



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th September 2015



Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a lovely break over the summer and found time to relax and enjoy time with their families. There are lots of exciting things planned for this school year and a few things to be implemented as directed by central government - most notably the assessment without levels.

The first sharing assembly of the new year will be on Friday 11th September at the usual time of 2.40pm.

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

Mrs Green

Celebrations!

Each week, on Friday afternoons, we award 'Star of the Week' to pupils across school for significant effort and achievement. We also award an Infant Cup and Junior Cup to two pupils whom the staff believe have gone that extra mile with their work or attitude in school. Classes will be given the opportunity to share something of their classwork on a regular basis at each assembly.

Children are invited to bring certificates and news from home that they would like to share related to their hobbies and interests. The assemblies are held in the Village Hall and start at 2.40pm and families are welcome to join us.



'Fun Day'

On behalf of everyone at school I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mrs Brassington for her incredible fundraising effort in organising the fun day on Saturday 29th August. It was a wonderful day with lots to do and enjoy. There was a raffle and an auction of promises as well as clay pigeon shooting, bouncy castle, face painting and much more. The local community was extremely generous in terms of donations of prizes and funds. In total over £2,300 was raised on the day with more funds to come from further sales and a pledge of additional funds (potentially £1,000) from the Mayor of Ellesmere Port. These funds will help immensely in paying for the traversing wall and outdoor classroom (a final decision on planning consent is imminent). Thank you to everyone who helped Mrs Brassington before, during and after the event; all your support is much appreciated.

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Friday 11th September - Sharing assembly at 2.40pm

Friday 11th September - Non-uniform day with bottles for the bottle tombola at the school BBQ.

Friday 18th September - Fencing club begins at lunchtime

Friday 18th September - Welly Walk to take place (letter and sponsorship form to follow) with the annual school BBQ starting at 3.30pm (letter and order form to follow)

Thursday 8th October - Parents' Information Evening. This will focus on assessment without levels and how this is different from previous assessment routines. The evening will start at 6pm.

Tuesday 13th October - Mosque visit for pupils in Years 1-6. Further details will follow

Friday 23rd October - INSET day. School closed to pupils

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Tuesday 3rd November - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 4th November - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 10th November - Lego club will start after school. Further details to follow.

Monday 16th November - Individual photographs

Thursday 26th November - Choir singing at Cheshire Oaks

Thursday 17th December - Whole school panto trip

Friday 18th December - School breaks up for Christmas at **2pm**.

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.

SIAMS

SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) is an additional inspection routine for faith schools of an Anglican or Methodist denomination. Inspections take place every 5 years and our last inspection was in November 2010; we will be re-inspected at some point this academic year. The focus of the inspection is the distinctive Christian nature of the school, its ethos and the quality of education for all its pupils. There is an increased focus from previous years on the academic achievement and progress of all pupils in addition to the ethos and Christian distinctiveness. More information will be sent home as we prepare for this inspection as a school.



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Staffing

I am pleased to tell you that Miss Lesley McColl has returned to Capenhurst to work alongside Mrs Arkell and myself in the reception class. She will be working full time and already it feels like she has never been away!

Premier Sports

Mr Hartley will be returning to Capenhurst to continue his sport teaching with all the classes. We are able to continue with this high quality P.E. provision through careful deployment of the sports premium funding which is delegated to each school to enhance P.E. provision for all children. We also spend this money on subsidising after-school clubs and other sporting activities as well as paying for swimming teaching and lifeguard provision for school swimming lessons. Further details of how this money is spent at Capenhurst can be found on the school website - www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk

Tough Mudder!

Jackie Henson (Dominic's mum) will be taking part in the Tough Mudder event this weekend and is seeking sponsorship in aid of the playground developments. She will be around on the school playground each day with a sponsorship form, or you can sponsor her online using the following links -

www.facebook.com/experiencealovera is the Facebook link but you will only see the donate button if you are on a desktop computer.

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_donations&business=QBSRGK6EW6B5L&lc=GB&item_name=Tough%20Mudder%20for%20Capenhurst%20Primary%20School¤cy_code=GBP&bn=PP%2dDonationsBF%3abtndonateCC_LG%2egif%3aNonHosted

School Lunches & Snacks

The children took part in an online survey in school prior to the end of the summer term and the four weekly rolling menu was selected from their preferred options. The menus are attached and are also on the noticeboard on the side of school as well as on the school website, www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk. If you are trying to access the menus from a mobile phone, please click 'Pages' and then on the arrow alongside 'Parent Information' to find them.

School lunches cost £2.20 for children in Y3 and above. Children in EYFS, Y1 or Y2 can receive a free school meal from 1st September 2015. Toast is available at break-time for 30p and a bacon butty can be ordered for snack on Fridays for 60p.

Mid-day vacancies

Due to a change of role amongst our mid-day assistants we have a vacancy for a full-time mid-day assistant. There is also an additional vacancy for two days a week. If you feel that this is something that you or a family member or friend would be interested in, please contact me at school for further information. The role is an interesting and varied role that involves serving meals, supervising the children as they eat and encouraging them to eat their food, clearing away and cleaning the rooms ready for afternoon school and supervising the children as they play. It is an opportunity to be part of the school team and work closely with all staff to the benefit of the children. We take safeguarding very seriously at Capenhurst and all the required disclosure and barring checks will be made as well as an expectation of confidentiality and professionalism if appointed.

West Cheshire Foodbank Collection

At our school we believe it is important to look after our community. We celebrate our successes and support each other through difficult times. Last year, as a Christian school, we decided to support our community by collecting food for West Cheshire Foodbank which is sponsored by the Trussell Trust. We would like to continue with this initiative during the coming year. Our food box is located by the door at the back of the school adjacent to Class 4. Please give whatever you can; currently West Cheshire Foodbank is particularly in need of jams and spreads, tinned sponge pudding and long-life fruit juice. The box will be collected and returned after it has been filled. Thank you in advance for your support. If you require any more information, please go to <http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/> or ask Mrs Arkell.

Letters that have been sent home

This box will become a regular feature on our newsletter and will contain details of letters that have been sent home during the past week. It should help avoid letters going missing and remaining in trays and bags. If you notice a letter that hasn't made it home, please contact the office for a copy.



Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week:

Ellie Anderson