

Capel-Le-Ferne Primary School

NEWSLETTER: Friday 20th March 2026

'Learning today for life tomorrow'



RESPECT

INDEPENDENCE

CONFIDENCE

CREATIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin to enjoy brighter mornings and the welcome arrival of spring sunshine, it is the perfect time to celebrate and further develop our outdoor provision for the children. We are very excited to be continuing our journey with OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). This approach recognises the vital importance of high-quality play in children's development, supporting not only their physical health but also their creativity, resilience and social skills. We are committed to making playtimes even more engaging, inclusive and enriching for all pupils. I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful PFA for their generous contributions, which have enabled us to begin investing in new equipment to enhance our outdoor spaces. You will start to see these additions appearing around the school, and we know they will make a real difference to the children's play experiences. As part of this next phase, we will also be reaching out to families to support our OPAL approach by donating items that can be safely repurposed for play. This initiative will begin next week, and we will share full details and guidance in the next newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children make the most of the outdoor spaces in the weeks ahead.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Anthony Richards,
Headteacher

Reception: Honeybees
Ronnie and Autumn – for excellent work making number 7 this week.

Year 1: Turtles
Quinn- For showing effort and independence in his final piece of writing about 'How to make a fruit salad'.
Louie- For excellent effort and reasoning in maths when subtracting on a number line.

Year 2: Parrots
Axl – for his super set of instructions written with beautiful handwriting.
Lewis – for his super set of instructions and using his lead-in lines throughout.

Year 3: Dolphins
Alfred- for making connections between all of his learning.
Harper- for her excellent Oracy skills

Year 4: Leopards
Isabel – excellent understanding of equivalent fractions
Arthur – Amazing ideas for his own book review.

Year 5: Rhinos
Arthur for excellent effort calculating area and perimeter.
William for exploring alternative and efficient methods of working in Maths.

PFA EASTER BONNETS AND EASTER GARDENS

Our PFA will be holding an Easter bonnet and Easter Garden parade/competition on Friday 27th of March, the same day as their Easter Egg Hunt. Children in Key Stage 1 (including Reception), are invited to make an Easter Bonnet and children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to make an Easter Garden for a £1 donation. This will happen during the school day. There will be a winning prize from each Key Stage. If your child would like to participate please bring all bonnets or gardens into school on Friday 27th March. Please see the poster attached for more information.



TURTLE CLASS TRIP TO SEALIFE LONDON

Yesterday Turtle Class enjoyed a lovely trip to the Sealife Centre in London. We caught the train to London and then walked to the London Eye where we enjoyed lunch. After lunch we went and looked around the Sealife Centre and saw sharks, penguins, clownfish, rays, seahorses, lobsters and of course, turtles! We had a fantastic day and can't wait to write about it next week in our English recount.



Year 6: Tigers

Aleasha – for working hard in her Maths revision group.

Rachel – for excellent ideas for her Newspaper report

KS2 ASSEMBLY CHANGES AND INTRODUCING SHOWCASES!

We have made a change to proposed class assemblies. There will be no class assemblies before the Easter holidays. We have decided to combine class assemblies into showcases, involving an assembly style showcase of what your child has learnt in the year, followed by an opportunity to visit classrooms and look at books. There will be two showcases. One will be for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The other will be for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Please note the dates for the showcases below.

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Showcase: Thursday 2nd July at 2pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Showcase: Thursday 9th July at 2pm

Year 6 will be leading our annual Summer show so will not be part of the showcases outlined above.

ORACY AT HOME

To encourage oracy at home and in school we have launched an '**oracy at home**' feature which includes a topic for discussion at home and at school with some ideas for questioning and discussion. This week's topic is-



What is the biggest environmental issue we are facing at the moment?

Things to talk about at home

- Why do you think this is the biggest issue? What are the implications of this issue? Does it relate to other environmental issues? Can you identify the cause of the issue? What do you think could be done to resolve or lessen the issue?
- What do others at home think? Do they agree with your opinion? Do they want to build on your opinion? Do they want to challenge your opinion?

