



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

11th 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*



Wishing everyone and their families a very, merry Christmas and all the best for the coming new year! I hope you enjoy time with family and friends as well as a few moments of peace amidst the festivities. Thank you to everyone for their continued support this 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](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)  
Mrs Green

## Celebrations!

### **Stars of the week**

C1 – Thomas for being an all round superstar, trying hard with teacher-led activities and some super maths.

C2 – Jessica for her positive attitude and winning smile!

C3 – Grace for being more involved in class discussions in maths and for working hard to improve her writing.

C4 - Sophie J for being increasingly confident and trying hard in her work, particularly maths this week.

**Infant cup** - Harry for showing a more mature attitude and showing he can make super good choices in the classroom.

**Junior cup** - Nora for always following our golden rules, being a super friend and always having a smile on her face.

**Chester FC tickets** - Riley F for some great dramatic facial expressions and increasing self-confidence. 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!

**Monday 11th Dec - Infant nativity dress rehearsal**

**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 Jan - INSET day (school closed for pupils)**

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

**w/c Monday 8th Jan - After-school clubs resume**

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

**Wednesday 6th Mar - Year 2 Family Lunch**

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

**Wednesday 13th Mar - Year 6 Family Lunch**

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

Fri 29th Mar - Fri 12th Apr - School closed for Easter holidays

**Wednesday 1st May - Year 5 Family Lunch**

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 lit the third candle on our Advent wreath - the candle of JOY (it is also the pink candle). During worship we have been thinking about hopeful waiting during this Advent season. We recognise that we can be hopeful for certain gifts to arrive but that there are many other things to be hopeful for such as having a good time with family and friends as well as peace within our local community and beyond. Thinking about our own behaviour and how that can affect the Christmas of those around us made us pause and consider others. Everyone reflected on how they might be able to bring the meaning of all four Advent candles to those around them during Advent - HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

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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. The Foodbank will be collecting our donations on Thursday 14th December. 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](http://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](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk) to discuss.

### Friends of Capenhurst

#### Facebook 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

Follow us on Twitter for class news and updates

**@CapenhurstCEPS**



### Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week or during the holidays: (11th Dec - 2nd Jan)



Harry G      Sid  
Daelan      Harry C      April      Pearl

### 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**.