

Weekly Newsletter

19th May 2023



20th May—May Fayre—Circus themed

22nd May—Year 6 Residential Information Talk at 3:30pm in Year 6 classroom.

29th May—Half Term

5th June—INSET day

5th June—Year 6 Residential

9th June—Own clothes Day—secrets room

9th, 12th, 14th June—Book Fair

14th June—Fathers Day secrets Room

16th June—Anti-Bullying Day

22nd June—Enrichment Day

23rd June to 30th June—Bikeability for Year 6

30th June—Class 1 Assembly

3rd July—Sports Day

7th July—EYFS Assembly

11th July—Year 6 Dress Rehearsal to school

12th July—Year 6 Performance at 3:30pm (two tickets will be given to each family)

13th July—Year 6 Performance at 6pm (two tickets will be given to each family)

15th July (Saturday)—Year 6 Leavers Celebration Event

14th July—Reports out to parents

19th July—Rounders Match

21st July Last Day and Leavers Assembly

Capel's Cheerleading team performed at the Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks, on Monday night! They lit up the stage with their fantastic routine and were AMAZING ambassadors for Capel. Well done girls! We have received numerous compliments from those that went, and also other schools that commented on how well behaved our students were. We are very proud of you all.

Thank you to the staff who made this possible—Laura their Cheerleading coach, Mrs Haffenden for organising it and Miss Buxton for attending the event with the team.



The Annual Book Fair is back at Capel!

We will be holding our book fair between 3:15 and 4 on the 9th, 12th and 14th of June. (Friday, Monday and Wednesday)

Weather permitting the book fair will take place out on the playground. If rain is forecast, it will be hosted in the main hall.

We will be taking cash on the day, or you can pay online via a QR code - Make sure you bring your bankcard! Alternatively you can purchase Pre-paid gift vouchers, for these go to:
www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents We look forward to seeing you all there!



Two sporting hero's' in Year 5 this week. Betsy and her cheerleading team came third in their tournament, and Zac, playing for the Tonbridge Saxons, came third in the Wateringbury tournament. Fantastic achievements for them both!



ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know...?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Come and join us for what promises to be an exciting event.

There will be so much to see and do and is a perfect way to spend an afternoon.

You will also have the chance to gunge a member of staff! Depending on how much money is raised, you could be gunging Mrs Maynard, Miss Hobson, Miss Tierney, Mrs Lee or Mrs Bennett. There is an outside chance it could be Mrs Farr too!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Term Dates 2023-2024	Inclusive dates and IN-SET DAYS
Term 1	1st September INSET DAY 4th September 2023–20th October 2023
Term 2	30th October 2023–15th December 2023
Term 3	2nd/3rd January INSET DAYS 4th January 2024 –9th February 2024
Term 4	19th February 2024 –28th March 2024
Term 5	15th April 2024 -24th May 2024
Term 6	3rd June 2024 –19th July 2024 22nd/23rd July INSET DAYS

We wanted to let you all know that the wonderful Mrs Wickham will be retiring in July. After 22 years at Capel, she is putting her feet up for a well earned rest.

It will be hard to imagine the school without her, especially in our Early years where she has been based over the last four years. She has worked with all of our children, in various year groups over the years, and supported many with bereavement counselling, as well as with their learning.

She has been a wonderful asset to the school and we will miss her dearly.



Term Dates for 2023-2024

School Jumpers

We continue to ever -growing pile of jumpers, coats and cardigans in the school. Those that are clearly named are returned, but there are a large number unnamed, or the name has worn off. We did put them out last week for parents to come and see if any belonged to them, but we have just as many left now. The items have been returned to the lost property in our office entrance. If unclaimed, the items will be donated to the PTA for their uniform sales.

This week, year 4 made Aloo Tikka. This is a very popular Indian street food snack which is served with a refreshing yoghurt and cucumber dip. The ingredients included cumin and chilli to add a bit of spice. They were delicious.



WARNING—UNSAFE APP FOR CHILDREN



Launched in March 2009, **Omegle** has recently become popular again. This 'virtual chat room' offers random users unmoderated or moderated chats with one another from anywhere in the world.



What is Omegle?

Omegle is one of the more popular video chat sites available online. It pairs random users identified as 'You' and 'Stranger' to chat online via 'Text', 'Video' or both. A user can also choose to add their interests, and Omegle will try to pair a user with someone who has similar interests. If not, you could meet anyone. Chats are anonymous unless the user states who they are. It's free and no account sign up is required. There are many imitation apps such as 'Chat for Omegle', 'Free Omegle Chat' and 'Omeglers', but there is no longer an official Omegle app. All sites and apps appear to share the same features and purpose, but only some are linked to Omegle. As such, parents and carers should check to see which apps kids have got installed on their phones and the risks presented with each.

Who uses Omegle?

Like most social media sites, Omegle has a **minimum age rating of 13 years with parental permission**. Without parental permission, users must be 18 years or older. Omegle is particularly popular in the US, UK, India and Mexico. It is also extremely popular among children and young people because a lot of social media influencers use and post about it. For example, the #omegle hashtag has approximately 5 billion views on TikTok.

Is Omegle safe?

Risk of sharing or viewing inappropriate content

Omegle does not appear to have powerful moderation. It also does not require registration or have age verification, which makes young people a potential target for abuse online. Its site states "predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful."

Children and young people may be asked by strangers to share their name, age and location. So, it's also important to talk to your child about sharing personal information online with strangers.

Set Up Safe Checklist

Set your child up for online safety with these simple tasks

internet matters.org

Manage broadband & mobile networks



At home, access your broadband network and set applicable controls.



On the go, set up controls on the relevant mobile network.

See step-by-step guides to help.

Prepare their device



Explore the device, controls and settings to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional parental control apps for further protection.



Explore step-by-step guides for social media and video gaming

Together, learn about online safety issues that might impact your child.



Together, explore privacy and safety settings on their favourite platforms.

Ask them to teach you about their favourite online platforms to create an open environment for conversation.

Keep these conversations going for continuous support.

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Talk to strangers!

