



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th January 2025

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.' Philippians 4:4

Christian Value - Celebration



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break and managed to spend time with family and friends. Thank you to everyone for their patience this morning with the snowy weather and unpleasant travel conditions. Should the weather continue to be snowy at any point over the remainder of this term, please keep an eye out for updates about school that will be sent via ParentMail.

Thankfully, the weather looks to be bright but chilly for our trip to the zoo on Wednesday.

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 big thank you to everyone for their kind gifts and cards shared with the staff for Christmas. We are all very grateful and appreciate the thought and kindness that you show when writing your cards and choosing gifts. As a staff we enjoy sharing the food items with each other during the school day.

Mrs Auld will be sending a reminder about the zoo trip this Wednesday with prompts about sensible clothing choices and lunch arrangements. Please read the email carefully to avoid any confusion about the trip and these arrangements. The day looks to be a busy one with Mrs Hayward having organised activities for the children to enjoy that follow on from the workshops that the zoo staff have delivered in school already.

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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

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

Friday 14th Feb - After-school clubs finish until Monday 10th Feb

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

Monday 10th Mar - After-school clubs resume for the second half of Spring Term

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

Wednesday 26th Mar - Year 1 Family Lunch

Monday 4th Apr - Tuesday 22nd Apr - School closed for Spring Break

Wednesday 23rd Apr - School reopens to pupils for the Summer Term

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.

Swimming Lessons for Class 3

Swimming lessons start for children in Class 3 on Tuesday 7th January. Your child will need to arrive at school on time with their swim wear underneath their school uniform as we will be leaving school at 9.00am promptly in order to arrive at EPSV on time. Please ensure your child brings underwear and a towel each Tuesday morning, and a snack from home if needed, as they may miss morning school break.

Payment should be made via Parentmail as soon as possible, £33 by Tuesday 7th January and the remaining £33 on or before Tuesday 25th February. Thank you.

Change to the Menu - Thursday 9th January

The menu on Thursday 9th January will be roast gammon (not BBQ chicken).

In worship this week...

...we learnt about the festival Epiphany which is the celebration of the visit from the Wise Men to Jesus to celebrate His birth. Jesus had many visitors from different parts of society. The Wise Men were Gentiles, the shepherds were Jews. At the time of Jesus' birth these two different groups never mixed. The word Epiphany has two meanings - the festival celebrating the visit of the wise men and a sudden and inspiring revelation. It comes from the Greek word - to make known. The birth of Jesus was God's way of making Jesus known to the world and also His plans for the world. Bringing together two different parts of society showed God's desire to know and love everyone. This welcoming nature is one that we encourage the children to have and to be open to knowing people from all parts of society and the wider world.

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Spring Term After-School Clubs

Spring term after-school clubs start on Monday 13th January. Please complete the ParentMail form, as soon as possible, 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 before Monday 13th January. All teacher-led clubs incur a cost of £3.50 per week and you will be billed via ParentMail as appropriate. Please pay half termly in advance.

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**.

Chester Zoo Trip - Wednesday 8th January

The whole school will be visiting the zoo on Wednesday and we will be outside for most, if not all, of the day. It is forecast to be dry, but cold. Your child should wear school uniform with warm, black joggers/leggings and trainers for the trip. Please ensure that your child wears their **red** school jumper/cardigan and brings a warm coat and a hat. The coaches will leave school promptly at **9.30am**. We will return to school in time for the end of the school day at 3:15pm.

Your child should bring a packed lunch if you have not pre-ordered one from school. Your child should also bring a drink and a small snack.

Every child will need a **small rucksack or drawstring bag** which they will be expected to carry themselves with their lunch. If you have not ordered a school packed lunch, please ensure that all lunch packaging is disposable. Lunch boxes are not required as they are unnecessarily weighty.

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 **UHT milk, UHT juices, breakfast bars, pudding/desserts, jams and spreads**.

Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (6th - 12th Jan)

Alexandra

Flynn

Verity

Bella C

X (Twitter)

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