



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

23rd January 2017



Hope everyone has finally managed to wash all the mud out of joggers and off wellies after last week's trip to the Earth Skills Project, Hooton. The children were wonderfully well-behaved and enthusiastically tried all the activities that were planned for them.

Kind regards, Mrs Green

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

Class 1: Jack Osborne for improved listening and concentration especially on our trip and during PE.

Class 2: Suki Johnson-Evans for trying very hard with her writing.

Class 3: Anna Fereday for demonstrating excellent problem solving and reasoning skills in maths.

Class 4: Jack Doyle for improving his writing this week and working really well with measure in maths.

The Infant cup was awarded to Ethan Henson for his contributions and enthusiasm during all lessons in school. The Junior cup was awarded to Ellie-May Grimley-Powell for making a good start to Year 6 and being enthusiastic towards school life. Well done to everyone who shared their news and achievements in assembly last week.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

23rd-27th January - Faith Week (a donation of £2 per child is requested to help cover costs)

Wednesday 1st February - Young Voices 2017

Friday 10th February - Quiz Night

Half Term - Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Tuesday 28th February - Parents' evening, letters will be sent home soon

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22nd-24th March - Conway Residential for Classes 3 & 4, letters will be sent home soon

Sunday 26th March - Family Service at Holy Trinity at 9.30am

Spring Break - Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Monday 17th April - Easter Monday (school closed)

Friday 21st April - Class Photographs

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th April - Bikeability Training for Class 4 children

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

There will be more details sent home for the events as they become available and closer to taking place. Other dates will be added as they are set in the diary.

Attendance
Whole school
attendance for
January (to date):

97.7%

Whole school
attendance for the
year to date is:

97.0%

Faith Week - 23rd to 27th January

As part of our topic 'One World, Many Faiths' we are holding a Faith Week this week. During this week the children will be taking part in a variety of activities finding out about and experiencing the faiths and cultures of others. A member of the congregation from Two Mills Presbyterian church will be visiting school to explain the differences between their way of worship and the Anglican traditions and routines that we follow at school. Reverend Gill Foster will be leading our worship in church on Thursday. The children will also be taking part in a Living Islam workshop.

On Friday 27th January each class will take part in a dance workshop where they will learn a dance from a different faith, culture or celebration. There will be an opportunity for you to come along and watch a sharing of these dances and other aspects of our Faith Week during sharing assembly at the end of the day. As this will be a busy sharing assembly it will start at 2.30pm and I ask that children do not bring along extra items for the assembly on this occasion. Stars of the Week and the cups will be awarded as usual.

A contribution of £2 per child is requested to help cover the cost of visiting specialists and additional resources required this week. If you have any questions about the events taking place this week, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Consultation for Cheshire West and Chester Council's School Admission Arrangements

Cheshire West & Chester Council is consulting on changes to school admission arrangements for September 2018/19. The consultation runs until 31st January and they would appreciate any comments regarding the proposed changes before that date. The consultation is on their website at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/object-to-school-admission-arr/determined-admission-arrangeme.aspx>



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Friends of Capenhurst

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the meeting last week. Arrangements for the Quiz night have been finalised and flyer will be coming home with each child that explains how the evening will run and how you can take part. Other events have also been sorted.

Events for this term:

- Friday 10th February - Quiz night, more details to follow
- Thursday 2nd March - Starlight clothing collection
- Saturday 11th March - Café at the Farmers' Market
- Monday 27th March - Non-uniform day with contributions of Easter chocolates for the chocolate tombola
- Friday 31st March - Chocolate tombola and children's 100 club draw (numbers will be available after half term)

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the café at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 11th March. Help will be needed between 8.45am and 1.15pm. Profits from these markets are split across the four community groups - school church, chapel and the village hall - with each group running the café in turn. Please let me or Jackie Henson know if you are able to help out at all.

Dinner & Snack Money

It would be helpful if you could pay for your child's dinners and snacks in advance, at the start of the week/month/term. Many of our families already do this and for that we are grateful. It reduces time spent chasing payments and aids the smooth running of the office.

A school dinner costs £2.20/day (£11/week) for children in KS2. A piece of toast/half a bagel is 30p and a bacon butty (Fridays only) is 60p.

Money/cheques should be sent into school with your child in a named envelope labelled 'School dinners/snacks'. **The children pass any payments through to the office in a plastic wallet during registration.** If paying by cheque, cheques should be made payable to 'CWAC'. Thank you for your support.

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 **tinned meat/fish and tinned vegetables**.



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. Thank you for your continued support.

Conway Residential

Just a reminder that consent forms were due back last Friday, with first payments due by this Friday for children in Classes 3 and 4. Thank you.

Active Kids 2017

If you shop at Sainsbury's, please collect the Active Kids vouchers for us! The scheme re-launches on 25th January. Thank you!

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

We have noticed that, since the introduction of universal free school meals for all of our younger children, the number of families claiming free school meals has fallen significantly. We wanted to remind parents that there are other benefits as well as the meal itself and even if your child is currently having a universal free school meal (R to Y2) or a packed lunch from home, we would like to encourage you to contact the Cheshire West Benefits Team on 0300 123 7039. If you need further help, please ask at the office – we can arrange a quiet space for you to make the phone call from here. An entitlement attracts additional funds for the school from the Government that could benefit your family in many ways: free after school clubs each term; additional curriculum support if your child is struggling with anything at school; help with essential school equipment; an optional meeting with a member of staff to plan how the additional funding can best be used to support your child. If you are not sure whether you may qualify or not, you cannot lose anything by enquiring on the number above, or dropping into the office for some advice.

Sunday Funclub

There is a children's session at church this Sunday; Sunday Funclub starts at 9.30am. All welcome.

Young Voices

Just a reminder that coach money for Young Voices (choir) is due by this Friday (27th January).

ICT Club

ICT club starts again this week for children in Years 2-6. Spaces are limited to 15 and have been allocated on a first come, first served basis with priority given to those children who missed out last term. Text messages have been sent out to confirm your child has a place at the club.

Letters that were sent home last week:

- ICT club (Years 2-6)
- Craft club (Classes 1 & 2)
- Conway Centre Trip (Classes 3 & 4)
- Creatures & Critters
- Mothering Sunday Service
- Piano/flute lessons



Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week:

Max Brown
Abi Healey

Daniel Jones
Will Guest