



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

15th January 2024

*'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see'*  
*Hebrews 11:1*

*Christian Value - Faith*



We had a very busy first full week in school with the children and staff soon settling into the routines of school. We also welcomed four new families to school and the children in school have made them feel very welcome. There are lots of activities coming up over the next few weeks - please keep an eye on emails and messages so that you don't miss anything.

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 – Connie for an amazing return after the holidays, working really hard on her phonics and writing and being an all-round star.

C2 – Bella C for working hard in everything this week—what a superstar!

C3 – Joshua S for making a positive return to school and for impressing during our first swimming session.

C4 - Riley K for a positive start to school and adjusting well to new routines.

**Infant cup** - Freya J for always being a reliable and hard-working member of the class.

**Junior cup** - Jax for making a great start to the new school year in terms of concentration, motivation and behaviour.

**Chester FC tickets** - Seb for engaging well and enjoying his sessions with Ms McColl.

**Phoenix tickets** - Fletcher for great participation in our recent End Ball tournament.

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!

### **Wednesday 17th Jan - Reception Family Lunch**

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

### **Thursday 15th Feb - Class 1 Farm Visit - please note change of date**

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

**Mon 13th - Fri 17th May - KS2 SATS Week — NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE APPROVED DURING THIS WEEK!**

**Wednesday 22nd May - Year 4 Family Lunch**

**Mon 27th - Fri 31st May - School closed for half term break**

**Monday 3rd June - INSET day (school closed for pupils)**

**Monday 8th July - AmaSing Concert at Chester FC stadium (Classes 3 & 4)**

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 Lessons for Class 3

The children in Class 3 enjoyed their first swimming lesson last Tuesday. If you have not yet made payment for this half term, please do so via ParentMail as a matter of urgency. £30 was due on Tuesday 9th January and the remaining £25 on or before Tuesday 27th February. Thank you.

A reminder to arrive at school on time on Tuesday with swim wear underneath school uniform, as we will be leaving school at 9.00am promptly in order to arrive at EPSV on time. Please ensure your child brings underwear and a towel each Tuesday morning, and a snack from home if needed, as they may miss morning school break.

In worship this week...

...we have been exploring the idea of happiness coming from thinking about ourselves less and others more. Using the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) the children have heard about how it is important to create a culture that is defined by empathy and to look out for everyone, even if they may think of them as different to themselves. Exploring this through living an #unselfie life, we hope to develop a school community that is outward looking, celebrates diversity and is empathetic towards others. It is all part of exploring what faith means to each of us as individuals.

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School Meal Price Increase

We have been advised by Edsential, our school meal provider, that the price of a school dinner will be increasing by 27p from 1st April 2024. As a school, we will try to absorb some of that cost and therefore, the new price we will charge will be **£3.05 per meal from Monday 15th April**, after the Easter holidays. Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will still qualify for a universal infant free school meal.

Edsential are a non-profit community interest company and the price rise reflects inflationary increases across food and labour. We do appreciate your support of our school kitchen and it is due to our dinner numbers that we are able to continue to provide meals and snacks cooked on site.

If your financial circumstances have changed and you think that your child might be eligible for an income-based free school meal, I would encourage you to apply online with the Council at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals> Eligible children will also receive help towards the costs of school trips and residential.

Farm Visits

Our class farm visits resume next week - please see overleaf for dates and note that Class 1's trip has been rescheduled to Thursday 15th February.

On the morning of your child's class visit, your child will need to come to school in their PE kit, ensuring that he/she wears dark jogging bottoms (not shorts), due to the hay and long grass. Your child should wear a pair of trainers to school and bring a pair of wellies (preferable) or old trainers for the morning trip in a separate named bag. Your child will also need their school cardigan/jumper and a warm coat, scarf, hat and gloves. An extra/spare pair of socks would be a good idea to help keep feet warm!

Please can our new families complete the Local Visit Consent Form in ParentMail as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

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 **UHT Juice, instant mash, cream crackers, meat pastes, tinned meats/meat meals.**

Applying for school places

Parents with children in pre-school due to start school in September 2024 are reminded that **TODAY** is the deadline to apply for reception places online via the Council's website at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions) Applications received after **Monday 15th January** will be classed as late applications.

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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Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (15th—21st Jan)

JJ

Allie

Shay

Olaoluwa

