term starts, we again face the challenges of parking during school drop-offs and pick-ups. We do understand how frustrating it can be, so thank you for your consideration. One of the key frustrations is often the occasional parker who ignores the restrictions in place, because it is easier than parking and walking to school.

To be clear, only those with a blue badge can park on the double yellow lines, and I know those that do need to, try to be as quick as possible.

You may not park on the Zig Zag lines at all. When yellow zig-zags are accompanied by a sign indicating the hours of operation, it means that between those hours parking wardens or local authority civil enforcement officers have the power to issue motorists with penalty charges for parking in the area. Parking on a yellow zig-zag without a sign or outside the indicated hours of operation doesn't mean that it's legal to do so; it just means that it's a matter for the police rather than the local authority to enforce.

Very occasionally, we may give a family short-term permission to use our car park, this is always with child safety in mind, not adult mobility. Please do not use our car park without prior permission. Thank you.





Our heartfelt condolences go to King Charles and all the Royal Family, on the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

She served her people throughout her days and will be remembered forever as a caring and thoughtful leader.

This morning, in our Assembly, we touched on the sad news we all received yesterday. We understand what a sensitive topic this can be, so very much focused on celebrating her life.

Over the course of the next week or so, we will consider how to best commemorate her life at Capel. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help you in any way.

