



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

27th 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*



This week we have started our Advent preparations - lighting our first candle on our wreaths, interactive calendars to start on Friday and chocolate ones too! We will also be putting up the trees ready for Friday. Some of the children have been chatting excitedly about their trees and decorations going up at home too.

Capenhurst Christmas post is now open! Please remember to put the child's full name and class on the envelope to ensure that it is delivered to the right child.

This time of year is exciting but can also be challenging for those of us who enjoy the familiarity of routine in life. Please be mindful of the additional anxiety this time of year can bring to some of our children and families and be kind and patient towards each other.

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 - Kit for really great maths work.

C2 - Abigail Mc for fantastic application of phonics!

C3 - Eddie for fantastic work in computing, using algorithms to create letters and shapes on Turtle Academy.

C4 - Sophie O for a much more happy and relaxed approach to school and showing a great, and enthusiastic, understanding of coding using Microbits.

**Infant cup** - Olivia R for trying really hard to be a great classmate and practising her sharing and turn taking.

**Junior cup** - Orla for giving 100% in everything and managing distractions well.

**Phoenix tickets** - Vinnie for growing in maturity and trying really hard in his teacher-led activities.

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!

**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 (please see ParentMail for details)

Wednesday 13th Dec - Infant nativity performances at 1.30pm and 6pm (please see ParentMail for details)

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**

**Wednesday 31st Jan - Year 1 Family Lunch**

Tuesday 6th Feb - Young Voices

**Thursday 18th Jan - Class 1 Farm Visit**

**Thursday 25th Jan - Class 2 Farm Visit**

**Thursday 1st Feb - Class 3 Farm Visit**

**Wednesday 7th Feb - Year 3 Family Lunch**

**Thursday 8th Feb - Class 4 Farm Visit**

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.

In worship this week...

...we have been thinking about the season of Advent and what it means. Christians believe that, at Christmas, God sent Jesus to Earth to offer us peace and hope as well as to show the world how much he loves us. As we approach Christmas, it's important to stop and think about living in peace and love with those around us and how we can bring hope to others. It's important to be ready on the inside, in our minds and feelings to celebrate the wonder of Christmas.

Today we lit the first candle on our Advent wreaths - the candle of Hope and pray that we all have hope in our hearts and lives as prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends.

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Classes 4 Farm Visit - Thursday 30th November

A reminder that Class 4 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

West Cheshire Foodbank - Reverse Advent Calendar

We welcome your on-going support in helping us to donate to the West Cheshire Foodbank. As we approach a special time in our Christian calendar, we remember the love and hope that Jesus Christ brought into our lives. We would like to share this time with those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, in each class we will have an advent box which we hope will be filled by our Capenhurst families. Instead of just thinking about receiving, we'd like to encourage the children to think of others in their time of need. We hope you will be able to support us with this advent challenge as best you can. We will be accepting donations from Monday 27th November. Please see the accompanying page of this newsletter for more information. Thank you.

The Foodbank is particularly in need of **Christmas treats, mashed/tinned potato, tinned vegetables, cream crackers, meat pastes, tinned meats/meat meals.**

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 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: (27th Nov - 3rd Dec)

Elsa

Francesca

Bella 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**.