



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

3rd September 2014



## 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 and a few things to be implemented as directed by central government - most notably the new national curriculum.

There will not be a sharing assembly this Friday; the first one will be Friday 12th September at the usual time of 2.40pm.

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.

At the end of last term every child took part in an enterprise event - Grow a Pound. They worked together in their houses to generate the best return from the money that were given by Friends of Capenhurst. In total they raised £237.80 for school funds with the winning house - Air - making over £65 profit. They have chosen to spend their money on cricket equipment and pencil pots for the classrooms. Thank you to Pam Molyneux for her contribution of £23.50 from face painting at the leavers' disco.



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

Friday 12th September - Sharing assembly

Friday 19th September - Fencing club begins at lunchtime

Saturday 20th September - Community Gardening morning at school. This will take place from 9.00am until 11.30/12noon.

Wednesday 24th September - Parents' Information Evening. This will focus on writing, spelling and phonics and will start at 6pm.

Friday 26th September - Family BBQ. This is a chance for everyone in the school community to meet up and chat. It will take place straight after school and details of times and costs will be sent home.

Friday 24th October - INSET day. School closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th November - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 5th November - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance event at Civic Hall

Wednesday 19th November - Parents' Information Evening. This will focus on the new national curriculum and how it is being delivered at school.

Thursday 18th December - Whole school panto trip

Friday 19th December - 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.

## Ofsted

As you are aware the window of opportunity for a return visit of Ofsted grows ever smaller (they are due back before May 2015). As part of the inspection process, the opinion of parents and families are sought through Parent View. I feel that school is a very different place than the responses currently held on Parent View would indicate, your questionnaire returns in February 2014 also support this view. As such, I would ask that you visit the Parent View site and update the responses. For those of you unfamiliar with the site, it is very user friendly and the survey takes only a short time to complete but can make a real difference to how school is perceived prior to the inspection. The survey has not been updated for over a year. It can be accessed via the website - [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk).



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Capenhurst Vegetable Garden

A very big thank you to Mr Lomax, Phoebe Bowden's granddad, and his team of volunteers for all their hard work in clearing and repairing the vegetable planters on the field behind school. Late potatoes have been planted and these can be used in the school kitchen and enjoyed by the pupils. Mr Lomax will continue to maintain the planters with help from other volunteers and groups of pupils from school over the coming year and beyond. This will enable the children to grow and nurture food and flowers which can then be enjoyed in school. Financial support will be sought from local businesses and through fundraising within school. If you are able to offer your support in terms of time, plants, ideas, tools etc., then please let me know at school.

Caretaker

We have a new caretaker in school - Mr Darren Erwin. He started this week and has already been working hard to prepare the school for the return of the children. He will be around in the mornings so that staff, children and parents will be able to meet and welcome him as part of the school community.

Premier Sports

Mr Ashton has decided to remain in America and embrace the job opportunities that are available there. We are disappointed that he will not be returning to school. Premier Sports have replaced him with Mr Hartley who has already been to school during our INSET days to meet with the staff. He will begin his teaching with us on Thursday this week. We are confident that he will become a valued member of the staff and the transition will be smooth.

School lunches

After reviewing the school meal option replies that everyone sent in and sharing them with our school meals providers, we were informed that we could not offer sandwiches as an alternative and variations to the set menus were not permitted. I apologise for this as we were not made of aware of this before sending the survey home. The children took part in an online survey in school and the four weekly rolling menu was selected from their preferred options. The menus are attached and will also be on the school website, [www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk) and on the noticeboard on the side of school. School lunches cost £2.15 for children in Y3 and above. Children in EYFS, Y1 or Y2 can receive a free school meal from 1st September 2014.

Mid-day vacancies

Mrs Sarah Davies has secured additional hours as admin assistant at a local primary school, we wish her all the best and will miss her as part of our mid-day team. Due to the change of role within school of Mrs Louisa Wilson and Mrs Sue Jones as well as Sarah's new role, we are in need of 3 mid-day assistants. If you feel that this is something that you are interested in, please contact me at school for further information. The role is an interesting and varied role that involves serving meals, supervising the children as they eat and encouraging them to eat their food, clearing away and cleaning the rooms ready for afternoon school and supervising the children as they play. It is an opportunity to be part of the school team and work closely with all staff to the benefit of the children. We take safeguarding very seriously at Capenhurst and all the required disclosure and barring checks will be made as well as an expectation of confidentiality and professionalism if appointed.

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 contact the office for a copy.



Birthday Celebrations

There are no birthdays this week.