



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

20th November 2023

*'This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it' Psalm 118:24*

*Christian Value - Celebration*



Thank you to everyone for the donations during our Children in Need activities on Friday. We have raised over £200 so far with the final total still to be counted. This week we have started to get the Christmas decorations and Nativity costumes from the loft in readiness for the start of Advent next week.

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

## Celebrations!

### Stars of the week

C1 – Lola for trying really hard with her writing and using her phonics to write some words independently.

C2 – Preston for joining in with enthusiasm in our Nativity!

C3 – Pearl for engaging well in our Maya unit of work, scoring points in Pok-ta-Pok and designing an impressive Maya tribal mask!

C4 - Mitchell for increased effort in both maths and English this week, especially trying really hard in independent writing.

**Infant cup** - Alice R-J for always taking an interest in all lessons, and continuing her learning at home.

**Junior cup** - Blythe for her positive attitude towards everything she does and her increased self-confidence.

**Phoenix tickets** - Elsa for consistent effort across the curriculum.

The winning house was EARTH! Congratulations to everyone in Earth for their teamwork in earning the most house points during last week.



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

**Tuesday 21st Nov - Class 4 water safety skills lesson; see below and ParentMail for reminder of what to bring**

**Tuesday 21st Nov - Science workshop for Class 4, sponsored by Urengo**

**Thursday 23rd Nov - Class 3 Farm Visit**

Thursday 30th Nov - Class 4 Farm Visit

**Friday 1st Dec - Secret Santa order deadline - please send in money by 1st December**

Friday 8th Dec - Secret Santa - Friends of Capenhurst event; details sent home via ParentMail

Friday 8th Dec - All clubs now finished for the term; will resume in January

Monday 11th - Infant nativity dress rehearsal (details will be sent home in due course)

Tuesday 12th Dec - Final swimming lesson for children in Class 4

Tuesday 12th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (details will be sent home in due course)

Wednesday 13th Dec - Infant nativity performances at 1.30pm and 6pm (details will be sent home in due course)

Thursday 14th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th Dec - Christmas Lunch

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

Friday 15th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas at **2.00pm** (please note change of time) for ALL pupils

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

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

Tuesday 9th Jan - Swimming starts for children in Class 3

**Wednesday 17th Jan - Reception Family Lunch (see over the page for more details)**

Tuesday 6th Feb - Young Voices

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Feb - School closed for half term break

Wed 6th - Fri 8th March - Conway Centre residential for Classes 3 & 4

Thursday 28th March - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Fri 29th March - Fri 12th April - School closed for Easter holidays

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.

## Swimming Reminder - Tuesday 21st November

Children in Class 4 are reminded that they need to bring loose-fitting, lightweight pyjamas or shorts and t-shirt as well as their usual swimming attire for our water safety and life-saving skills lesson. They will also need a spare carrier bag. Hair (shoulder-length and longer) should be tied back with a bobble. Please see ParentMail for further details - a message was sent on Tuesday 14th November.

In worship this week...

...we have been thinking about how we can make a choice about which voices we listen to - the voices that put us down or the voices that see value in who we are and what have to offer - and to let love into our lives. The focus in worship has been about listening to God's voice that tells us we are one in a million, and each of use has value, dignity and purpose. We have also been reminding ourselves that it is ok to make mistakes and that forgiveness is good, allowing everyone a second chance to have another go or to make something right again. This all links to our value of **celebration** and reminds us to celebrate who we are and the wonderful things we each bring to the world.

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Classes 3 Farm Visit - Thursday 23rd November

A reminder that Class 3 children should wear their PE kit on Thursday for their visit to the farm. Please ensure that joggers/leggings are worn (not shorts) due to the long grass. Please bring **wellies** (ideally) or old trainers to change into. Please apply insect spray (if required) to your child before school and remember to bring a coat.

Family Lunches

We are pleased to let you know that family lunches will resume after the Christmas holidays, starting with our Reception families on Wednesday 17th January at 12 noon. Adult meals cost £2.80 per person and you will be billed via ParentMail. All meals must be ordered in advance so that Helen can cater accordingly - please look out for an order form in ParentMail closer to your allocated date.

Wednesday 17th January - Reception

Wednesday 31st January - Year 1

Wednesday 7th February - Year 3

Wednesday 6th March - Year 2

Wednesday 13th March - Year 6

Wednesday 1st May - Year 5

Wednesday 22nd May - Year 4

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 **custard, mashed/tinned potato, biscuits, small jars of coffee and treats.**

Friends of CapenhurstFacebook 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.

Dates for your diary!

**Friday 24th November** - First 100 Club draw!!

**Friday 8th December** - Secret Santa (money in by Friday 1st December)

**Friday 2nd February** - Bingo and Banger

**Friday 22nd March** - Easter Fun Run

**Friday 21st June** - Quiz Night

Queries outside of school hours

There are times when questions arise outside of school hours. If you have a query, please contact school by email at [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk) and you will likely receive a response before school the following morning. Emails sent to our admin@ email address are not monitored outside of school hours. Similarly, posts on our Friends of Capenhurst Facebook page are not regularly checked as access to Facebook is not always possible at school; primarily our Facebook page is for PTA fundraising. Thank you.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter for class news and updates

**@CapenhurstCEPS**

Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (20th - 26th Oct)

**Olivia R Joshua B**

**Poppy W**

Applying for school places

Parents with children in pre-school due to start school in September 2024 are reminded that you should now apply for reception places online via the Council's website at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for admissions is **Monday 15th January 2024.**