



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

28th September 2020



It is almost the end of the first month at school and it has flown by. Staff and children now feel comfortable with the new routines in place, there have been a few tweaks along the way to make the day smoother which has been helpful. Thank you to the majority of parents who are making their best effort to maintain social distancing at drop-off and pick-up; this has made things easier for the children and other parents and grandparents who may have been nervous about the return to school and being part of a larger group of people. I ask that every parent considers the needs, anxieties and space of all the adults at school and respect the space that people are choosing to leave around themselves whilst they are waiting for their child - please resist the temptation to fill a gap between two adults as it will have been left to help with social distancing.

On Friday, every family received a letter from CWaC Director of Public Health with recommendations for all schools which come into place today. Please make sure you have read it and remember to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up. All the routines that have been put in place, will only work if every individual plays their part as a collective member of the school community.

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

Mrs Green

## Celebrations!

We held another virtual sharing assembly with each class joining from their classroom. It was great to see all the children and for them to see each other. We awarded a 'Star of the Week' from each class and also counted up the house points.

Stars of the Week:

Class 1 - George S for working hard in all lessons and activities.

Class 2 - Sophia K for being a kind friend and trying really hard with her writing and phonics.

Class 3 - Amelia R for making progress with her reading and trying hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Class 4 - Lexi E for always producing beautifully presented, high quality work.

The winning house this week was Air. Congratulations to everyone in Air for their teamwork in earning the most house points during the past week at school.

Thank you to the children who brought something in to share and celebrate.



## School photographs

These will take place on Friday 2nd October which is also PE day. As only the top half of a child's uniform is visible on the photograph, children are still expected to wear their PE joggers and trainers/pumps. They will need to wear their school polo t-shirt and red school jumper/cardigan on their top half. Hair will need to be tied back as PE will still take place and loose hair is not advisable for school generally and especially not for PE. There will be no sibling photos this year as explained in an email sent last week. Thank you for your cooperation with this change to the usual photo routines.

## Testing for Covid-19

It is important that if your child becomes unwell with any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below that you get tested. Testing sites are available across Cheshire and Merseyside, with appointments for tests released daily throughout the day. However, a vast increase in demand has led to laboratories, which process the tests, being overwhelmed. This national issue has meant that bookings have been restricted by the Department of Health and Social Care.

At this time of such high demand it is crucial that **only** people who have **COVID-19 symptoms** book a test. These include:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

There is no need for members of a pupil's household to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

If your child tests positive they should self-isolate and stay off school for 10 days. If the test comes back negative they can return to school if they no longer have symptoms and have been fever free for 48hrs.

As we head into the winter months pupils may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils **don't** need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual. Please do not attend A & E, other hospital facilities or GP Practices requesting a COVID test as they are not able to provide these

To book a test please visit: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or by calling: 119.

There is a useful guide attached to this newsletter - please take the time to read it.



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Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Tuesday 29th Sept - Swimming lessons start for children in Class 4

Friday 2nd Oct - School photos (please see overleaf for more information)

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.

Swimming Lessons for Class 4

Swimming lessons start tomorrow (Tuesday 29th September) for children in Class 4. The bus will be leaving school promptly at 9am. The schools swimming organiser at EPSV has asked that all children arrive 'pool ready' – wearing their swimming costume/trunks under their uniform. If your child forgets to arrive 'pool ready' then they will travel with their class to the swimming lesson and spectate. Don't forget to pack underwear and a towel for afterwards!

It is essential that all children arrive on time to school to avoid missing the bus to the lesson. Any children, who miss the bus, will have to return home until the rest of their class return from swimming as there will not be any staff available in school to supervise them.

Google classrooms at Capenhurst

Each child will have had their log-in details stuck into their reading record. This week the first piece of homework will be set using Google classrooms. Remember to log-in and have a go with your child. This is a new venture for school and may be unfamiliar to some families so we need to be patient and work together so that everyone can become more confident in its use. Any questions, please ask. Thank you for your cooperation with the use of Google classrooms.

Applying for school places

Parents with children in Year 6 and pre-school children due to start school in September 2021 are reminded that you are now able to apply for Year 7 and reception places online via the Council's website at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions)

The deadline for high school applications is **October 31st 2020**. The local high schools have arranged virtual open evenings to help you choose the right school for your child and details of these are available on their websites.

For parents with children due to start primary school in September 2021, the closing date for admissions is **January 15th 2021**.

Friends of Capenhurst

**Bonus Ball**

Mrs Osborne will be restarting our bonus ball fundraiser shortly. Anyone who would like to participate should pop £10 in a named envelope with your preferred number (if available) and this should be handed in to your child's teacher over the course of this week. Full details were sent home via ParentMail and are available on our Facebook page.

**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.

West Cheshire Foodbank—Harvest Collection

As harvest draws nearer, we would like to support the vulnerable families in our community and the local area by collecting non-perishable food items during the next few weeks. Each class will have a donation box and the children are encouraged to bring in items to fill the box.

**Please bring in your harvest donations before Friday 9th October.**

Thank you for your support.



Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week:  
(28th September to 4th October)

Bailey M



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