

Capel-Le-Ferne Primary School

NEWSLETTER: Friday 16th January 2026

'Learning today for life tomorrow'



RESPECT

INDEPENDENCE

CONFIDENCE

CREATIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to remind everyone about our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up arrangements. I understand that, particularly in wet and unsettled weather, more families may choose to drive. However, we have seen increased congestion at the school entrance, which is causing safety concerns.

Please do not stop or park near the school entrance from the main road, and do not ask children to run to cars that are stopped in the middle of the road. We have also noticed some children crossing where traffic is gathering, which is extremely dangerous.

For everyone's safety, please walk with your child to the school entrance and avoid walking down the school entrance lane, as this is used by vans and cars throughout the day.

The safety of our children at the start and end of the school day is a priority, and I ask that everyone keeps this in mind when parking, dropping off and collecting children.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Anthony Richards,
Headteacher

Reception: Honeybees

Berrie- fabulous effort this week with her reading and writing.

Cleo- excellent effort joining in with our talk for writing and answering story questions.

Year 1: Turtles

Riverlee and Dolly- For fantastic pieces of writing re-telling The Tiger Who Came To Tea.

Year 2: Parrots

Ivy – for using wonderful adjectives when writing a story about Paddington.

Lloyd – for working hard to read lots at home and always trying to use his best handwriting.

Year 3: Dolphins

Journey- for her amazing efforts in handwriting and Maths since joining us this term.

Henry C- for his amazing reasoning skills in Maths.

PFA QUIZ NIGHT

Together with the PFA, we are delighted to invite you to our Quiz Night on **Friday 6th February**. These type of events help raise valuable funds that directly support our school and our pupils. We hope it will be a fun evening!

Please see the attached poster for full details, including timings, location, and how to take part.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see many of you there.



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: Online Safety – Let's Talk About It!

This week we are still thinking about personal information and passwords. Strong passwords are the first line of defense in keeping personal information secure online. Teach your child to create strong, unique passwords that are hard for others to guess. A good password combines letters, numbers, and symbols, and should not include easily guessed information like birthdays or pet names. Remind your child never to share passwords, even with friends, and consider using a password manager to keep them safe.

EXCITING SPELLING UPDATE!

We know that spelling supports writing and creativity in children's learning. But did you know that learning to spell is a key ingredient to becoming a good reader and is far more intricate than just memorising words?

Research summarises the real importance of spelling for reading as follows: "Spelling and reading build and rely on the same mental representation of a word. Knowing the spelling of a word makes the representation of it sturdy and accessible for fluent reading."

Next week we will be launching a new weekly spelling competition across the school (from Year 1-6) to raise the profile of spelling.

As usual, children will receive a printed copy of their spellings each Friday for the coming week.

Once these sheets are completed, **we ask that your child returns them to their class teacher by the following Friday.**

The class with the most sheets completed and returned to school will win our '***SPELLING CLASS SUPERSTARS***' competition for the week (as well as becoming better spellers and readers!)

We will let you know the weekly champions in the newsletter every week.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please speak with your child's class teacher.

Good luck everyone! Happy spelling! 😊

Mrs Howard



ORACY AT HOME

At Capel-le-Ferne we believe that a good oracy education encompasses more than just teaching students how to speak, listen and communicate; it's also about enabling them to discover and express their voices. We know oracy builds relationships – between children, with teachers and parents, strengthening belonging and a sense of community. As part of this we will be teaching and encouraging children to use a variety of skills and techniques to help them with this including talk tactics, sentence starters and discussion guidelines. Whilst some of the initial skills will be taught explicitly, oracy will very much feature across the whole curriculum and our school day. As part of this and to encourage discussions and oracy at home we will be including an '***Oracy at home***' feature in our weekly newsletter. This will build on a topic of discussion that has featured in class or an assembly during the week. Look out for next week's topic for discussion at home in next week's newsletter.

INTRODUCING THE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAM (EWT)

Capel-le-Ferne Primary School is pleased to welcome the Emotional Wellbeing Team (EWT) into school. The team is part of the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Service and will be working with the school to support children's emotional wellbeing and mental health, working in partnership with families and staff to help children feel safe, supported, and able to thrive.

To find out more, please watch this short animation:

🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duXLsp5wFRE>

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Mercer for more information.

PARENT COFFEE MORNING WITH THE EWT ☕

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend a Parent Coffee Morning with the Emotional Wellbeing Team:

📅 Thursday 5th February

🕒 8:45am

📍 At school

This is a great opportunity to meet the team informally, ask questions, and find out more about the support available.

Year 4: Leopards

Celina – Excellent work planning a balanced argument

Elliot – Determination and perseverance when facing tricky maths questions.

Year 5: Rhinos

Beau for an excellent non-chronological report about the Amazon Rainforest.

Max for excellent Maths working, using efficient methods when multiplying.

Year 6: Tigers

Archie – for super contributions to Maths lessons.

Frankie – for excellent independent biography writing.

ONLINE SUPPORT AND INTERVENTION (OSI)

OSI (Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety) is an online programme designed to support parents in helping their child (aged **5–12 years**) manage and overcome anxiety.

Parents complete weekly online modules that include videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. This is complemented by a weekly telephone or video appointment with a trained clinician, offering personalised support and guidance. OSI can be accessed at a time that suits you, using any electronic device.

OSI may be suitable for children experiencing anxiety-related difficulties, including:

- Difficulty being away from caregivers
- General worries
- School-related worries
- Bedtime fears
- Social worries
- Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections)
- And more

To make a self-referral for OSI, please follow the link below:

🔗 **OSI Referral Form**

<https://apps.nelft.nhs.uk/osi>

CELEBRATING WORK AT HOME

We are very proud of the work Eden has produced at home this week! She has created her own story using 'Talk for Writing' pictures and then wrote the story up to share with her friends.

We think there may be a new exciting author in our future! Well done Eden! 😊

Mrs Howard



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-

Friday 6th February- Tag Day and Cake Sale

Friday 6th February- PFA Quiz Night

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February- Parents' Evening (AMENDED DATES- more details will follow)

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day (More details to follow)

Thursday 2nd April- Last Day of Term

Monday 20th April- First Day of Term 4

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

Honeybees	Turtles	Parrots	Dolphins	Leopards	Rhinos	Tigers
Isla Oakley	Freddie Jacob	Harley Roo	Jack Sophie	Abel Lola	Mayah Mia	Lilly-Rose Poppy

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QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY
6TH FEBRUARY
7PM

£5 PER ADULT. £3 PER CHILD.
TABLES OF 6.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS.
IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS
PLEASE BRING THESE IN FOR A RAFFLE TOO!

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