

Aim, Achieve, Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Development and Priorities

During the last school year, school worked hard to build stronger working relationships with you as the parents and carers of all pupils in school with the goal of 'Working Together for Each Child' (as shared during the presentation in September 2013) to address the actions from the previous Ofsted inspection.

Last year the main priorities for school were:

- To secure improved attainment and progress for all pupils in reading, writing and maths
- To ensure that the quality of teaching was consistently good, if not better, in each class
- To develop a robust and stringent behaviour and reward system that was understood by everyone and applied consistently across school
- To develop stronger relationships with the parent community and ensure clear communication is established

We achieved:

- Attainment and progress is improving in maths and has remained strong in reading.
- Teaching is now consistently good across school with elements of better than good teaching.
- Behaviour has improved considerably across school with the new behaviour policy and reward system being applied consistently and fairly. Children are clear of the expectations we have of their behaviour and understand the reward and sanctions that will be applied. Visitors regularly comment on the calm and happy atmosphere that is evident throughout the school.
- Relationships with parents are strong and the website is now updated regularly and contains statutory information and class based information. Regular communication is sent home and suggestions invited which are reviewed and implemented as appropriate.

These items are just a small sample of how school has made progress towards addressing the actions identified and building a calm, happy and busy environment where every child can achieve their potential and enjoy spending their day.

As parents, you also put forward suggestions which we took on board. These include the use of I Pads to vary the learning experiences of the children, we purchased several and they are used across school. Information evenings about different aspects of the curriculum; we have already held a maths evening and have two additional evenings planned for this term linked to literacy and the new curriculum. Extra-curricular clubs were requested and lunchtime clubs were trialled for all year groups with a good level of take up and success. These will continue again this year with more information being sent home in a separate letter. It is hoped that you will continue to offer suggestions that we can review and implement where appropriate.

This coming academic year, the school will be focussing on ...

- Maintaining good behaviour – increasing the number of pupils achieving a 'Good to be Green' for the entire school year to more than 50 pupils



- Improving pupils' writing through ...spelling, phonics, engagement, quality first teaching, rapid and focussed interventions for pupils not making the necessary progress or missing appropriate benchmarks in terms of achievement
- Developing a broad and balanced curriculum that reflects the new national curriculum requirements through a thematic approach

Throughout the year we will be communicating progress so far as well as how you, as parents and carers, can support your child/ren with their progress and attainment. This will be through newsletters, sharing assembly, family learning together sessions, information evenings and parents' evenings. You are also invited to forward suggestions and thoughts of your own that we can discuss using slips on the newsletters or via email – head@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk.

As a whole school community, we are working hard together to provide a school and education that every child at Capenhurst deserves. Through working together, the changes put in place last year are beginning to make a difference. Capenhurst CE Primary School is calm, happy place where everyone enjoys spending their school day with their friends, learning something new and making new friends. The staff and I look forward to building on the achievements of 2013/14 as we move through this coming school year with you and your families.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Green
Head teacher