



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

16th March 2015



We are very proud of our School Council and the way in which they work with Mrs Jones to ensure that the pupil voice is heard at Capenhurst. Through their regular meetings they are able to put forward suggestions and share ideas from their peers; they also take the lead on charity fundraising ideas. They have their own section on the website under the 'About our School' tab on the home page (www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk). Updates from the council meetings will appear within this section.

Many thanks,
Mrs Green

Sharing assembly

Sharing assembly will take place on Friday at the usual time of 2.40pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

Celebrations!

Stars of the week

Class 1: Daisy Dowdeswell for her fantastic Literacy and Maths work

Class 2: Ana Rahim for good effort in Literacy

Class 3: Layla Orriss for her amazing use of similes in her writing

Class 4: Hannah Booth for a great week on statistics and much improved work in all areas of the curriculum

The Infant cup was awarded to Thomas Ikin for much improved attitude to school and working hard when asked to. The Junior cup was awarded to Ewan McGinn for a fantastic attitude to all his work and making great progress with his mental maths.

Congratulations to everyone who remained on GREEN all week.

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



Dates for your calendars

Wednesday 18th March - Family lunch for Class 4

Thursday 19th March - Friends of Capenhurst meeting

Friday 20th March - 'Learning Together' based around practical maths and problem solving. An opportunity for you to take part in a maths lesson alongside your child.

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

Friday 27th March - Non-uniform day with contributions for the chocolate tombola

Wednesday 1st April - End of term service at Holy Trinity Church. Families are welcome to join us for this service which will start at 11.30am

Thursday 2nd April - Music recital during sharing assembly

Thursday 2nd April - Chocolate tombola before and after sharing assembly

Thursday 2nd April - School closes for the Easter break

Monday 20th April - School re-opens

Friday 24th April - Class photos and leavers' photos

Wednesday 29th April - Family lunch for Class 1

Wednesday 6th May - Family lunch for Class 2

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

Friday 22nd May - Visit from Adrian Derbyshire, Great Britain Paralympic Athlete - families are invited to join us for sharing assembly at the earlier time of 9:10am

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

Red Nose Day!

I'm sure you'll agree that school was a very colourful place to be on Friday with children and staff wearing pyjamas and wacky hair to raise money for Comic Relief. The children and staff in Classes 3 and 4 entertained parents and families at the end of the day singing and dancing along to the Comic Relief song. With contributions for wearing pyjamas and those made to the collection during the singing and dancing at the end of the day, we raised £103.95 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the collection.



Attendance update

Attendance at school is vital if children are to make the most of the exciting teaching and learning opportunities that staff plan and deliver every day. Current attendance figures are 95.8% which is in line with national expectations. At school we understand that children can be unwell and there are times when staying at home is vital to their recovery. As a school we are judged on our attendance and the actions we take to encourage good attendance at school. At Capenhurst we do this through dialogue with home when children are unwell and through rewarding classes with the best attendance each week. When children are absent from school they miss out on steps in their learning that can be difficult to make up; prolonged absence may mean that larger chunks of learning are missed. We aim to work with all our families to encourage and develop good attendance habits in all our pupils so that they realise the importance of being in school and get into good habits for later life.

Your continued support with this is much appreciated. If you have any comments or suggestions about further ways that we can encourage good attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Learning Together sessions

The next curriculum based 'Learning Together' session will be on Friday 20th March from 9:00 - 10:15am. This session will have a mathematical focus with the teachers planning practical and problem solving activities where the children (and you) will be asked to apply their mathematical knowledge in a fun way. It is hoped that many of you will join us to show the children that there is nothing to be afraid of when it comes to maths. Hopefully by the end of the session you will see how maths can be fun! As it is a lesson rather than creative session, we ask that younger siblings don't join us on this occasion as we did with the literacy based session in the autumn term. Your cooperation with this was much appreciated. We will continue to plan 'Learning Together' sessions where siblings can join in so that they become familiar with school and its environment.

There is also a partial solar eclipse on the same morning so we will be able to observe that together.

Friends of Capenhurst

Friends of Capenhurst will be organising a chocolate tombola for everyone to enjoy on Thursday 2nd April. Contributions are requested from families and these can be brought into school on Friday 27th March which will be a non-uniform day for the children.

Friends of Capenhurst have also agreed to purchase a small egg for each child in school that will then be hidden by the School Council before all the children are invited to hunt for their own egg! The egg hunt will take place on Thursday 2nd April.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th March; all are welcome and new ideas for fundraising or offers of help at events would be much appreciated.

Capenhurst Cricket Club

Capenhurst Cricket Club is currently recruiting new junior (male) members from Years 5 and 6 to become their new U11 team. If any Year 5 or 6 boys are interested in joining the junior section, or if any parents are interested in becoming a coach, please contact Jordan Bailey at jordan148@hotmail.co.uk or Club Chairman, Philip Smith on 07866 341972 for further details.

Information, Advice & Support Service

CW&C Information, Advice & Support Service are looking for volunteers to support parents and carers whose children have Special Educational Needs or support young people with Special Educational Needs. The next initial training course starts on 22nd April at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. If any parents are interested in finding out more about the service and volunteering opportunities, please contact 0300 123 7001.

Letters that have been sent home

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

Year 6 Leavers' Disco Meeting



Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week:

Mark Howie