Happy chatting! Mrs Mclatchie ☺

MFL-LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK.

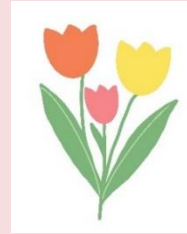


As we have learnt a lot of languages so far this year, we be revisiting what we have learnt to refresh our memories and see what we can remember, before we move onto learning anything new. This week we will be revisiting **French**. Children have been practicing using '**Bonjour**' (Good Day) and '**sil vous plait**' (please).

We hope you enjoy exploring the languages of the world with us. Mrs McLatchie ☺

PFA MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

Thank you to all those that supported our PFA Mother's Day shop last Friday. The PFA raised an amazing **£372!!** As always, thank you for your continued support.



PARROT CLASS TRIP TO DOVER CASTLE

This week Parrot Class enjoyed a lovely sunny trip to Dover Castle! We explored the tunnels deep below and climbed to the very top of the keep and enjoyed the view. We had fun looking at the things we have been learning about in the classroom – we saw real arrow slits, sat on a throne and looked into a 200ft deep well! It was a wonderful day of exploring and now we are really looking forward to writing about our trip next week.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Last week, Turtle Class took their Science and Topic learning outside to look for signs of Spring. We spotted blossom, flowers, green shoots, rabbits, birds and nests around the school site. We finished our exploring at the pond where we took turns to do some pond dipping, which the children loved. We collected some frogspawn which we took back to class to see if it would hatch into tadpoles. We can confirm that they have, and we now have about 100 tadpoles swimming around the tank! Now we are waiting to see if they will grow into frogs and then we will release them back into the pond.



WELL DONE

Well done to Mia in Year 6 who competed at the Kent School's Championship this week and came 2nd in the advanced group. Congratulations Mia!





TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: Online Safety – Let’s

Talk About It! This week we are thinking about grooming. Some adults may try to build trust with a child online over time. This is called grooming. They might give compliments, send gifts in games, or pretend to

share the same hobbies to gain a child’s confidence. Talk calmly with your child so they know they will never be in trouble for telling you about something worrying. Explain that any adult who asks a child to keep secrets from parents, move to private chats, or share pictures is behaving in a dangerous way.

EASTER CELEBRATION

We will be holding an Easter Celebration Assembly in the School Hall on Wednesday 1st April. Years R, 1 and 2 will be at 9.10am. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will start at 10.00am. Parents/Carers are very welcome.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-

- Friday 27th March- PFA Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnets/Easter Garden competition
- Wednesday 1st April- Easter assemblies (Years R, 1 and 2 at 9.10am/ Years 3,4,5 and 6 at 10.00am)
- Thursday 2nd April- Last Day of Term
- Monday 20th April- First Day of Term 4
- Thursday 2nd July at 2pm- Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Showcase
- Thursday 9th July at 2pm- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Showcase

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

Honeybees	Turtles	Parrots	Dolphins	Leopards	Rhinos	Tigers
Thea Flossie	All the Turtles! For amazing behaviour on their school trip.	All of Parrot Class for their outstanding behaviour on our school trip this week. 😊	Journey Amelia	Abel Freddie	Evangeline Penelope	Noah Phoebe

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A colorful poster for an Easter Competition. At the top, a white rabbit with blue eyes and pink inner ears is peeking over a large yellow Easter egg decorated with white swirls. To its left is a purple egg with white spots, and to its right is a pink egg with white swirls. Below these are a green egg with white swirls and a yellow egg. The background features a light blue sky with radiating lines and a string of colorful triangular bunting. The ground is green with small yellow flowers.

£1 ENTRY

EASTER COMPETITION

ON **FRIDAY 27TH MARCH**, THE PFA WILL HOST THEIR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. IN ADDITION TO THIS, KS1 CAN ENTER AN EASTER BONNET COMPETITION & KS2 AN EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION.

£1 TO ENTER ON THE DAY.
...ONE WINNER PER KEY STAGE!...

CHILDREN WILL NEED TO MAKE THEIR EASTER ENTRIES AT HOME TO BRING IN ON THE DAY!