



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

11th 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*



It was lovely to see many parents at Parents' Evening last week and I hope you enjoyed time to look through your child's books and see how they have settled into school.

Thank you to those families who filled and brought in a Christmas shoebox; they were collected on Friday and were much appreciated by Teams4U. We have lots of lovely activities planned for this half term, please keep an eye on the diary dates and reminders on ParentMail and the Facebook group.

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).

Many thanks,  
Mrs Green

## Celebrations

### **Stars of the week**

C1 – Maxx for his excellent attitude towards learning and working hard on his phonics

C2 – Harry for his excellent attitude to all his work.

C3 – Luke for excellent retention and application of Roman numerals in maths.

C4 – Fletcher for some great work in maths this week and increasing motivation to work to his full potential.

**Infant cup** - Amber for her all-round energy and enthusiasm in school.

**Junior cup** - Abigail Mc for being a happy and helpful member of our school community.

**Vauxhall FC tickets** - Euan for his enthusiasm and motivation to always do his best. .



The winning house was WATER! Congratulations to everyone in Water for their teamwork in earning the most house points during last week.

## Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

**Thursday 14th Nov - Class 1 Farm Visit**

**Friday 15th Nov - Children in Need coin trail**

Wednesday 20th Nov - Class 2 Farm Visit

Wednesday 20th Nov - Year 6 Family Lunch

**Tuesday 26th Nov - Year 6 Big Maths at Whitby High School (see ParentMail for further details)**

Thursday 28th Nov - Class 3 Farm Visit

Friday 29th Nov - Flu vaccinations for all pupils (nasal spray). Further details were sent in ParentMail last week; action required!

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

Wednesday 4th Dec - Year 5 Family Lunch

Thursday 5th Dec - Class 4 Farm Visit

**Friday 6th Dec - Christmas jumper swap shop after celebration worship (see overleaf for details)**

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)

**Friday 13th Dec - Christmas jumper swap shop after the fun run (see overleaf for details)**

Tuesday 17th Dec - Whole school Panto trip to the Floral Pavilion (see ParentMail for further details)

**Wednesday 18th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch**

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**

**Wednesday 8th Jan - Whole school trip to Chester Zoo (further details in due course)**

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.

## Family Lunches

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



### In worship this week...

...we have been focusing on Remembrance Day and what it means to us. The children were respectful and silent today during the 2-minute silence at 11am using the poppies in the tree at the front of school as a focal point for their thoughts. As well as the usual red poppies, there are white and purple poppies on display. White poppies stand for remembrance for all victims of war, both civilian and military, of all nationalities. They also represent a commitment to peace. The purple poppies are often worn to remember animals that have died in service, particularly horses. They also represent remembrance and hope. Service men and women were often given small Bibles to provide hope, solace and comfort during very difficult times.

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### Class 1 Farm Visit - Thursday 14th November

Class 1 will be making their next trip to the farm on Thursday 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 on Thursday 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.

### Children in Need - Friday 15th November

On Friday it is Children in Need Day. The Ethos Group have chosen to organise a **coin trail** to raise money for this valuable cause. They are asking that children and families bring coins (of all values but pounds and pence only) into school to be placed on a chalked trail in and around school. The coins will then be collected up, counted and sent to Children in Need.

It has been decided to avoid dressing up this year. There are a number of reasons for this. One is that we have left it a little late to expect people to put together an 'outfit'. Another is, it is PE on Fridays and some outfits aren't always the easiest to do PE in. Also, some children and families find dressing up/non-uniform days overwhelming and this can add to already hectic mornings. Finally, it avoids those children who may have forgotten or been unable to dress up from feeling left out. Thank you for your support with and understanding about this year's Children in Need events.

### 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.

### Clothing Collection

Thank you for your clothing donations last week. Together we collected 131kg of clothing for recycling and repurposing. We raised £85 for school and £46 for Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK.

### Christmas Jumper Day and Swap Shop!

We will be inviting the children to wear a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 18th December (the same day as Christmas lunch). They may wear one with their school uniform, or with a pair of jeans, leggings or joggers (no frilly skirts or party dresses please). As Christmas jumpers are only worn for a short period of time, and to discourage fast fashion and reduce landfill, we will be holding a Christmas jumper swap shop after celebration worship on Friday 6th December and after the fun run on Friday 13th December. Please bring along any Christmas jumpers your child has outgrown and you are welcome to swap them for another. We would also encourage you to take a donated jumper, even if you don't have one to swap. We are not asking for any money for this, we are simply trying to promote recycling and reduce waste.

### Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (11th-17th Nov)

Seth

Charlotte R



### X (Twitter)

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