



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

9th December 2019



The infants are very excited about their nativity performances this week. We have returned to the simple telling of the traditional nativity story and hope that everybody who comes along enjoys hearing the story of Christmas.

A big thank you to the community group for organising the Christmas party on Saturday - by all accounts the children had a wonderful time.

Don't forget it is Christmas jumper day on Friday - please bring a bottle for the tombola.

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: Verity C for her hard work learning to read.

Class 2: Leighton B for trying really hard in maths and reading.

Class 3: Lexi E for great all-round effort in everything she does, particularly with some lovely, detailed writing this week.

Class 4: Elena G for her impressive understanding of fractions.

The Infant cup was awarded to Sophia M for trying really hard in her independent write and for always trying to follow class instructions. The Junior cup was awarded to Lucy B for her positive attitude to all aspects of school. Well done to everyone who shared their news and achievements in assembly last week.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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
December (to date) is:

97.7%

Whole school
attendance for the
year to date is:

96.6%

Last week's best
attendees:

Class 4

(100%)

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 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 **the shepherds** who were the first people to visit Jesus after he was born. Back then, shepherds were viewed as outcasts and considered as less than other people. Jesus looked out for those that society rejected and welcomed the least, the last and the lost. In society today there are many people on the fringes who are sometimes treated as outcasts or often forgotten. Often Christmas is a lonely time for these people. How can you reach out to forgotten people this Advent? Perhaps send a card to a neighbour or share a smile with people you meet.

Lord, thank you for your love. Help us to love all other people as you have loved us. Give us courage to show kindness to people that others overlook. Amen.

Panto

Information about this year's Panto was sent home via ParentMail. 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.

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 Jemma Baker (number 51) whose ball was drawn on Saturday 30th November! This week's draw on Saturday 7th December was number 39 which gives us our first rollover.

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.

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.

Carol Service and Christmas Fayre

ALL junior children need to be back at school before 5.45pm on Monday 16th December. Full school uniform is to be worn. Parents are to make their way to church; please remember your tickets. Everyone is then invited to join us for the Christmas Fayre back at school from 6.45pm onwards.

After-school clubs

Please note that due to an unforeseen meeting, **Minecraft club is cancelled this week on Thursday 12th December**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

All after-school clubs finish this week 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.

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.**

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, instant custard, tinned puddings, cup a soup, jams and spreads, and 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.

Christmas at Holy Trinity

Hear the gospel message and share the Good News of Jesus the Light of the World

Crib Service Monday 23rd December, 5pm

Option to dress up as your favourite a nativity character

Christmas Eve Candlelit Communion, 9.00pm**Christmas Day Communion, 11.15am**

'Show and tell' your favourite present

Additional options:

Silver Brass Band - Readings and Carols Sunday 22nd December, 6.30pm at All Saints, Saughall

Regular Weekly Sunday service is always at 11.15am



Twitter

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ADVENT CALENDAR



December 2019

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

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