



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th September 2017



Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a lovely break over the summer and found time to relax and enjoy time with their families. There are lots of exciting things planned for this school year - starting with our Fun Run and Family BBQ on Friday 22nd September. The first sharing assembly of the new year will be on Friday 15th September at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school.

Mrs Green

Celebrations!

Each week, on Friday afternoons, we award 'Star of the Week' to pupils across school for significant effort and achievement. We also award an Infant Cup and Junior Cup to two pupils whom the staff believe have gone that extra mile with their work or attitude in school. Classes will be given the opportunity to share something of their classwork on a regular basis at each assembly.

Children are invited to bring certificates and news from home that they would like to share related to their hobbies and interests. The assemblies are held in the Village Hall and start at 2.40pm and you are warmly invited to attend.



Progress Score

As you know we are proud of the teaching and learning that all pupils at Capenhurst receive during their time with us and celebrate all achievements made by all children in all year groups. Nationally, schools are allocated progress scores that reflect the progress pupils make through key stage two in reading, writing and maths. These scores are calculated by comparing the attainment at the end of key stage one with that at the end of key stage two for each pupil in Year Six and then comparing it with the progress made by similar groups of pupils at similar schools across the country. I am extremely pleased to report that at the end of 2016/17, our progress scores were 3.9 for writing and 4.6 for maths which puts our school in the top 5% of schools nationally for these subjects and 3.3 for reading which puts our school in the top 25% nationally. This is outside validation of the hard work and dedication shown by pupils, parents and staff in ensuring that all pupils reached their potential and made consistent and excellent progress during their time at Capenhurst.

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Monday 11th Sept - Reception children start full-time at school

Wednesday 13th Sept - Swimming starts for KS2 children

Friday 15th Sept - Non uniform day (donations of bottles for the tombola are welcomed)

Friday 15th Sept - Sharing assembly with short fencing presentation, starts at 2.30pm

Friday 22nd Sept - Fun Run & School BBQ from 2.30pm

Tuesday 26th Sept - Whole school trip to Lady Lever Art Gallery; more details to follow shortly

Wednesday 28th Sept - 'Welcome' service at Holy Trinity for new families to school at 11am

Friday 29th Sept - Open Morning at 10am for families with children due to start school in September 2018

Sunday 1st Oct - Harvest Service at Holy Trinity, led by school

Monday 2nd Oct - Open Afternoon at 1.30pm for families with children due to start school in September 2018

Friday 6th Oct - School photographs (individuals and siblings)

Tuesday 24th Oct and Wednesday 25th Oct - Parents' Evenings; further details will follow in due course

Monday 30th Oct - Friday 3rd Nov - Half term

Thursday 14th Dec - Christingle Service at Holy Trinity

Tuesday 19th Dec - Whole school panto trip

Thursday 21st Dec - School breaks up for Christmas at **2pm**.

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.

Fun Run and BBQ

We will be hosting our first 'Fun run' on Friday 22nd September. This will be an occasion to have fun and raise funds for Friends of Capenhurst. Everyone, young and old, fit and 'not-so' fit is invited to join Mrs Griffin-Cowap for a warm-up on the field before 'running' two laps of the field. The entry fee will be £1 per person. Encourage friends and family to join us!

Following the 'Fun Run' we will be holding our annual 'start of the year' BBQ. This is an opportunity for families and friends to come along and get to know each other and catch up after the summer break. Staff will be there to spend time getting to know you and your families. A letter with details of tickets etc. will be sent home very soon.



Friends of Capenhurst

Thank you for your clothing donations last term. We collected 83kg of unwanted clothes and raised £24.90 for school and £8.30 for Starlight. The next clothing collection has been arranged for Wednesday 8th November.

Forthcoming Events:

- **Friday 15th September - Non-uniform day - please bring in a bottle for our tombola (to be held at the BBQ)**
- **Friday 22nd September - Fun Run at 2.30pm, followed by our annual BBQ**
- **Wednesday 8th November - Starlight Clothing Collection, bags will be sent home in due course**

DHL Uniform Collection for Little Faces School

A big thanks from Geoff and Sally at DHL to all of the children, parents and staff for the donation of old school uniform at the end of last term for the Little Faces School; "such a massive amount from such a small school".

Premier Sports

Due to a traffic accident, Mr Hartley's return to school will be delayed as he recovers from his injuries - everyone wishes him a full and swift recovery. In the interim, his teaching will be covered by another coach from Premier Sports. We are able to continue with this high quality P.E. provision through careful deployment of the Sports Premium funding which is delegated to each school to enhance P.E. provision for all children. We also spend this money on subsidising after-school clubs and other sporting activities as well as paying for swimming teaching and lifeguard provision for school swimming lessons. Further details of how this money is spent at Capenhurst can be found on the school website - www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk

School lunches

We have a new three weekly rolling menu for school lunches this year. The menus are attached and will also be on the school website, www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk and on the noticeboard on the side of school.

From September 2017, the price of a school lunch has increased to £2.25 for children in Year 3 and above (who are not eligible for a free school meal). Children in EYFS, Y1 or Y2 are still able to receive a free school meal. Prices for snacks remain the same, (30p for toast/half a bagel; 60p for a bacon butty - Fridays only). Please send payment in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name. Cheques should be made payable to "CWAC". Thanks.

Swimming Lessons for Classes

Swimming lessons start on Wednesday 13th September for children in KS2 for the duration of the Autumn Term. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time as we will be leaving promptly at 9am in order to arrive in Chester on time. Your child will need to bring appropriate swim wear (one piece swimsuit), goggles if your child usually wears them, and a towel each Wednesday morning. If needed, they should bring a snack from home, as they will miss morning school break so there will be no toast available. It would be useful if they could come to school with their swim wear underneath their school uniform. Please ensure that consents are returned and payment for the coach transport is made by 13th September. Thank you.

West Cheshire Foodbank



We will continue to support the West Cheshire Foodbank this year. This week the Foodbank is particularly in need of **long life fruit juice, UHT milk, tinned custard and tinned potatoes**. 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.

End of the school day

Please note that ALL junior children will now leave school via the front door, and not via the back door as has been the case for Years 5 & 6 for the past few years. Please collect your child from the playground as they will be dismissed from Class 3. Thank you.

Letters that have been sent home

This box will become a regular feature on our newsletter and will contain details of letters that have been sent home during the past week. It should help avoid letters going missing and remaining in trays and bags. If you notice a letter that hasn't made it home, please check the website www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk in the first instance, (under Parent Information / Letters or contact the office if you require a paper copy.

Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday during this week:

Ellie Anderson

