



We are so excited for our Christmas Fayre tomorrow from 11am to 2pm. Mrs Maynard has worked incredibly hard to ensure we have a brilliant range of stalls, games, raffles, competitions and food!

So come along to do some Christmas shopping, have fun and be in with the chance of winning some fantastic prizes. It is also the only place to have a chance of entering the 'Headteacher for a Day Raffle'. So, any Capel pupil who wants to rule the school, needs to get a ticket, or tickets, to be in with a chance of being in charge!

It promises to be a great day, and I would like to thank Mrs Maynard, the staff and anyone who has helped along the way. We are so grateful to have a chance to raise funds for the school, whilst having such a good time!

See you there!



Some of the children in year 6 planted tree saplings at forest school as part of the Queens Jubilee "Green Canopy" project, which aims to plant new trees across the country.

3rd December—Xmas Fayre

6th December—Enrichment Day, wear uniform.

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

8th December—National Christmas Jumper Day!

12th December—Christmas Dinner and children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper again if they wish.

13th December—Key Stage 1 Party

14th December—Key Stage 2 Party

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

## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments





### Update!

The group of local volunteers who are putting on a Free Christmas Lunch at the school for those families who would benefit, are delighted that both funding and bookings are coming in!

Please remember to book today If you would like to come along, you must book your places so numbers can be catered for.

**capelchristmas@gmail.com**

We are looking forward to a fun time, getting together with friends and enjoying a bit of Christmas Spirit. There will be some activities for the children too!



Castlemas is coming to town! Encapsulate the joy of Christmas by immersing yourself in this wonderland of festivities at Tonbridge Castle between 8th - 20th December!

Book your tickets now to one of the many shows inside the Igloo Theatre, that acts as the beating heart of Castlemas and get swept away by the magic of live performance. The Igloo Theatre is set at the centre of the Castle lawn and will host a multitude of shows for all the family, allowing you to embrace the Christmas festivities.

Whilst at Castlemas, you can browse through the delightful wooden chalets of Mistletoe Town and enjoy a drink or two in their toasty warm Jingle Bell Bar . With a hot chocolate or mulled wine in hand, why not take a moment to gaze at the show-stopping Castlemas Snowfall that takes place twice a day at 2:30pm and 6:30pm. Bring your loved ones together and capture a photo to last a lifetime, under the sensational Castlemas illuminations. Of course, Santa himself will be taking residence in Tonbridge Castle this December, along with his trusty elves and Mrs Claus as part of the interactive Santa's Castle Experience (Limited availability remaining) and Santa's Workshop will be open to host a variety of drop-in activities.

We highly recommend pre-booking onto one of the experiences, to guarantee your entry to the site on that day. This ticket will mean that you are given priority during the busier times.

Castlemas magic is like no other - allowing you the opportunity to design an experience to suit you and your family. From Music to Comedy and Circus to Storytelling, there is something for everyone. This event brings the community together, celebrates the love for where you live and helps create memories to last a lifetime. Before you know it, the Christmas trees will be up, the lights will be hung and Castlemas will be ready to welcome you!

Book now at [www.castlemas.com](http://www.castlemas.com) and view their "What's On Guide" here to begin planning your visit.





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Class 1 have been learning all about owls through our literacy books, The owl who was afraid of the dark and Owl babies. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Jewels Falconry. They came with Skylar the Barn Owl and Willow the Little White-Faced Owl. They gave us a great talk about owls and their habitats. We saw them fly across the hall and we all had the opportunity to hold the owls. The wing span of the barn owl when he flew across the hall was a highlight!



You may have noticed increased illness over the last few weeks, both in staff and pupils. Please bear with us as we navigate our way around staff shortages whilst trying to maintain interventions and support. Thank you for your understanding.



### Key Stage Parties

**KS1—13th Dec, KS2—14th Dec**

To help our children celebrate Christmas, we hold separate key stage parties in the last week of term. Children take part in some party games, dancing, singing and have an ice-cream treat.

The children are asked to bring something to wear to the party in a named carrier bag. The children will then get changed after lunch, and will put their uniform back into the carrier bag to bring home. Please be mindful that the clothes that they bring are still suitable for school.



### Christmas Cards!

We are very lucky to have a special postbox at school, that the children can post their Christmas cards in if they wish. They will then be distributed by our 'posties'.

Unfortunately, due to GDPR, we are unable to give out a list of class names. Thank you for your understanding with this.



### What is Advent?

- **Advent** originates from the Latin word meaning coming.
- It is the beginning of the Christian church year and commences on the nearest Sunday to St Andrew's Day.
- Advent commences on **Sunday 2nd December in 2007.**
- It is a time which enables people to prepare for **Christmas.**
- **Advent ends with Christmas.**

