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“A Place to Learn and Achieve”



With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. – Matthew 13 verses 31- 35

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Dear Families,

School News!

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone in the school community for making me feel so welcome at the school. As I've said previously, the children have been absolutely delightful and a great credit to you all. It has certainly been a busy term, with lots of events as well as a visit from Ofsted. There have been lots of successes and achievements to celebrate. Speaking of achievements, you should have received your child's annual report. It was a real privilege to read through all the reports – they are truly personal and reflect the children's hard work. They should all be very proud! If you haven't received your child's report, please do contact the school office. We would be grateful for any comments on the reports to be sent back into the school office before the end of term.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing, refreshing summer and I look forward to seeing the children return in September, excited to start a new year of learning. For the children who are leaving us – I wish you all the best for a happy, successful future. I hope that you take with you the values you have learned here at Capel and that you maintain a sense of curiosity and a love of learning that will last a lifetime. Do let us know how you get on!

Talent Show

Well done to all the members of the school council who organised a brilliant talent show! Everyone in the school was dazzled by all the wonderful talents on display! We had a winning from each unit:

Unit 1 – Phoebe, Olivia, Amelia & Pearl (singing and dancing to 'Mama Mia')

Unit 2 – Amelia (singing 'I Just Can't Wait to be King')

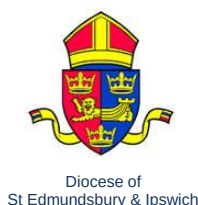
Unit 3 – Alexia (playing the piano)

All our winners were brilliantly talented and wowed the audience. All the other children who took part can also be really proud of their entertaining performances. It was a really fun afternoon...perhaps we have some future stars amongst us!

Unit 3 Speech Competition

This week, children in Unit 3 have participated in a Speech Competition, to encourage children to be confident with public speaking and to allow them to research and present things they are passionate about. Well done to all the children who planned, rehearsed and delivered a speech – they put a lot of hard work into it! There were lots of fascinating topics covered.

After an opportunity to ask the speakers questions, all the children voted for the winning speech. The winner was Millie from Owls Class, who talked about the issue of deforestation and its impact on the environment. She included lots of facts and figures as well as persuasive arguments. Millie won a book 'How to Talk so People Will Listen'. Well done, Millie! Also, well done to Chloe from Foxes Class who gave us the idea for the competition! We hope that the experience will develop children's listening skills and give them greater confidence in public speaking in the future.



Suffolk County Council

Julia Grainger – Interim Assistant Director for
Education Skills and Learning

Summer Celebration

It was great to see all the parents, grandparents and friends who joined us for the Summer Celebration. The event was a lovely celebration of children's learning and it was great to share in the children's enthusiasm for their favourite topics and themes.

- The Early Years Foundation Stage put on a performance based on their current topic book 'Luna Loves Art' and shared with us their vibrant, colourful creations.
- Unit 1 shared some of their favourite learning from history, geography, design technology and maths. They clearly had lots of fun creating waterproof hats and learning about the Great Fire of London.
- Unit 2 taught us all about Ancient Egypt, including the Egyptian gods and the process of mummification (which involved hooking the brain and pulling it out through the nose!).
- Unit 3 shared their learning on the Second World War. Their performance of the lindy hop dance was especially entertaining!

It was brilliant to see such a lot of interesting facts and super learning on display. Well done to all the children for your hard work and focus throughout the year.

Summer Fayre

Thank you so much to all the parents, staff members and other members of our school community who made such a success of the Summer Fayre. Special thanks go to parent and midday supervisor Miss Birkin, who was at the heart of organising this lovely event along with a dedicated group of valued volunteers. It was also brilliant to see lots of contributions from outside the school – thanks to the police, the local Scout group, CDC Street Dance School and Feather Steps Dance Academy amongst others.

There were lots of entertaining stalls, games and performances and there was a wonderful community atmosphere. I hope everyone had a lovely, fun time at the Summer Fayre and I'm already looking forward to next year. If any parents would like to get involved in organising events or helping run them on the day, please get in touch with the Parents and Friends Association via the school office.

Robins Child Care

We are lucky to share the school site with other popular organisations, namely the Scouts and Robins Child Care. This is just a reminder to parents in our community about what is on offer at Robins. As well as wrap-around care during term time, there are some spaces for holiday care. Timings, costs and contact details are below:

Breakfast club – starts at 7.45 (£8.12)

After school club – until 4.30 (£8.12); until 5pm (£9.24); until 6pm (£13.44)

Holiday club is 7.45am – 6pm (£35.84); a half day is 7.45am – 1pm / 1pm – 6pm (£22.40)

Telephone: 01473 310767; Email: info@robinschildcare.co.uk

Quad Kids

Two groups of children represented Capel St Mary at two Quad Kids athletics events recently.

The Unit 2 team did fantastically on 9th of July. They made it through to the top 8 and came 7th out of 40 schools! A Unit 3 team took part on 8th July and came 13th out of 40 teams. Huge congratulations to all involved! Thanks to Miss Birkin for helping with the New Zealand tops!

Christian Value

For the first half term in the autumn, the children will focus on the value of 'generosity' in collective worship. Parents and carers may like to support this value by talking to your children in advance about different ways we can be generous.

Headteacher Awards

The children have continued to produce lots of wonderful work and I really enjoy sharing their successes with them. The following children have received Headteacher Awards since the last newsletter:

Olivia – writing about Forest School (Year 2)

Penelope – writing about Forest School (Year 2)

Matteo – writing about Forest School (Year 2)

Phoebe – writing about Forest School (Year 2)

Kaiden – writing a letter to a new pupil in Reception (Year 5)

Alexia – writing beautiful poetry (Year 6)

Joseph – writing with wonderful descriptive language (Year 1)

Well done, everyone!

Term Time activities:

Upcoming events are listed below for your convenience:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Event</i>
21 st July	Rocksteady Concert, 9:30am (parents of performers are welcome to attend)
22 nd July	Leavers' Service, 10:00am at school
22 nd July	Last day of term
1 st & 2 nd September	Training days (no pupils)
3 rd September	Pupils return to school!



Congratulations to Unit 2 for their great performance at Quad Kids!



Well done to Unit 3 for your performance at Quad Kids!