



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a healthy and restful break.

We are all excited to start Term 3 and are pleased to welcome the children back to school too. If you have not already received it, a class newsletter will be sent to you soon, letting you know the learning focus for your class.

A jotter was sent out to families yesterday, letting you know that an email was sent this morning regarding clubs. We have moved to an electronic form to try and ensure equal accessibility for all as places are given on a first come, first served basis. We found that parents that do not pick up after school were then at a disadvantage in returning the paper form. Hopefully, this arrangement rectifies that.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone about your child, please contact your class teacher in the first instance, and this can then be followed up by other staff members if required. We are always happy to make appointments for parents after school to talk through any concerns.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

Luna and Star have had the best Christmas ever! They are tucked up in a cosy indoor run and they are enjoying seeing the children more as they pass through the hall. They do sometimes like a change of scene though, so please do let us know if you would like to host the Guinea-pigs for a weekend.



We are collecting unwanted Christmas jumpers again so that we can support families next Christmas. The success of our Give-a-Way in December has spurred us on to make it an annual event which will hopefully grow and grow. Please drop off any Christmas jumpers that you would like to donate to the school office. Please ensure that they are washed.

Many thanks

## Attendance and Promptness

Please continue to support your child to have good attendance at school and to arrive on time. Our gate closes at 8:55am, so arrivals after this time will need to go via the school office. It is so important for our children to be able to settle to their learning with the rest of the class, walking in late, when everyone else knows what they are doing, can be unsettling and can impact confidence.

## Parental Responsibility:

Please can we ask all families to check that we have the email addresses and phone numbers of both adults with parental responsibility for your child. It is important that the school communicate equally with those with responsibility, including the sending of emails, reports etc. If there is a legal document in place to prevent this, please do let us know.

## A message from our Governors.

Happy New Year from all of the Governors! We are enjoying coming in to school to complete our monitoring visits and meeting as a Board to discuss the best ways to keep the school happy, effective and robust. It is such a privilege to see the school in action and be involved in its continued success. We monitor a broad range of areas across the school. You can read a bit about each Governor at the school website at [www.capelschool.com](http://www.capelschool.com). Every time we meet, we look at the health of the school from lots of perspectives. This includes finances, childrens' progress and attendance, curriculum requirements and the wellbeing of all of the school community. We work in partnership with the Headteacher and members of staff. It's a big team effort! We are very grateful for the support of parents and the PTA. Thank You!

### Upcoming Dates and events

16th January—Clubs start  
17th January—Young Voices Trip  
18th January—Governors Meeting  
27th January—Anti-Bullying Day  
1st February—KS1 Healthy Eating Workshop  
3rd February—Class 4 Assembly 9:10am  
7th February—Mr Keeping is Headteacher for the Day!  
8th February—Safer Internet Day  
10th February—Class 2 Assembly 9:10am  
10th February—Disco  
13th February—Half Term  
20th February—pupil's return  
March—World Book Day—dressing up!  
10th March—Class 5 Assembly  
10th March—Non Uniform Day for Mothers Day secrets room.  
17th March—Red Nose Day  
22nd and 23rd March—Parent Consultations  
28th March—Governors meeting  
30th March—Year 2 trip  
31st March—pupil's last day  
17th April—Pupils return.

### Reminders:

#### Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform, including footwear, to school. On PE days, they wear their PE t-shirt, school jumper and navy blue jogging bottoms or shorts. On other days they need to wear their skirts or trousers, Capel shirt and jumper and black shoes. Trainers are only to be worn on PE days, on all other days please can your child wear black shoes.

#### Payment for lunches, Breakfast Club and After-school club.

Please can we remind you that we ask for payment in advance. This is done to avoid families encountering large debts that then impacts on our school finances. Please ensure that you keep up to date with your payments, and respond promptly to any reminder letters that may be sent to you.

Thank you.

## Thank you

A huge thanks to a group of parent volunteers who raised money, and provided a fantastic Christmas lunch for some of our local families on 23rd December.

We appreciate the time and planning that went into organising the event, as well as the kind sentiment behind it. Due to the success of the lunch, we would be delighted to be able to host any repeat events in future years.

Thank you to the families that came along and helped us to celebrate Christmas too. It can be daunting to attend a new event, so thank you for trusting the volunteers and for bringing all the Christmas spirit and joy!

