



Just a reminder that our school day starts at 8.50am. The gate is open from 8.30am and a member of staff will be on the yard from 8.40am. Please can parents make sure that there is a member of staff on the yard before leaving children unsupervised. We have also been made aware of a couple of incidents of parents/carers parking inconsiderately across a neighbour's drive. We have details of car make, model and number plates which we will follow up should this keep happening. Please do be considerate of our neighbours and observe the highway code when parking along Capenhurst Lane. Thank you. As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school.
Mrs Green

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

Class 1: Nora C for improvements in her attitude and enthusiasm for focused activities.

Class 2: Sophia K for working extremely hard and being enthusiastic in all areas of the curriculum.

Class 3: Jack O for some fantastic sewing this week and generally working well across the curriculum.

Class 4: Freya W for working really hard with her maths.

The Infant cup was awarded to Penelope S for her enthusiasm and participation during Nativity singing. The Junior cup was awarded to Amelia R for being more focused and persevering with her work.

Chester FC Tickets were awarded to Finley F for his hard work and enthusiasm in PE.

Well done to everyone who shared their news and achievements in assembly last week.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Friday 29th Nov - Last chance to bring your Christmas shoebox to school!

Friday 29th Nov - Class 4 Trip to London and the Houses of Parliament

Friday 29th Nov - There will be no sharing assembly today

Friday 6th Dec - Big Maths (Class 4), further details will follow in due course

Saturday 7th Dec - Community Group Children's Christmas Party in the village hall, 3-5pm

Monday 9th Dec - Class 1 & 2 Nativity at 1.30pm

Tuesday 10th Dec - Class 1 & 2 Nativity at 6pm

Thursday 12th Dec - Learning Together Morning; parents welcome to join us in school to make Christingles

Thursday 12th Dec - Christingle Service at 2pm at Holy Trinity

Friday 13th Dec - Christmas jumper day (non-uniform) - in exchange for a bottle for our tombola

Friday 13th Dec - Secret Santa (further details in due course)

Monday 16th Dec - KS2 Carol Service at 6pm at Holy Trinity

Wednesday 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th Dec - Whole school panto trip to the Floral Pavilion, New Brighton

Friday 20th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas at **2pm**

Monday 6th Jan - School reopens for the Spring Term

Wednesday 22nd Jan - Reception Family Lunch

Wednesday 29th Jan - Young Voices

Wednesday 5th Feb - Year 5 Family Lunch

Wednesday 12th Feb - Year 3 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.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for November (to date) is:

95.4%

Whole school attendance for the year to date is:

96.4%

Last week's best attendees:

Class 2

Voices of Advent (@abyyouthtrust)

The Christmas story is a familiar one, but what can it teach us about how we can "be the change we want to see?" During our advent collective worships and in class, we will be using the Voices of Advent resources from the Archbishop of York Youth Trust to challenge ourselves to respond to the story of Christmas in practical ways. Each week we will hear the voice of a different character from the Christmas story and see how they can inspire us to reach out to others this advent.

This week we have been listening to the voice of the innkeeper who showed kindness to Mary and Joseph, taking them in when they had nowhere else to stay. Homelessness is a rising problem in the UK with an estimated 60,000 families or households affected. We can reach out to the homeless by starting our 'Giving Advent' (more info over the page).

Lord, bring hope and comfort to people who don't have a home this advent. Give us courage to help others in practical ways. Amen.



Friends of Capenhurst

Forthcoming Events:

- **Friday 13th Dec - Secret Santa**
- **Friday 13th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Monday 16th Dec - Christmas Fayre**
- **Thursday 23rd Jan - Starlight Clothing Collection**
- **Thursday 23rd April - Starlight Clothing Collection**

Bingo & Bangers - Thank you for supporting our event on Friday afternoon; we raised just short of £300 which is fantastic!

Secret Santa - children will have the opportunity to buy gifts for family and friends. Each gift will cost £2.50. Money is to be brought into school in an envelope with your child's name **and** the names of the people your child is buying for. This activity will **only** take place on Friday 13th December and is open to all children across school. Donations of unwanted, unused items are welcome. Please speak with school staff or a member of Friends of Capenhurst for more information.

Christmas Jumper Day - children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt in return for the donation of a bottle for the tombola that will take place as part of a small Christmas Fayre on Monday 16th December.

Christmas Fayre - there will be a small Christmas Fayre following the KS2 Carol Service on Monday 16th December. All families are invited to join us at school for the Fayre where there will be refreshments, a tombola, raffle and biscuit decorating. We will be back in school after the service from 6.45pm and look forward to seeing many of you at the Fayre.

Bonus Ball - Congratulations to Danielle Marsden (Aeryn) (number 31) whose ball was drawn on Saturday 23rd November!

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.

Infant Nativity

Nativity costume requests were sent by ParentMail last week for children in Classes 1 & 2. Please bring costumes to school in a named carrier bag before **Friday 29th November**.

There are also two forms for you to complete in ParentMail to provide consent for filming (response required by **Friday 29th November**) and to request your tickets for the nativity (response required ASAP but by **Monday 2nd December** at the latest). Please ensure that these forms are completed as soon as possible, thank you.

London Trip - Class 4

The children in Class 4 are very excited about their trip to the London this week. They should be at **Chester Train Station no later than 7.20am** on Friday. They will need a waterproof coat and a small rucksack to carry their packed tea, as well as a few snacks and drinks for on the train. School uniform should be worn, not forgetting school jumper or cardigan, with a pair of sensible shoes. The train is scheduled to **return to Chester at 10.11pm**. Please collect your child from Chester Station at this time. Please ensure that you have paid for this trip in full on ParentMail. Thank you.

Christmas Shoeboxes

If anyone would still like to fill a Christmas shoebox - as per the leaflet that the children brought home before the half term break - the last chance to bring them to school is **9am on Friday 29th November**. If anyone misses our collection, they can also be taken to church (Holy Trinity) on Sunday 1st December.

West Cheshire Foodbank

We will continue to support the West Cheshire Foodbank this year. This week the Foodbank is particularly in need of **instant coffee, long life fruit juice, pasta/curry sauces, instant custard, instant pasta, treats (small chocolate bars/sweets), instant mash**. If you would like to donate items there is a collection box by the back door, or alternatively items can be brought into the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



Applying for school places

Parents with pre-school children due to start school in September 2020 are reminded that you are able to apply for reception places online via the Council's website at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions

We would welcome your help in publicising our school to friends and neighbours who might be interested in joining us and an appointment can be made for them to visit school. The closing date for primary school admissions is January 15th 2020.



Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a this week:

Skye M Elsa Y
 Amelia R Francesca S



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