



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

25th April 2016



We have been advised today that we will be receiving a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection this Thursday. The focus of this inspection will be the distinctive nature of Capenhurst CE Primary School as a church school. A letter with more details will be sent home with your child today.

I would also like to remind you that this coming Monday is a bank holiday and school will be closed to pupils; we re-open on Tuesday 3rd May. I hope that you all enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Green

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

Class 1: Stephen Anderson for improvements with his reading.

Class 2: Bailey Mansfield-McKenna for improved confidence with his reading and writing.

Class 3: Jenny Howie for making good progress with her reading comprehension skills.

Class 4: Layla Orriss for making good progress with her writing and consistent effort across the curriculum.

The Infant cup was awarded to Daniel Jones for his mature approach to all his work and enthusiasm for many different activities. The Junior cup was awarded to Alex Charalambides for being a fantastic role model and for a conscientious attitude to his work. Well done to everyone who shared their news and achievements in assembly last week.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Wednesday 27th April - Class 2 Family Lunch

Monday 2nd May - School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 6th May - Class Photographs

Monday 9th - Friday 13th May - Y6 SATs week - no absences will be authorised during this week

Friday 13th May - Sharing Assembly starting at 2.15pm

Wednesday 18th May - Class 4 Family Lunch

Wednesday 25th May - Class 3 Family Lunch

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

Monday 6th June - INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Friday 10th June - Learning Together Morning followed by HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic Celebration

Wednesday 15th - Thursday 16th June - Class 2 Beeston Residential

Monday 27th June - Sports Day

Tuesday 28th June - Beach School for Classes 3 & 4

Thursday 30th June - Whitby High School new intake welcome meeting for parents and pupils

Tuesday 6th July - Y6 Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral (pupils only)

Wednesday 20th July - Y6 Leavers' Lunch

Thursday 21st July - School closes at 2pm for the summer holidays

Saturday 27th August - Family fun day (further details to follow)

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September - INSET Days

Wednesday 7th September - School re-opens to pupils

There will be more details sent home for the events as they become available and closer to taking place.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the month of March was:

95.1%

Whole school attendance for the year to date is:

96.9%

Key Stage One Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test

As you may be aware, the above test was inadvertently made available on the internet via the government's own website. Due to this oversight schools will not be administering this test this year. Children's ability in this area will still be assessed and reported to parents in line with guidance. The planned reading and writing test will still be administered during May 2016 and used to inform teacher assessment alongside work that the children have completed in class and teacher's own professional judgement and knowledge of each child's ability. Writing will be assessed by teachers as usual. At Capenhurst we regularly assess every child's writing and moderate our assessments involving each teacher, as well as using external moderators to secure these judgements. If you have any questions about the way in which assessments will be administered this year, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wilbraham or me.



Friends of Capenhurst

Friends of Capenhurst will be hosting a variety of fundraising activities this half term. The 'beadybeady' lady will be in school on Friday 10th June so that the children can make a selection of small items for friends and families. There is an 'initial interest' form coming home this week with further details.

Following the success of last year, there will be another Family Fun Day on Saturday 27th August with the same activities and fun planned as last year. An 'It's a Knockout' type competition is being planned. If anyone would like to enter a team from their place of work, please see Jackie Henson for further details.

There will also be another Starlight Clothing Collection on 4th July.

Collection for Rev. Stephen Southgate

As you will be aware, this term we will be saying 'good bye' to Reverend Stephen Southgate as he moves to a new parish in Oxfordshire after over 14 years in the dual parish of Backford and Capenhurst. Stephen has been a friend to the school throughout that time and his support and friendship will be missed along with his ministry. The children enjoy his worship and spending time with him when he stays for lunch afterwards. We all wish him well with his new parish and look forward to his last few services with us. His final service at Holy Trinity will be Sunday 15th May. We will be having a celebration in school on Friday 13th May as part of our usual sharing assembly, but starting at the earlier time of 2.15pm. **If you would like to contribute to a leaving present for Stephen, please send your donation into the school office in a clearly labelled envelope. Thank you.**

Queen's Birthday Celebrations!

On Friday 10th June we will be holding a 'Learning Together' morning with a variety of activities to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Parents and families are invited to join their children in school from 10.45am onwards. There is also a 'picnic' lunch on the field (weather permitting) as part of the birthday celebrations to which families are invited. Please bring your own lunch or snack for this part of the morning as our kitchen isn't big enough to cater for potential numbers on that day, in addition to the children's celebratory lunch.

New Reception Starters - September 2016

Those of you with younger children who are due to start school in September will have received your offer of a primary school place today. Please remember that you must contact Cheshire West & Chester Council to accept your child's place by **5th May**. Failure to do so may result in the place being withdrawn. You will be able to respond to your offer online.

Old Clothes

If anyone is having a clear out at home, we would welcome any old adult shirts or t-shirts for the children to use as art overalls in Class 4! Thank you in advance.

West Cheshire Foodbank

Thank you for your recent donations of items for the West Cheshire Foodbank. This week the Foodbank is particularly in need of **noodles, tinned puddings and cereals**. If you would like to donate items there is a collection box by the back door, or alternatively items can be brought into the school office.

Golden Mile

Don't forget that everyone is welcome to join us on a Tuesday afternoon (weather permitting) from 3.10 - 3.30pm to take part in the Golden Mile.

Vouchers for Schools

Just a reminder that we are collecting 'Sainsburys Active Kids' vouchers as well as 'Gardens for Schools' vouchers which can be collected from Sycamore Garden Centre and other Strikes Garden Centres when you shop. Thank you!

Letters that were sent home last week

- Premier Sports after-school clubs
- Teacher run extra-curricular clubs
- Class Photo reminder



Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week (or on the bank holiday):

Libby Brassington

Hannah Booth

Ava Abbinante