



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th January 2015



Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable break and the children are ready for the return to school. This term the whole school theme is 'Land, Sea and Sky' with the teachers planning lots of exciting activities to engage and interest the children. Letters and topic webs will be sent home this week.

If you have any questions or queries about school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Mrs Green

Sharing assembly

Sharing assembly will be held on Friday as usual.

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

Class 1: Milla Evans for a great positive attitude to school

Class 2: Amberley Orriss for trying hard with everything that she does

Class 3: Will Guest for improved effort with his homework and classwork

Class 4: Hannah Booth for good team work and leadership skills during Christmas cooking

The Infant cup was awarded to Daniel Durband for excellent all round progress since throughout the whole term. The Junior cup was awarded to Gracjan Kucharek for great contributions during the Christmas week and for always being polite.

There were 57 children who remained on Green for the entire half term and it was pleasing to see the whole school remain on Green for the final week of the term. Well done to everyone who shared their news and achievements in assembly during the last week of term.



Dates for your calendars

Monday 12th January - Class 3 begin their swimming lessons, please see earlier letter for details

Wednesday 21st January - Life Caravan visits school. Each class will spend time learning about the body, medicines and how to make sensible lifestyle choices

Friday 23rd January - Netball tournament

Friday 30th January - Netball tournament

Monday 16th February - Half term week begins

Monday 23rd February - School re-opens

Tuesday 24th February - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25th February - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 4th March - Choir at Young Voices Concert at the Phones4U Arena in Manchester

Friday 13th March - Red Nose Day

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th March - Conway Centre residential for Classes 3 and 4

Thursday 2nd April - School closes for Easter break

Monday 20th April - School re-opens

w/c 11th May - KS SATs for Y6 pupils. No holidays will be approved during this week.

Further dates, events and details will be sent home as they become available.

Christmas fundraising

A grand total of £306.60 was raised during the various raffles and stalls following the Nativity and Carol Service. The sale of the 'Christmas with the Aliens' DVDs raised an additional £131.00. Thank you to everyone who supported these activities.

We were able to donate £133.70 to Claire House Hospice as a result of collections following the Nativity and Carol Service and £37.65 to Holy Trinity Church when the collection after the Carol Service was divided. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these collections.

Class 3 Swimming Lessons

Please be aware that we have had to cancel the swimming lesson on Monday 23rd March as Class 3 will be on their residential at the Conway Centre. Consequently, those of you who have already paid for swimming transport in full will be entitled to a reimbursement. Please speak to Mrs Auld in the office to arrange this. For families yet to pay, the revised cost is £45:00 (or £4:50 per week). Apologies for any confusion.



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Staffing at Capenhurst

Catering services are in the process of recruiting a replacement for Mrs Cadman. We have an interim cook - Miss Donna Sims - who will be preparing and cooking school lunches for the remainder of this week. I shall inform you of the permanent replacement as soon as I am able.

Recruitment of a replacement for Mrs Wilson has started and I shall keep you informed of the outcome as soon as I am able.

As you are aware we are part of the Schools Direct Initial Teacher Training programme with other local schools. Miss Bird will be starting her alternate placement at William Stockton Primary School on Monday 12th January and Miss Isobel Morrison will be joining Mrs Ritson and Class 3 on the same day for her alternate placement. Mrs Ritson has included details about her role in her letter outlining events and topics in Class 3. Miss Bird will be returning to Capenhurst for the summer term.

KS2 Residential

All pupils in Classes 3 and 4 will be bringing home a letter with the details of the forthcoming residential at the Conway Centre, Anglesey. The residential commences on Monday 23rd March with pupils returning on Wednesday 25th March. This is an exciting opportunity for all pupils to take part in outdoor and adventurous activities supervised and developed by expert tutors and course leaders as well as school staff. For those pupils who would prefer not take part, attendance at school as normal is expected and work will be set for them by their teachers. If costs make attendance difficult, please speak in confidence to a member of staff so that payment options can be discussed and agreed. Look out for the letter that will be sent home by Mrs Ritson and Mrs Bunting.

Instrumental tuition - Class 4

The children in Class 4 will be taking part in a 10 week instrumental tuition programme starting on Thursday 15th January. This will be at no additional cost to parents for the 10 week whole class sessions. The children will be learning to play either flute or clarinet, which will be provided free of charge (funded by Musical Routes Music Education Hub) to school for the children to use during these lessons. The children will be taught by a peripatetic music teacher - Mr Ged Barry - employed by QLP, the advisory team from the local authority. A short meeting will be arranged with parents prior to the instruments being taken home, the date will be agreed with Mr Barry when he visits school on Thursday 8th January to meet with Mrs Bunting. This is an exciting opportunity that it is hoped the children will enjoy. The possibility of further tuition after the initial 10 week programme will be explained later this term.

Letters that have been sent home

The following letters were sent home before the end of last term. Please ask in the school office if you have missed one of them or check the school website for a copy.

Premier Sports after school activities - all classes

Swimming Lessons - Class 3

Outstanding Dinner/Snack Money

Just a reminder that dinner/snack money should be paid in advance. Please check book bags this week for outstanding dinner/snack money bills. Please ensure that any debt from last term is cleared this week. Don't forget to include any meals/snacks your child(ren) will be having this week. The cost of a school dinner is £2.15 (for juniors); toast is 30p and a bacon butty is 60p. Thank you.

School Uniform Ordering

If you need to order any school uniform from our supplier and wish to take advantage of the free postal service to school, the cut-off date for orders this term is Tuesday 3rd February, for delivery after half term.

Reception 2015

If you have a child due to start school in September 2015, please note that the closing date for applications is Thursday 15th January. For further information and to apply for a reception place, please visit the Council's website at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week:

Joe Powell