



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th September 2020



Welcome back!

It was a different summer but I hope that everyone had a lovely break over the summer and found time to relax and enjoy time with their families. Thank you to everyone for their support last year, and for all your cards, gifts and messages - all much appreciated. This year things will be different but we will continue to be the caring, family school that you have come to know - there may be physical distancing in place but we don't want any family to feel unconnected or not included.

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

Mrs Green

The new term!

Thank you to everyone who read through the numerous letters and emails as this made our start to the new year relatively smooth. There were a few teething problems with drop-off and pick-up but I'm confident these will ease as we all get used to them. Where possible I would advise families wait in their cars for as long as possible to avoid large groups of people gathering. This will help people stay away from the traffic on the road and in the car park. Please make sure you enter and exit the car park with caution as there will be increased pedestrian traffic.

Please remember to send your child to school **wearing** their PE kit on **Mondays and Fridays**. This is part of our new routines and has been sent home in various letters over the past few weeks.

Snacks, drinks and lunchboxes need to be named to avoid any confusion.

Each class has allotted times to visit the toilet to avoid children from different classes mixing in the toilets. This routine is taking some time to embed as the children have been used to being able to visit the toilet whenever they've needed to during their extended time at home. The visits are very regular and so far, most children are managing well. If any child shows signs of distress or has a water infection, then staff will respond accordingly in enabling that child to visit the toilet safely.

In the classrooms, the children and staff have enjoyed catching up on news and next week sees the start of our new adapted curriculum. A letter was sent home today with some more details about this. There is also information about it on the school website - <http://www.capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk/page/recovery-curriculum-autumn-2020/79476>

Celebrations!

Usually we would hold our sharing assemble each Friday in the village hall. Unfortunately, we are unable to gather as a whole school for worship, assemblies or other indoor activities. We are going to work out a new way to award 'Star of the Week' so that we can continue to celebrate the achievements of all our pupils. Watch this space for news!

There have been celebrations this week:

It was lovely to see ALL children and staff in school this week.

Children in class 1 made a confident start to their new school adventure and all enjoyed PE with Mrs Arkell.

Children in class 2 settled into their new routines with maturity and created some beautiful self-portraits for the wall.

Children in class 3 have been listening carefully and have worked hard to create their own individual piece for the class jigsaw.

Children in class 4 have had a lovely calm start to the year and have impressed Mrs Ritson with their focus and listening.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Monday 7th Sept - Reception children start full-time at school

Friday 2nd Oct - School photos

Friday 23rd Oct - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 26th Oct - Friday 30th Oct - School closed for half term holiday

Monday 30th Nov - Whole school flu vaccination

Friday 18th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas from **1.30pm** (staggered finish times will be arranged to fit in with the arrangements that are in place at the time)

Monday 4th Jan - School reopens for the Spring Term

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.



Friends of Capenhurst

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.

School lunches

The children have adapted well to the new routine of lunches in the classrooms. If you send a packed lunch from home with food that requires cutlery - yoghurt, salad etc. - please remember to send the cutlery from home. Cutlery is not available in school for children to use with their home packed lunch.

School lunches are available to order in the mornings at a cost of £2.40 for children in Classes 3 and 4. This is to be paid using the ParentMail system. Children in Classes 1 and 2 are eligible for a daily universal free school meal if required. Details of our current reduced menu were sent home last week.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be eligible to apply for a free school meal for your child/ren, please contact Cheshire West & Chester Council on 0300 123 7021 to apply. If your eldest child receives a free school meal and you have a younger child who has just started in our reception class, you will need to apply for that child too. Thank you.

Premier Sports

Mr James will be joining us to teach PE across school on Mondays this year as Mr Ellis is starting his initial teacher training so that he can become a secondary school PE teacher. We would like to wish Mr Ellis all the best and welcome Mr James to our team.

Swimming Lessons for Y3-Y6

Discussions with the pool and transport providers are taking place to assess when we can start swimming lessons for the children in KS2. More details will follow when final arrangements have been confirmed.

West Cheshire Foodbank

We will continue to support the West Cheshire Foodbank this year. Food items are to be brought in and will be gathered in each classroom before being placed in the collection box by a member of staff. This week the Foodbank is particularly in need of **long life fruit juice, tinned meal, small bottles of cordial, instant custard, instant mash, tinned potatoes and bags of sweets/bars of chocolate**. Thank you for your continued support.



Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week:
(1st to 13th September)



Evie M

Finley F

Ellie A

Ethan L



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