



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

16th 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



Well, we've made it! This week is the last one before we break up for the Christmas holidays. Still a few events to enjoy together - the panto and Christmas lunch - but also a slightly quieter one than last week. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to our charity collection and also to everyone who has brought in items for the Reverse Advent. The Foodbank will be out later this week to collect our donations and we will be sending off the monies raised to the Children's Air Ambulance and Holy Trinity Church.

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

A Christmas Message

Thank you to our school community for all you have done this term, for each other and for the wider community. The strong family we have built together is what makes Capenhurst such a lovely place for the children to be. As with all families, there have been hiccups and niggles along the way but we know that there will be someone there to support them whenever they need it.

We have just a week together to enjoy the last few bits of Christmas chaos and festivities - I'm sure there will be more tinsel, tears and possibly a few tantrums along the way (and that's just from me and the staff!).

I would like to wish you all a Christmas that is filled with joy and that you find time to enjoy a few moments of peace.

Take care of yourselves and each other,
Mrs Green



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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**

Monday 13th Jan - After-school clubs start this week; please book via ParentMail/with the provider ASAP

Wednesday 22nd Jan - Year 4 Family Lunch

Thursday 21st Jan - Class 1 Farm Trip - please note change of date

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)

Wednesday 5th Mar - Year 2 Family Lunch

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th Mar - KS2 Conway Centre residential

Wednesday 26th Mar - Year 1 Family Lunch

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.

Pantomime - Tuesday 17th December

We will be visiting the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton for our annual trip to the pantomime tomorrow. The children should wear school uniform as normal for the trip. They may take with them a small healthy snack (in disposal packaging) and a carton of juice/bottle of water.

The coaches will leave school promptly at **9.00am** for us to arrive and be seated for the 10.00am performance. We will return to school at approximately 1.15pm for a late lunch. There will be no hot meals on this day due to the later lunchtime. Your child should bring a packed lunch if they have not pre-ordered one from school. School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.



In worship this week...

...we have been thinking about how challenging it can be to have to wait for something. During the season of Advent, people are waiting for Christmas Day when they can celebrate with family and mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus. Today we lit our third candle on our Advent wreaths. This candle is the pink one and is the candle of Joy. Christmas is a joyful time for many but we also thought about how we could bring joy to those who may be feeling lonely or left out.

During this Christmas season, I hope you and your families are able to share moments of joy together and also share some of your joy with others in need.

***'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**

Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18th December (no school snack!)

We would like to invite 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 Helen will be cooking in excess of 80 meals on Wednesday, please note that there will be no school snack on this day. Your child should bring a healthy snack from home if they would like one at morning break. No nuts please.

Christmas Charity Collections

Thank you for your generous donations to our Christmas charity collections at the carol concert and the nativity performances. Together we raised £145 for the Children's Air Ambulance and £75 for Holy Trinity Church.

Our festive fun run has so far raised in excess of £700 for The Hospice, through cash sponsorship and our online Just Giving page, which is an incredible amount. Thank you once again for your support and generosity.

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.

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 **tinned custard, UHT juices, UHT milk, small jars of coffee and small boxes of tea bags.**

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 or during the holidays:
(16th Dec - 5th Jan)



Sid Harry

April

Pearl

Christmas Eve Crib Service

3pm@Holy Trinity Church, Capenhurst & 5pm@ St Oswalds' Church, Backford

You are invited to dress up as a nativity character or animal to help us tell the Christmas story!



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