

'Learning today, for tomorrow'

The term is off to a flying start...

I am very proud to now welcome our new Edison Class to Capel Primary School! They have been attending school for mornings only since Tuesday, after which our new parents attended a well needed 'tea and tissues' morning with our PTA.

Despite only be four years old, the children have settled in superbly and I was incredibly proud of how our older children showed what caring pupils Capel Primary School has. They have ensured that the new boys and girls know where to go, helped them with minor injuries and modelled the Capel learning attitudes in every way! I am encouraging all our students to welcome the new starters into our community and I hope that their parents feel welcomed too!

Of course they are not the only students that have big changes this September, indeed all our pupils have had to quickly acclimatize to new teachers, higher expectations and new learning challenges! This applies no more than to some of our Year 6 who encountered the Kent Test (11+) on their third day back. As always, our pupils managed superbly and I know that all gave it 100%. They now await the results day, 13th October. We all wish them the best of luck.

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Many other classes have also already encountered 'Wow' moments to kick off their topics in style! For example:

- Class 3 have explored Egypt to decode hieroglyphic clues in order to find mummified remains around the school – a lesson that was a true testimony of the flexibility of Teaching Assistants!
- Class 2 have been visited by a 'real life' pilot, who they interviewed about how to travel to the rainforest. I know many instantly changed what they want to aspire to be in later life and we are very grateful to Mr Haffenden for his time!
- Class 5 have carefully tested their DT skills through designing, creating and testing landers for their Space topic. Sadly, the 'eggstronauts' only survived one of the six landings... We hope the remnants are not leaving too much of an odour...
- Class 4 have taken their first tentative steps into learning the ukulele, naturally our staff and pupils are being resilient and know that it takes time to create a beautiful sound...
- Finally, I am told that Class 1 are expecting a mysterious, handsome visitor to lunch next week, somehow related to their 'lighthouse keeper' book...

It is so nice to see how the students are desperate to share their learning with me. I truly hope they are feeling back at home too!



Reminders

Please note these few reminders:

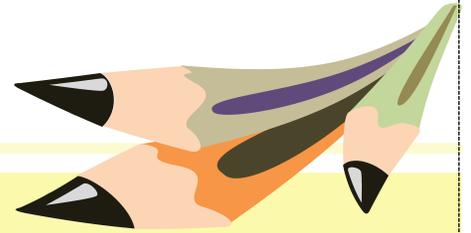
- We have an open door policy as a school and welcome conversation with parents at the end of the day. However, could I please ask that parents wait until all children are dismissed to ensure that staff can focus on dismissing children correctly.
- It has been noted that some children are *regularly* being collected as late as 3:30pm from the school office. Please remember that collection time is 3.15pm from the classrooms.

Thank you:

- It is wonderful to see our pupils are well equipped to start this academic year. That is in terms of both uniform and equipment. It makes a huge difference and ensures our pupils are ready for learning. Thank you.
- One school focus this year is lateness and attendance. I have already seen families working hard to ensure high percentages in both areas this term, which again truly supports our pupils learning.
- Somerhill School has allowed our children to make use of their swimming pool! Thanks to their generosity, we no longer need to charge families in Year 5, 4 and 3 for swimming, an amazing collaboration that truly supports our families.
- A massive thank you to Berry Gardens, who have confirmed that they are willing to update our website to enable it to be more fit for purpose! More to follow on this soon.



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A mysterious mummy found in the school!

Dates to note:

- 27/9/16 – Head boy and girl investiture
- 28/9/16 – KM Messenger to photo Year R
- 29/9/16 – Courier to photo Year R
- 29/9/16 – Year 5 London trip
- 7/10/16 – Harvest Festival
- 11/10/16 – Flu vaccination for Years 1,2 & 3
- 13/10/16 – Results day for 11+
- 18/10/16 – Year 6 trip to Dover Castle
- 21/10/16 – Year 2 Assembly

Welcome:

I would also like to take an opportunity to welcome other new members of our community. Firstly, Fred, who has joined our Year 2 class. Secondly, Holly in Year 1 and finally, Max in Year 3. I hope that they have enjoyed their start to Capel Primary School and already feel part of our village school!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

