



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

9th September 2024

'This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvellous in our eyes' Psalm 118:23

Christian Value - Awe and Wonder



Welcome to the new school year to familiar families and new families alike.

I hope that everyone had a lovely break over the summer and found time to relax and enjoy time with their families. Thank you to everyone for their support last year, and for all your cards, gifts and messages - all much appreciated. This year we have new children joining in reception; we are looking forward to them becoming part of our school community very quickly.

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

The new term!

It was lovely to welcome everyone at the gate as we started our new school year on Wednesday last week. Just to remind everyone that the gate will be open at **8.40am** ready for children to arrive, with the **school day starting at 8.45am**. The new Attendance and Punctuality Policy was sent home to all families last week so that school is compliant with the new national guidelines introduced in August 2024. Please try to be on-time as this makes the starts of the day a smooth process for everyone. All children will be finishing school at **3.15pm** and will be dismissed onto the playground to be collected.

Please remember to send your child to school **wearing** their PE kit on **Mondays and Fridays**.

Snacks, drinks and lunchboxes need to be named to avoid any confusion. Please note we are a **nut-free school**. Please name all items of clothing.

In the classrooms, the children and staff have enjoyed catching up on news and this week sees the start of our full curriculum. There is information about it on the school website (www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk) using the curriculum tab.

School BBQ - Friday 27th September

We are putting together plans for our annual start-of-year BBQ where families and staff can get together to celebrate the start of the new school year and we can all welcome new families to our school community. It is a ticketed event and more information about this will be sent home separately using ParentMail. As well as a BBQ, there will be stalls and games organised by pupils in class 4 and members of Friends of Capenhurst. It is an informal, social occasion with some fundraising and it is held on the school playground. We aim to start about 3.30pm and it is typically finished before 5pm. We hope many of you are able to come along and join us, even if only for a short time, before heading off for the weekend.

Celebrations!

Our first Celebration Worship will take place on Friday 13th September in the village hall. It will start at 2.30pm. Families are invited to join us. Please be mindful that we are growing in terms of pupil numbers so space may be more limited than in previous years. Families will continue to receive notifications during Friday if their child is receiving a school award in Celebration Worship.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Monday 9th Sept - Reception children start their first full week at school

Tuesday 10th Sept - Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4

Wednesday 11th - Thursday 12th Sept - Bikeability Training for Year 6 children (dates have been set via ParentMail)

Monday 16th Sept - Clubs start after school this week - details will be sent home via ParentMail shortly

Friday 20th Sept - Whole school author visit and workshop

Thursday 26th Sept - Non-uniform day; please bring a bottle for the bottle tombola at the school BBQ

Friday 27th Sept - School photos - children should wear school polo shirt and jumper/cardigan with PE joggers and trainers

Friday 27th Sept - Whole school BBQ! A chance to get together informally at the end of the day. See overleaf for more details

Friday 25th October - INSET day. School closed to pupils.

Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov - School closed for half term holiday

Weds 6th and Thurs 7th Nov - Parents' Evenings (arrangements to be emailed nearer the time)

Tuesday 17th Dec - Whole school Panto trip to the Floral Pavilion (further details in due course)

Friday 20th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas at **1.30pm** for **ALL** pupils

Monday 6th Jan - School reopens for pupils for the Spring Term

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 listening to ourselves and knowing when to follow our heart and when to follow our minds - being HeartSmart. The Parable of the Sower is a Biblical representation of this. It shows that listening to our minds and being open to new ideas helps us to grow a strong heart so that we can make better decisions. The seeds that fell on good soil were able to grow and flourish in much the same way that we want all our children to be able to grow and flourish. Sometimes we will make the right choice, others times we may not. Each time we can be supported to reflect on and grow from the choices we make.

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4 on Tuesday 10th September. Your child will need to arrive at school on time with their swim wear underneath their 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.

Payment should be made via Parentmail as soon as possible, £38.50 by Tuesday 10th September and the remaining £38.50 on or before Tuesday 5th November. Thank you.

Year 6 Bikeability—11th & 12th Septemer

Year 6 families have been emailed separately via ParentMail to confirm the date your Year 6 child will be taking part in Bikeability this week (if applicable). Your child should wear dark jogging bottoms/leggings with their normal school uniform. Please remember your child's bike, a helmet, and clothes appropriate for the weather, eg gloves and a **raincoat**. Your child will only need their bike in school on the day that they are taking part, (see ParentMail).

School lunches and snacks

School lunches are available to order in the mornings at a cost of 3.05 for children in Classes 3 and 4. This is to be paid in advance using the ParentMail system. Children in Classes 1 and 2 are eligible for a daily universal free school meal if required. Details of our new menu was sent home via ParentMail this week and is available on the website [here](#).

If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be eligible to apply for a free school meal for your child/ren, please contact Cheshire West & Chester Council at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk, Schools & Education, then Free School Meals where you can apply on-line. If your eldest child receives a free school meal and you have a younger child who has just started in our reception class, you will need to apply for that child too. Thank you.

Snacks can be ordered daily or brought from home. Toast/bagel is 35p and bacon butty (Fridays only) is £1.05. These should be paid in advance via ParentMail.

If you send a packed lunch from home with food that requires cutlery - yoghurt, salad etc. - please remember to send the cutlery from home. Cutlery is not available in school for children to use with their home packed lunch.

A reminder to all that snacks and packed lunches should be **NUT FREE** as there are members of our school community with nut allergies. Please pay particular attention to cereal bars and avoid pesto, Nutella, peanut butter and other nut butters. 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 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, tinned meat, tinned veg/ tinned tomatoes, rice packets, biscuits and coffee.**

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.

Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday at the start of term: (1st - 15th September)

Finley

Harvey C



X (Twitter)

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