



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

9th 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*



It was lovely to see a busy table at the Lucky Dip and Christmas Jumper Swap Shop on Friday. The jumper swapping will take place again this Friday at the end of school - come along to bring or take a Christmas Jumper.

Last week, I had the pleasure of taking five children to join others from our small family of schools to 'Sing the Christmas Story'. It was a lovely way to mark the start of Advent. The children behaved well and sang beautifully, Sophia K also spoke clearly as she told her part of the story. Well done and thank you to the children who took part and their families who were able to come along and support.

Don't forget we have the Carol Service and Nativity this week - information has been shared, please check it.

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 – Amber for fantastic improvement and enthusiasm in her reading.

C2 – Bea for making fantastic choices.

C3 – Lucia for brilliant effort across all subjects, but particularly with her spellings.

C4 – Ella for enjoying her first few weeks back at Capenhurst, trying really hard with all her work and fitting in with the rest of Class 4 as if she's never been away!

**Infant cup** - Elise for being such a lovely and positive member of Class 2.

**Junior cup** - Alice P for being a happy, polite and enthusiastic member of our school community.

**Cheshire Phoenix tickets** - Sophie J for being so helpful with every aspect of school life.

**Chester FC tickets** - Vinnie for always trying hard.

**Vauxhall FC tickets** - Heidi SLW for impressing during football in PE.

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!

**All clubs have now finished for the term; clubs will resume in January, please book via ParentMail**

**Monday 9th Dec - Infant nativity dress rehearsal**

**Tuesday 10th Dec - Last swimming lesson for Class 4**

**Tuesday 10th Dec - KS2 Carol Service at 6pm, please meet at 5.50pm at church**

**Wednesday 11th Dec - Nativity performances at 1.30pm & 6pm; please ensure your child is back at school for 5.30pm**

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

**Friday 13th Dec - Festive Fun Run in support of The Hospice (sponsorship envelope has been sent home today)**

**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

**Thursday 23rd Jan - Class 1 Farm Trip**

**Thursday 30th Jan - Class 2 Farm Trip**

Wednesday 5th Feb - Year 3 Family Lunch

**Thursday 6th Feb - Class 3 Farm Trip**

**Thursday 13th Feb - Class 4 Farm Trip**

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 have been reflecting on the Lights of Christmas. During Advent, lights are used in many ways to brighten the darkness of the night and bring light into people's worlds. This use of light is there to remind those who believe that Jesus is the light of the world, where even the smallest glimmer can prevent the world being truly in darkness. During these darker, often gloomier days, we can be the person who brings light into someone's darkness bringing them hope, peace, love and joy. The second candle on the Advent wreath has also been lit. A symbol of peace for everyone. May you all find peace during these hectic times and that you have someone who brings light into your world.

***'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**

### KS2 Carol Service—Tuesday 10th December

Your carol service ticket was sent home last 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](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk) to discuss.

### 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**

### Festive Fun Run in aid of The Hospice

On Friday we will all be taking part in a festive fun-run in aid of The Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Further details have been sent home with this newsletter, along with a sponsorship form which was given to your child today. Alternatively, you can use our Just Giving link to sponsor your child [here](#). The children will all receive their own pair of festive boppers to wear to get into the festive spirit!

### Spring Term After-School Clubs

Spring term after-school clubs start on Monday 13th January. Please complete the ParentMail form, which will appear shortly, if your child would like to take part. Sports clubs, Minecraft (KS2 only) and fencing (Years 2-6) should be booked and paid for directly with the external providers. All teacher-led clubs incur a cost of £3.50 per week and you will be billed via ParentMail as appropriate.

### 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 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](http://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: (9th - 15th Dec)

None



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