



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

2nd December 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



This week we have started to embrace the joy of the Christmas season with the decorating of trees, opening of advent calendars, lighting the first candle on our advent wreaths and opening the Christmas Post Service. For Christmas lunch, children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper or similar. To help with this in terms of sustainability and affordability, we will be running a swap shop type stall on Friday 6th and 13th December. Everyone is invited to bring donations of jumpers etc, to be swapped with or collected by others for children to wear this festive season. You do not need to bring an item in order to collect an item from the table. This way everyone can take part, new jumpers need not be bought making the event more sustainable and affordable.

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

Celebrations

Stars of the week

C1 – Ronnie for trying really hard with his writing.

C2 – Thomas for his careful writing and super English work.

C3 – George for his excellent knowledge of states of matter in science.

C4 – Olivia O for her work on both short and long division over the last few weeks.

Infant cup - James B for always having a positive attitude to everything we do.

Junior cup - Bella W for being such a happy and enthusiastic member of our school community.

Cheshire Phoenix tickets - Georgia for being such a good friend and a positive role model to others, and Charlotte T for being a most helpful and caring member of the class.

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!

Tuesday 3rd Dec - No mindfulness club, participants have been notified via ParentMail

Wednesday 4th Dec - Year 5 Family Lunch

Thursday 5th Dec - Class 4 Farm Visit

Thursday 5th Dec - Singing Workshop at St Oswald's (pupils taking part have been notified via ParentMail)

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

Friday 6th Dec - All clubs now finished for the term; will resume in January

Sunday 8th Dec - Carols on the Green, 5pm, school uniform not required

Monday 9th Dec - Infant nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 10th Dec - Last swimming lesson for Class 4

Tuesday 10th Dec - KS2 Carol Service at 6pm

Wednesday 11th Dec - Nativity performance at 1.30pm & 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 - **please complete consent form in ParentMail**

Wednesday 22nd Jan - Year 4 Family Lunch

Wednesday 5th Feb - Year 3 Family Lunch

Monday 17th - Friday 21st Feb - School closed for half term break

Monday 24th Feb - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 26th Feb - Parents' Evening, 4-7pm (further details will follow in due course)

Thursday 27th Feb - Parents' Evening 4-7pm (further details will follow 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.



In worship this week...

...we lit our first Advent candle - the candle of Hope. Advent is a time of preparation. Not just the practicalities around the season of decorations, cards, gifts, food etc., but a time to be still and prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. A time to think about living in peace and hope with those around us and be ready to celebrate the wonder that is Christmas. Christians believe that God sent Jesus to Earth to offer all peace and hope. How will you live out His example during the Advent season as you prepare for Christmas?

***'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.'* Isaiah 9:2**

West Cheshire Foodbank - Reverse Advent Calendar

We welcome your on-going support in helping us to donate to the West Cheshire Foodbank. As we approach a special time in our Christian calendar, we remember the love and hope that Jesus Christ brought into our lives. We would like to share this time with those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, in each class we will have an advent box which we hope will be filled by our Capenhurst families. Instead of just thinking about receiving, we'd like to encourage the children to think of others in their time of need. We hope you will be able to support us with this advent challenge as best you can. We will be accepting donations from Monday 2nd December. Please see the accompanying page of this newsletter for more information. Thank you.



The Foodbank is particularly in need of **custard, meat pastes, UHT juices, UHT milk, small jars of coffee**

Class 4 Farm Visit - Thursday 5th December

Class 4 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 4 children should wear their PE kit on Thursday for their visit to the farm. Please ensure that dark, plain joggers/leggings are worn 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**..

KS2 Carol Service—Tuesday 10th December

Your carol service ticket will be sent home this week. Please ensure your child is at church for **5.50pm**. School uniform is to be worn. Those parents who are not staying for the service are asked to return for **6.40pm**. The children in KS2 have been preparing for the service and it is an important part of our school calendar; we expect all children in KS2 to attend the service. Any family for whom this causes a problem is to contact school using contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk to discuss.

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.

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.

Applying for school places

Parents with children in pre-school due to start school in September 2025 are reminded that you should now apply for reception places online via the Council's website at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for admissions is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (2nd - 8th Dec)

None



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