



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

5th September 2023

*‘Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.’ Psalm 107:1*

*Christian Value - Thankfulness*



Welcome to the new school year to familiar families and new families alike.

I hope that everyone had a lovely break over the summer and found time to relax and enjoy time with their families. Thank you to everyone for their support last year, and for all your cards, gifts and messages - all much appreciated. This year we have new children joining in reception and in other year groups across school; we are looking forward to them becoming part of our school community very quickly.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school - it is easiest to send them via email to [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)  
Mrs Green

## The new term!

It was lovely to welcome everyone at the gate as we started our new school year on Tuesday this week. Just to remind everyone that the gate will be open at **8.40am** ready for children to arrive, with the **school day starting at 8.45am**. Please try to be on-time as this makes the starts of the day a smooth process for everyone. All children will be finishing school at **3.15pm** and will be dismissed onto the playground to be collected.

Please remember to send your child to school **wearing** their PE kit on **Mondays and Fridays**.

Snacks, drinks and lunchboxes need to be named to avoid any confusion. Please note we are a **nut-free school**. Please name all items of clothing.

In the classrooms, the children and staff have enjoyed catching up on news and this week sees the start of our full curriculum. There is information about it on the school website ([www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)) using the curriculum tab. Each class also has its own page with class information. Further information about homework will be sent in the coming weeks.

## Holy Trinity Church - Capenhurst

We have been invited to two services at Holy Trinity at the start of the new school year. Sunday 10th September is Education Sunday and Mrs Bunting will be taking one of the readings, I am unable to attend this service due to prior engagement. Everyone is invited to attend.

On Sunday 8th October, we have been invited to join Rev. Alan Leach in leading the Harvest Service at church. More information to follow once I have had chance to speak with him.

Both services start at 11.15am and everyone is welcome.

## Celebrations!

Our first Celebration Worship will take place on Friday 15th September in the village hall. It will start at 2.30pm. Families are invited to join us. Please be mindful that we are growing in terms of pupil numbers so space may be more limited than in previous years. Families will continue to receive notifications during Friday if their child is receiving a school award in Celebration Worship.



## Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th Sept - Bikeability Training for Year 6 children

Monday 11th Sept - Reception children start their first full week at school

Monday 11th Sept - Clubs start this week - please check ParentMail for details and sign up using the form or with CEPD directly where relevant

Tuesday 12th Sept - Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4

Thursday 28th Sept - Non-uniform day. Please bring a bottle for the bottle tombola at the school BBQ.

Friday 29th Sept - Whole school BBQ! A chance to get together informally at the end of the day. See overleaf for more details

Friday 20th October - INSET day. School closed to pupils.

Monday 23rd Oct - Friday 27th Oct - School closed for half term holiday

Weds 1st and Thurs 2nd Nov - Parents' Evenings (arrangements to be emailed nearer the time)

Friday 15th Dec - Whole school Panto trip to the Floral Pavilion

Friday 15th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas at **1.30pm (or as soon as we return from the panto)** for **ALL** pupils

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 3rd Jan - School reopens for pupils for the Spring Term

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.



## School BBQ - Friday 29th September

We are putting together plans for our annual start-of-year BBQ where families and staff can get together to celebrate the start of the new school year and we can all welcome new families to our school community. It is a ticketed event and more information about this will be sent home separately using ParentMail. As well as a BBQ, there will be stalls and games organised by pupils in class 4 and members of Friends of Capenhurst. It is an informal, social occasion with some fundraising and it is held on the school playground. We aim to start about 3.30pm and it is typically finished before 5pm. We hope many of you are able to come along and join us, even if only for a short time, before heading off for the weekend.

## Friends of Capenhurst

### 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.

## School lunches and snacks

School lunches are available to order in the mornings at a cost of £2.80 for children in Classes 3 and 4. This is to be paid in advance using the ParentMail system. Children in Classes 1 and 2 are eligible for a daily universal free school meal if required. Details of our new menu was sent home via ParentMail this week.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be eligible to apply for a free school meal for your child/ren, please contact Cheshire West & Chester Council at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk), Schools & Education, then Free School Meals where you can apply on-line. If your eldest child receives a free school meal and you have a younger child who has just started in our reception class, you will need to apply for that child too. Thank you.

Snacks can be ordered daily or brought from home. Toast/bagel is 35p and bacon butty (Fridays only) is £1. These should be paid in advance via ParentMail.

If you send a packed lunch from home with food that requires cutlery - yoghurt, salad etc. - please remember to send the cutlery from home. Cutlery is not available in school for children to use with their home packed lunch.

A reminder to all that snacks and packed lunches should be NUT FREE as there are members of our school community with nut allergies. Please pay particular attention to cereal bars and avoid pesto, Nutella, peanut butter and other nut butters. Thank you.

## Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4 on Tuesday 12th September. Your child will need to arrive at school on time with their swim wear underneath their school uniform as we will be leaving school at 9.00am promptly in order to arrive at EPSV on time. Please ensure your child brings underwear and a towel each Tuesday morning, and a snack from home if needed, as they may miss morning school break.

Payment should be made via Parentmail as soon as possible, £30 by Tuesday 12th September and the remaining £35 on or before Tuesday 31st October. Thank you.

## Selfless Shelves supporting the West Cheshire Foodbank - **All in, bring a tin!**

We think that Capenhurst is a welcoming community that includes everyone irrespective of race, gender or religion. The 'Selfless Shelves' is a project where children can earn a token as a reward for a good deed in school. This token can then be exchanged for a food item from the 'Selfless Shelves' which can then be placed in the Foodbank. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for the shelves - the children see this as a 'Circle of Kindness'. **We encourage families to help out over the next few days by bringing in things for the Selfless Shelves. All in, bring a tin!**

The Foodbank will then use these items to support local families struggling to provide food for themselves. We will continue to support the West Cheshire Foodbank in our traditional way and food items can be brought in and placed on the 'Selfless Shelves' or directly into the collection box. The Foodbank is particularly in need of **UHT juice, custard, cup a soup, jams and spreads and tinned potatoes.**



## Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week:  
(4th - 10th September)



Evie Finley  
Harvey C

## Twitter

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