



Just a few more days and then it will be the Easter holidays - this term has flown by and we have crammed lots of activities into it again. I hope to see many of you at the Easter dash, hopefully on the field if not too wet. Footwear advice will be sent out by text after the field has been inspected on Wednesday. Children are to come to school in their PE kits on Thursday and won't need their school uniform.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break!

Mrs Green

Class 3 Residential

Class 3 spent a wonderful few days at the Conway Centre in Menai last week, accompanied by Mrs Bunting, Mrs Ritson, Mrs Forster and Mr Hartley. Year 3 enjoyed canoeing, indoor climbing, bushcraft and orienteering; Year 4 tried their hand at abseiling, canoeing, low ropes and zip wires and orienteering; Year 5 & 6 did mountain biking, went hiking near Lake Ogwen and had a go at tackling the Via Ferrata (which is a climbing activity). All of the instructors commented on how well behaved and polite all the children were and what a pleasure it was to work with them.

During the evenings, everyone had a great time doing the nightline (an obstacle course through the woods whilst blindfolded), having a campfire and toasting marshmallows and a disco. The highlight for many was 'Capenhurst's Got Talent 2018' which was more surreal than previous years! All the children slept really well and threw themselves into all of the activities with great enthusiasm.

The staff were busy tweeting photos of the children (those with permission); please have a look at them on twitter if you haven't done so already.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Thursday 29th March - Easter Dash on the field at 2.30pm including the announcement of the winners of the Reading Challenge. Entries were due today!

Thursday 29th March - School closes at 3.10pm for Easter holidays and Spring Break

Monday 16th April - Return to school for the Summer Term

Wednesday 18th April - Year 1 Family Lunch (please reply before 29/03/18)

Thursday 19th April - Cheshire Phoenix Hoops 4 Health roadshow for Class 3 (in school)

Friday 20th April - Class Photos and Leavers' Photos

Wednesday 25th April - Reception Family Lunch

Wednesday 2nd May - Year 2 Family Lunch

Thursday 3rd May - Forest School morning for Classes 1 & 2

Monday 7th May - School closed - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9th May - Year 3/4 Family Lunch

Week commencing Monday 14th May - SATs Week - no absences will be authorised during this week

Wednesday 23rd May - Year 5/6 Family Lunch

Friday 25th May - Sports for Champions

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June - Half Term Week

Monday 4th June - School closed - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th June - Starlight Clothing Collection (further details will be sent home closer to the time)

12th - 13th June - Beeston residential for Class 2 children

Wednesday 20th June - Art Exhibition and cake sale after school

Friday 22nd June - Ethos Group Conference for Years 3, 4 & 5 Ethos Group members

Thursday 28th June - Forest School morning for Classes 1 & 2

Friday 29th June - School closed - INSET Day

Tuesday 24th July - School closes for the summer holidays at 2pm

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.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for March (to date):

96.3%

Whole school attendance for the year to date is:

96.5%

Last week's best attendees:

Class 3

Reverend Steven Mansfield

The service last week went well and it was lovely to be able to welcome Steve to Capenhurst alongside the headteachers and communities of the other two parishes - Saughall and Mollington and Backford. He is visiting all three schools this week to meet the children and staff and will spend part of Monday afternoon at Capenhurst.





Friends of Capenhurst

Forthcoming Events:

- Thursday 29th March, 2.30pm - Easter Dash!
- Tuesday 17th April - Friends of Capenhurst meeting after school - all welcome, crèche available
- Friday 20th April, 7pm - Quiz
- Friday 18th May - Race Night (with community group) - see update below

Bonus Ball

This week's bonus ball was number 49 (24/03/18); there is no winner so the next draw after the Easter holidays will be a rollover. If you paid Mrs Osborne £10 just before Christmas, please pay a further £11 ASAP which will take you to the end of the summer term. There are still numbers available; to join, please see Mrs Osborne.

Jam jars

Please return to school this week in time for the Easter Dash.

Facebook Closed Group

A reminder to all parents and carers to join our Facebook group, **Friends of Capenhurst School (PTA)** for fundraising updates and general school event reminders. This 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.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

Capenhurst & Ledsham Parish Council have a vacancy for a parish clerk. The job description is available to view on our website and on the school noticeboard outside Class 2. For an application pack, please contact Jo Pemberton on 07834 829074. The closing date for applications is Monday 30th April and interviews will be held on Tuesday 8th May.

West Cheshire Foodbank

We are continuing to support the West Cheshire Foodbank this year. This week the Foodbank is particularly in need of **small jars of coffee, UHT juice, breakfast cereals (not porridge), toothpaste and soap**. If you would like to donate items there is a collection box by the back door, or alternatively items can be brought into the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



Fun Science

We have had an amazing response to this new club with 25 children wanting to take part. We did make enquiries about running another club after the May half term break, however Martin is fully booked for the rest of the summer term so this has not been possible. Texts have been sent to advise if your child has been allocated a place and for those who were not successful, payment has been returned. Martin will return in September and the ten children who were not allocated a place this coming half term will have first refusal.

Arriving Late at School

If for any reason your child arrives late at school in the morning, (after 8.50am) - or after all classes have already entered the building - please use the front door to bring them into school. Children should not be entering school using the doors to Classes 1 & 2 as this disrupts the start of the day. Anyone arriving after 9am should also be signed in by a parent or carer. These safeguarding measures are in place for the safety of all children and to ensure the smooth running of our school day. Thank you.

Star of the Week Badges

We only have a couple of badges left - if your child is not the current star of the week, please return the badge ASAP. Many thanks.

Old £10 Notes

Please note that the old £10 note ceased to be legal tender on 1st March. Any old £10 notes will now be returned and alternative payment requested. Thank you.

Community Group Race Night—18th May

Planning is underway for the community group race night in May. Last year's event was a great success and huge fun! We are looking for sponsors for each of the eight races (£30 per race); if anyone knows a local business owner who would be interested, please see Mrs Henson. We will also be selling horses for £3 per horse; there are 64 available. If you would like one, please see Mrs Henson or pop into the school office.

Letters that were sent home last week:

- Year 1 Family Lunch

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week or during the Spring Break:

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Lucy Galloway

Zac Forrester

Anna Fereday



Twitter

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