



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

22nd March 2021



Tomorrow, Tuesday 23rd March, is the anniversary of the first national lockdown and has been identified as a 'Day of Reflection'. In school the children and staff will mark the day in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner sharing a prayer of reflection from the Church of England. This weekend saw the anniversary of the last day in full-time education for many of our pupils for the remainder of the last academic year. Over the past year, we have all seen many changes to our way of living, missed out on celebrations and experienced loss of some kind from bereavement to a general feeling of something being missing. There have also been some moments to celebrate - KS2 children returning from their residential trip, an outdoor Y6 service, the return of all our pupils to school in September and the confident arrival of new pupils, excellent engagement from families with remote learning, the resilience shown by everyone to adapt to new routines quickly and all with a smile.

Most importantly of all, we worked through the past year as a community with everyone playing their part to hold each other up when needed, to laugh and to cry together and to be a small, yet important, part of #TeamCapenhurst. There will be more twists and turns as the year goes by which we will continue to face together. Mark 12:13 says - 'Love your neighbour as yourself' so may we be known by our love!

For now, we will continue to provide the high standard of care and education for all your children that you have come to expect from school.

As always, if you have any questions please contact school.

Take care and stay safe,

#TeamCapenhurst

## Celebrations!

We held a virtual sharing assembly from our classrooms on Friday. We awarded a 'Star of the Week' from each class and also counted up the house points.

Stars of the Week:

Class 1 - Laila K for improving focus during phonics sessions.

Class 2 - Nora C for her hard work in phonics and wonderfully descriptive question to Jack about who he saw at the top of the beanstalk.

Class 3 - Ethan L for trying his best in all areas, but especially for work on fractions this week.

Class 4 - Charlie C for making such a positive return to school and for working so well in a group.



The winning house this week was Earth! Congratulations to everyone in Earth for their teamwork in earning the most house points during the past week.

## Parking at school

As all children are now back at school, parents will notice an increase in cars arriving and departing from school. Sadly, not all drivers are doing so safely or with care and consideration for others. Everyone is busy and most people have other places to be after dropping their children off at school, however, everyone also has a duty to drive with care and consideration for others and within the laws of the road. It has been noticed that a number of drivers are exiting their parking spaces within the car park and from church at speed - this could result in an accident. Please make sure your driving/parking does not put other children and families in danger.

## Testing for Covid-19 - please read carefully and thoroughly

It is important that if your child becomes unwell with any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below that you get tested. Testing sites are available across Cheshire and Merseyside, with appointments for tests released daily throughout the day and a new centre has opened locally in Ellesmere Port.

At this time of such high demand it is crucial that **only** people who have **COVID-19 symptoms** book a test. These include:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

There is no need for members of a pupil's household to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic but **ALL** members of the household do need to isolate until the test results are back.

If your child tests positive they should self-isolate and stay off school for 10 days, the rest of the household need to isolate for at least 10 days. If the test comes back negative they can return to school if they no longer have symptoms and have been fever free for 48hrs.

To book a test please visit: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or by calling: 119.



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Police and Crime Commissioner elections

These will be held in the village hall on Thursday 6th May. Arrangements are being discussed between the village hall and the electoral office to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to ensure that parents and families of children at school and pre-school are distanced from local residents coming to vote. This will also impact on available space for parking in the car park - please be mindful of this and use the car park safely and considerately.

Appointments During The School Day

If your child has a medical appointment which is during the school day, (where appointments are routinely made in advance), please can you email school to advise the nature of the appointment and send a photo of the appointment card or letter. Please email [admin@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk) in advance of the day of the appointment so that Mrs Auld can update the register.

Appointment cards are not necessary if your child is off school ill and you are making a trip to the GP. This only refers to pre-planned appointments and check ups. Thank you for your co-operation.

West Cheshire Foodbank

We welcome your on-going support of the West Cheshire Foodbank each week. Food items are to be brought in and will be gathered in each classroom before being placed in the collection box by a member of staff. This week the Foodbank is particularly in need of **instant noodles, instant pasta, sweets/chocolate, cup a soup, instant mash and jams/spreads**. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Friends of Capenhurst

**Bonus Ball**

Mrs Osborne will be starting up bonus ball once again following the Spring Break. If you would like to play and already have a number, please send £10 into school in a clearly marked envelope stating 'BONUS BALL and YOUR NAME'. If you don't currently play, but would like to, please send the money into school as above and add 'NEW PLAYER' to your envelope. Mrs Osborne will then be in touch with available numbers. Money should be sent into school as soon as possible, but before school closes for the Spring Break. Thank you.

Facebook Page

Just a reminder, and for our new families, that Friends of Capenhurst has a Facebook page, 'Friends of Capenhurst School (PTA)'. This is a closed group for **current parents/carers only**; please request to join the group if you have not already done so and you will be added. The group provides fundraising updates and general school reminders.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter for class news and updates [@CapenhurstCEPS](https://twitter.com/CapenhurstCEPS)



Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week (22nd - 28th March):

**Charlie S**

**Lucy G**

