



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

4th November 2024

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.' Proverbs 3:5-6

Christian Value - Trust



I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break and has returned refreshed and ready for the coming half term. Parents' evening appointments have been sent home to families. If you have not received yours, please check the ParentMail app or contact the school office to check your appointment time. Email contact is preferred for this query so as to ensure the best response.

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.

Many thanks,
Mrs Green

Term-time holidays

A reminder to all families that time away from school for a holiday - however short the duration - is to be requested prior to taking the break. This is to ensure school complies with their responsibilities from a safeguarding and attendance perspective. It is also a matter of courtesy to inform school of a holiday type absence prior to taking the break and this includes the sending of an email or message whilst still away if your break overruns a school holiday. The form needed for this request is available on the school website [here](#) or from the school office (contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk).

School works better for everyone when there is honesty about absence from school. Your children get very excited about holidays with you and will find it very difficult not to share your plans with their friends and staff.

School are also very aware that whilst late returns from a planned holiday are sometimes unavoidable, this is not always the case. School staff also have to comply with the need to take holidays outside term-time and the impact this has on their time with their own families as well as the additional costs involved.

Your cooperation with the school attendance policy and procedures is much appreciated.

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Tuesday 5th Nov - Second hand clothing collection - please see details sent home with the children; please send clothing donations to school on Monday/Tuesday morning as we have no space to store. Thank you.

Wed 6th and Thurs 7th Nov - Parents' Evenings (appointments will be allocated this week)

Friday 8th Nov - Christmas Shoebox collection—please return shoeboxes before Friday if you would like to participate

Thursday 14th Nov - Class 1 Farm Visit

Wednesday 20th Nov - Class 2 Farm Visit

Wednesday 20th Nov - Year 6 Family Lunch

Thursday 28th Nov - Class 3 Farm Visit

Friday 29th Nov - Flu vaccinations for all pupils (nasal spray). Further details have been sent in ParentMail this morning.

Friday 29th Nov - Secret Santa (further details to follow shortly)

Wednesday 4th Dec - Year 5 Family Lunch

Thursday 5th Dec - Class 4 Farm Visit

Tuesday 10th Dec - Last swimming lesson for Class 4

Tuesday 10th Dec - KS2 Carol Service at 6pm

Wednesday 11th Dec - Nativity performance at 6pm

Thursday 12th Dec - Class 4 singing carols at The Old Rectory Nursing Home

Friday 13th Dec - Festive Fun Run in support of The Hospice (further details in due course)

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

Tuesday 7th Jan - Swimming lessons start for children in Class 3

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 want the children to know they are valued, one-in-a-million and loved. Through worship and reflection, we will be thinking about who we have in our lives that makes us feel safe, valued and loved as well as understanding that God is a God of love who created all to be loved by Him. We will also be sharing the story of the Prodigal Son and its message of family love.

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Family Lunches

We resume our family lunches this month, with Year 6 on 20th November and Year 5 on 4th December. Please complete the ParentMail form (**by Wednesday 6th November** for Year 6 families) to let us know if you will be attending.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Doreen visited us from Teams 4 U to tell us all about the Christmas shoeboxes that T4U deliver to children in Eastern Europe. The children were all given a leaflet to take home explaining how they can get involved. If you would like to fill a shoebox to help those less fortunate, please send it in to school by **Friday 8th November**. Additional leaflets are available from the school office.

Class 1 Farm Visit - Thursday 14th November

Class 1 will be making their next trip to the farm on Thursday 14th November for our forest school activities; the dates for each class trip to the farm for this half term are on the diary dates overleaf. The local visit consent form that you completed on ParentMail covers these trips.

A reminder that Class 1 children should wear their PE kit for their visit to the farm. Please ensure that dark, plain joggers/leggings are worn (not shorts) due to the long grass. Please bring **wellies** (ideally) or old trainers to change into. Spare socks would be useful in case of wet feet. Please apply insect spray (if required) to your child before school and remember to bring a **coat**, regardless of the weather.

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 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 **custard, crackers, meat paste, cup-a-soup and jams/spreads**.

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 this week: (4th-10th Nov)

None



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