



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

4th December 2023

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

Christian Value - Celebration



The second candle on the Advent wreath is the candle of peace. At this time of year, peace can feel to be in short supply amidst the fun, festivities and chaos that can come along with Christmas preparations. During the week, we will aim to find moments of peace amidst the mayhem as the children and staff get ready for the Carol Service, Nativity and many other Christmas celebrations and events. I hope you are able to find moments of peace too and remember to be kind and patient with yourselves and each other at this hectic time of year.

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

Mrs Green

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

C1 – Harry C for his excellent try at writing and concentrating on his letter formation.

C2 – Elise for making an effort with all her work, especially her writing.

C3 – Bella W for fantastic artwork, accurately mixing colours on her colour wheel.

C4 - Dougie for his infectious enthusiasm during the farm visit this week and his continued motivation for learning.

Infant cup - Joshua for his wonderful cooperative working with his partner.

Junior cup - Kaitlyn for her helpful and considerate nature, as well as her determination to improve and do the best work she can.

Phoenix tickets - Euan for an improving mature behaviour this week and showing much greater confidence and accuracy in his maths work.

Chester FC tickets - Verity for being a sensible member of the class and enjoying playing football outside of school.

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



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Thursday 7th Dec - Class 4 carol singing at The Old Rectory Nursing Home

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 Dec - 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 - **please wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt and bring £1 for our Christmas charity collection**

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

Thursday 18th Jan - Class 1 Farm Visit

Thursday 25th Jan - Class 2 Farm Visit

Wednesday 31st Jan - Year 1 Family Lunch

Thursday 1st Feb - Class 3 Farm Visit

Tuesday 6th Feb - Young Voices

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 continued to explore the meaning of Advent and we lit the second candle on our wreaths - the candle of peace. We also looked at the significance of light in the Christian faith. Without light, it would be very difficult to go about our daily lives. We would miss being able to have fun outside when it gets dark or travel to see friends and family. Without light, life could be isolating and lonely. Christians believe that Jesus is the Light of the World, meaning he is the ultimate source of light and life. He brings light to people's lives, giving them hope especially when things around them may feel dark and lonely. Light plays a significant part in other faiths too. We hope that each of us has someone who brings light into their lives wherever they may be on their own faith journey.

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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.**

Library Service Winter Mini Challenge

Following the success of Ready, Set, Read Summer Reading Challenge, the theme has been extended into the Winter Mini Challenge. With the holidays approaching, now is the time to encourage your children to tackle the holiday reading 'dip'. Join in at www.wintermini.org.uk from 1 December 2023. More information on the Challenge can be found on the website.

Cheshire Libraries will be busy over the Christmas period – for a list of events going on, see [Library events | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#).

No School Snack on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December

Please note that there will be no school snack on offer on Thursday 14th December as Helen will be preparing in excess of 80 Christmas dinners! Please ensure that your child brings a snack from home.

On Friday 15th December your child will need a snack and drink from home to take to the panto.

KS2 Carol Service—Tuesday 12th December

Your carol service ticket will be sent home this week. Please ensure your child is at church for **5.50pm**. School uniform is to be worn. Those parents who are not staying for the service are asked to return for **6.40pm**. The children in KS2 have been preparing for the service and it is an important part of our school calendar; we expect all children in KS2 to attend the service. Any family for whom this causes a problem is to contact school using contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk to discuss.

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 2nd February - Bingo and Banger

Friday 22nd March - Easter Fun Run

Friday 21st June - Quiz Night

Twitter

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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. The closing date for admissions is **Monday 15th January 2024**.