



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

5th October 2020



It was great to see the children enjoying Helen's 'bolognaise in a box' on Thursday. We are intending to make this a regular feature of our revised menu which will start after the half term break; it will replace one of the cold sandwich days. Thursday was also 'Golden Ticket' day and the winner was Olamide.

Sadly the extended summery weather has now disappeared and we are enjoying the full delights of autumn - **every** child needs to have an **appropriate, weatherproof coat** in school everyday as we will be taking the children outside as much as possible, even it is raining!

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 - Laila K for her enthusiasm for all that school has to offer.

Class 2 - Verity C for trying her best and working hard in every subject.

Class 3 - Elsa Y for great work on rounding numbers in maths and some fabulous art work this week.

Class 4 - Millie S for making such a positive start to Year 6.

The winning house this week was Fire. Congratulations to everyone in Fire 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.



Google classrooms

It has been good to see that many of you have logged in and submitted your homework using Google classrooms. The teachers will review it and post a comment on your work. You will need to re-open your submitted work in order to read the comment. If you are struggling to log on to Google classrooms and are needing a class code, please check your email as it has been sent to each family.

Google classrooms will be used to provide remote learning should a person, class or school need to isolate and face-to-face teaching be unavailable. It is imperative that everyone, even our very youngest children, tries it out so that any teething problems can be sorted sooner rather than later. Many thanks for your cooperation with this new way of working.

Testing for Covid-19 - please read carefully and thoroughly

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 but **ALL** members of the household do need to isolate until the test results are back.

If your child tests positive they should self-isolate and stay off school for 10 days, the rest of the household need to isolate for at least 14 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 or by calling: 119.

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



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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 started last week (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.

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

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**.

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 this week. Each class has a donation box and the children are encouraged to bring in items to fill the box. House points will be awarded to those children who bring in a food donation. **Please bring in your harvest donations before Friday 9th October**. Thank you for your support.



Data Collection Form

Some families have still not completed the data collection form in ParentMail. It is important that our records are kept up to date and information is updated where necessary, particularly where contact numbers may have changed. There is space on the form to let us know of any amendments which need to be made. In those instances where a child's parents do not live together, relevant parental details have been sent to each individual parent, requiring both parents to complete the form. Please ensure the form is completed ASAP. Thank you.

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.

Christmas Shoeboxes

We will be participating in the Teams 4 U Christmas shoebox appeal again this year. Your child will bring home a leaflet this week. If you would like to take part, please return your filled shoebox and donation by **Friday 6th November** (the first week back after the half term break).

Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week:
(5th to 11th October)

MeJia B



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