



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

26th April 2021



What lovely weather we have been enjoying - the children and staff have enjoyed taking advantage of the weather to do some of the learning outdoors. It might also tempt some families out of their cars for part of their journey to school. Parking further away from school, either in the village or at the start of Capenhurst Lane, and then walking the remainder of the way will provide an ideal opportunity to take notice of the world around us as it continues to awaken and time to chat about anything and everything as a family. The return walk would provide parents with some time for themselves and their own thoughts. The benefits to everyone in terms of their own physical and mental wellbeing are great. It would also reduce the number of cars in and around the car park and church. I understand that this option may not be suitable for everyone or every day but it could be worth a thought. Staff who live locally take advantage of the weather to walk to and from work and you may have noticed staff also embarking on a lunch time walk - we have also noticed parents enjoying this opportunity for some 'me' time.

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 - Georgia T for her hard work and increasing confidence with numbers beyond 10.

Class 2 - Harriet S for her hard work in all lessons, especially her phonics.

Class 3 - Oreofe S for making a great start to Class 3 this week.

Class 4 - Maddie B for working hard with her maths.

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.



## Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) engagement with families

Last week all families were sent a letter and various documents are part of our statutory engagement with parents about the RSHE curriculum that is on offer at Capenhurst. Parents and carers were invited to read through the documents and then share any comments or concerns that may have. This is a reminder to all families about this process.

After reading the policy, long term overview, DfE parental guide and Heart Smart resources, please forward any questions, comments or concerns you may have to [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk) so that Mrs Bunting (PSHE lead) and I can review them and answer them. We ask that all questions, comments or concerns are sent to school before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## Class Photographs - Friday 30th April

Class photographs will be taken on Friday morning. Full school uniform should be worn. PE kit will not be needed for the day.

## 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.

Arriving safely at school

Thank you to everyone who has been driving and parking with consideration of others and with the safety of all road users and pedestrians. 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 entering and exiting the car park and their parking spaces within the car park and from church at speed without due care and attention for others - this very nearly resulted in an accident on Friday morning. Please make sure your driving/parking does not put other children and families as well as other road users in danger. A polite reminder to ask drivers not leave their car engines idling whilst parked up, so to reduce the emission of exhaust fumes.

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 **tinned desserts, instant coffee, cup a soup, instant mash, jars of paste, crackers and jams/spreads**. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



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.

Friends of Capenhurst

**Bonus Ball**

The winning bonus ball on Saturday 24th April was number 1; congratulations to Jack O. If you would like to take part, there are still spare numbers. Please contact Mary Osborne via our Facebook page, or email school to pass on a message.

**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



Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week or during the holidays (26th April to 2nd May):

Sophie O

Alfie E

