

Capel-Le-Ferne Primary School

NEWSLETTER: Friday 10th January 2025

'Learning today for life tomorrow'



RESPECT

INDEPENDENCE

CONFIDENCE

CREATIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone and I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. It was great to see all the children again on Tuesday and we have had a positive start to the new year.

As we start the new year, it is a perfect opportunity to reset and focus on new targets and objectives. One of those might centre on working on improving your child's attendance and/or punctuality. You will know by now that attendance is a big priority across all schools and our school is no different. We are determined for the children here to make good progress both socially and academically and good attendance is absolutely key to this. We understand that illness can't be helped but we remain concerned about holidays being taken during term-time. A reminder these absences are unauthorised and we strongly discourage taking children out of school for this reason. Please see our Attendance Policy on the school website so you fully understand the school's approach to attendance. Punctuality is also really key to your child having a positive start to the day, and so we ask that your child arrives at school between 8:35am and 8:45am.

Thank you for your efforts with this and please let the school know if you have any questions around this area or if there is anything school can do to support. I know that many of our families try incredibly hard with this and we thank you for your efforts.

Have a good weekend.

Anthony Richards,
Headteacher

CENSUS DAY AND MENU CHANGE

Next Thursday the 16th January, is our Census Day at school. This day is used to calculate our funding for the following year. One measure used to calculate this, is the total number of school dinners taken by Reception and infant children on this day.

The menu for this day will be- breaded chicken steak, jacket wedges and baked beans/coleslaw, with a chocolate cake/fresh fruit for dessert. As usual, there will also be the vegetarian/vegan option available. This is will be a switch with Tuesday's lunch, with us offering the Lasagne option on Tuesday instead. Apart from these days, the rest of the week remains the same.

School meals are free for all children up to the end of Year 2. We would like all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try a school meal this day. If you do not think your child will eat the school meal available, please send a packed lunch as a backup. However, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to try a school lunch, so will make one available to every Reception and infant child that day.

We'd like to thank you in advance for your support. The more pupils that have a school dinner on this day, the greater the funding for the school.

Reception: Honeybees

Dudley and Percy- Fantastic counting in maths this week and matching numbers and quantities together.

Year 1: Turtles

Bowie- For excellent handwriting and making a fantastic effort with his presentation.

Azlan- For fantastic progress with his reading.

Year 2: Parrots

Oliver – for his wonderful enthusiasm for reading.

Henry C – for his excitement and enthusiasm around researching our new topic.

Year 3: Dolphins

Jesse- for his efforts in handwriting this week.

Henry- for his excellent work across all subjects

Year 4: Leopards

Horatio – Excellent use of sentence starters and adverbials.

Bailey – Amazing ideas and contributions during our computing lesson.

Year 5: Rhinos

Lilly for great work multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits using area model.



OPAL

Happy New Year! Thank-you to everyone who made donations for OPAL in 2024. We are keen to ensure that we continue to develop our existing offer to enhance pupils' lunchtime play.

We will be rescheduling the OPAL Parents Workshop in the coming weeks, if you are interested in learning more about OPAL, supporting the school or you are able to help with building and developing new zones please let us know.

Donations

We are desperately in need of **construction toys** (Lego, Connex, Duplo etc), **board games, puzzles, card games, art supplies** (felt-tips, crafting resources etc), **cushions, throws and blankets, old suitcases, hats, walking sticks and walking frames.**

Any donations will be gratefully received.

Thank-you



Raphie for great interest & enthusiasm in new topics, with excellent participation in class discussions.

Year 6: Tigers

Betsy – for excellent note-taking in History.
London – for excellent questioning and inference skills in English.



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: How can you keep yourself and your loved ones safe online!

Each week we will post a tip to support being safe on the internet. Our current focus is starting conversations about how to spot, respond to and

report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone, including young people. Use these top tips to keep you and your loved ones safe online.

Explain that not everything online is true- If your child is too young to understand what fraud is, you can still lay the groundwork to help them stay safe online as they grow. Start simple and talk about the difference between real and make believe. Help them recognise that not everything online is true and that some things they see or hear could be stories, jokes or tricks.

This information has been taken from the UK Safer Internet Centre- Please click the link below if you'd like to find out any more information!

[Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 7th March- Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.00am in the School Hall (Parents/Carers welcome)

Friday 14th March- Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.00am in the School Hall (Parents/Carers welcome)

Friday 28th March- Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.00am in the School Hall (Parents/Carers welcome)

Honours List: Celebrating children who have shown our school values this week

| Honeybees | Turtles | Parrots | Dolphins | Leopards | Rhinos | Tigers |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Clara | Ivy | Frankie | Katie | William | Mia | Beau |
| Freddie | Ava | Sophie | Lola-Rose | Elsie | Noah | Harvey |

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