



Thank you to everyone who has already brought donations for our 'Giving Advent'. The staff in class 1 have been particularly touched by one pupil putting their crisps (brought as a snack) in the box each day. Please contribute items of non-perishable food, toiletries, toilet roll and nappies to the boxes in each classroom so that we can give generously to those in need this advent. We are proud to be a giving school with the compassion to help those in need in our local community. There will be regular updates in our twitter feed for you to follow.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school.  
Mrs Green

### Class 4 in London on Friday!

I would like to praise the children for their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour during the trip to London on Friday. They conducted themselves very well throughout the day and asked so many sensible questions of the various people that they met from an employee of the royal household outside Buckingham Palace to the tour guide at the Houses of Parliament. Both were impressed at the children's level of knowledge and the considered questions that they asked.

Thank you to the parents for the trust they maintained in the staff and I during an anxious afternoon when the news broke of the incident on London Bridge - your children were unaware and able to enjoy the rest of their trip as the staff continued to be calm whilst ensuring that everyone remained safe.

A big thank you to Mrs Ritson, Mrs Wilbraham and Mrs Arkell for giving generously of their time to take the children on the trip and to staff back at school for keeping in touch throughout providing that essential link between home and school.

I hope the children were able to share their enthusiasm for the trip once they had had a big rest!

### Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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

**Friday 6th Dec - Nativity dress rehearsal**

**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 (**see overleaf**)

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 overleaf**)

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

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st Feb - Half term (school closed)**

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 is:

**96.0%**

Whole school  
attendance for the  
year to date is:

**96.5%**

Last week's best  
attendees:

**Class 4  
(100%)**

### Voices of Advent (@abyouthtrust)

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 are continuing to use 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.

This week we have been listening to the voice of **Mary** who played such an important part in the coming of Jesus into the world. There is something special about the fact that God chose to come to earth as a baby. When Jesus became an adult he cared a lot about **children**. There were 4.1 million children living in poverty in the U.K. in 2017/18. That's 30% of children! We can reach out to the children and their families living in poverty by bringing donations for the foodbank as part our '**Giving Advent**' (see above and 4th page). Thank you to those families who filled a Christmas Shoebox for vulnerable children overseas.

**Lord, thank you for the gift of Jesus who cares for all children. Bring protection and safety to children in need this advent. 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**

**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 the week before last for children in Classes 1 & 2. Costumes should by now have been brought to school in a named carrier bag. If you have not yet sent your child's costume in to school, please do so **tomorrow**, Tuesday 3rd December, at the latest.

Nativity tickets have all been sent home - please check your child's book bag if they have not yet handed them to you. There are now no additional tickets available for the evening performance.

## Learning Together Morning & Christingle Service - Thursday 12th December

During the morning, parents and families are invited to join their children to make Christingle oranges ready for the service in the afternoon. We will be making the oranges from 9-10am and the service starts at 2pm at church. Please meet us at school at 1.55pm, when we will walk to church and you and your children can sit together and enjoy the service as a family. You are welcome to join us for both or either event.

## Panto

Information about this year's Panto was sent home via ParentMail last week. Payment should be made via ParentMail, along with completing the FORM to give consent to the trip as well as your child's lunch preferences by **Friday 13th December at the latest** so that sufficient sandwich fillings and other lunch items can be ordered to enable Helen to cater accordingly.

## 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](http://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.**

## 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.



## After-school clubs

Please note that due to an unforeseen meeting, **Minecraft club is cancelled on Thursday 12th December**. This means the last Minecraft club of the term will be this Thursday 5th December. Apologies for any inconvenience.

All other after-school clubs will finish on Friday 13th December. There will be no after-school clubs during the week commencing Monday 16th December. Details of next term's after-school clubs will be sent home in due course.



Twitter

Follow us on Twitter for class news and updates

**@CapenhurstCEPS**



# Christmas LUNCH

**on: Wednesday 18th December**



**Roast Turkey & Chipolata Sausage  
Or Quorn Fillet (Vegetarian Option)  
Or Rosemary & Red Onion Sausage  
(Vegan)**

**Served with Roast & Mashed Potatoes  
Fresh Vegetables, Stuffing & Gravy**

**Homemade Festive Biscuit  
Fresh Fruit Platter**

**Juice, Milk or Water**

**Please order by 6th December via  
ParentMail Forms if you have not  
already done so. Thank you.**



# ADVENT CALENDAR



**December 2019**

During this month please try to put one item each day into your own collection box.

<b>01</b> Rice Pudding	<b>02</b> Coffee	<b>03</b> Tinned Soup	<b>04</b> Tinned Fish
<b>05</b> Pasta	<b>06</b> Shampoo	<b>07</b> Tinned Meat	<b>08</b> Toothbrushes
<b>09</b> Tinned vegetables	<b>10</b> Nappies Size 5	<b>11</b> Rice	<b>12</b> Jam
<b>13</b> Tinned Fruit	<b>14</b> Toilet Paper	<b>15</b> Soap	<b>16</b> Deodorant
<b>17</b> Biscuits	<b>18</b> Shower Gel	<b>19</b> Instant Mash	<b>20</b> Hot Chocolate
<b>21</b> Long Life Milk	<b>22</b> Tinned Custard	<b>23</b> Washing Powder Tablets	<b>24</b> Tinned tomatoes
<b>25</b> Pasta Sauce	<b>26</b> Toothpaste	<b>27</b> Tinned Sponge Pudding	<b>28</b> Packet Soup
<b>29</b> Squash	<b>30</b> Washing up Liquid		