



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

19th October 2020



It is almost the end of the first half term of the new school year. It has been a busy one but it has been lovely to see, and hear, school full of children and staff getting on with the usual routine of being in school learning, chatting and re-connecting. It has only worked because everyone has played their part and responded well to the various changes and requests - thank you. Our caretaker, Derek, retires on Friday; we thank him for his service and wish him a long and healthy retirement. Wishing you a restful half term, take care.  
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 - Ava M for her hard work in all lessons and especially during World Maths Day.

Class 2 - Fletcher S for a really positive attitude towards every lesson.

Class 3 - Shay D for a great effort on mental maths work and fronted adverbials this week.

Class 4 - Charlie C for very good independent writing.

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



## Parents' Evening

This year we are unable to offer a traditional parents' evening routine so we have set up a different way of sharing information about how each child has settled into the routine of school. Each child will receive a written, summary report, similar to the end of year report, via ParentMail. This will outline their strengths and areas for development in the areas of the curriculum covered so far as well as comments about their well-being and attitude to school. These will be sent home w/c 2nd November. If after reading and digesting the comments in the report, parents feel a conversation with their child's teacher is necessary, then this can be indicated on a reply slip along with the reasons for the conversation. These conversations will be arranged to take place w/c 9th November with times being allocated between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, Monday through to Thursday. The phone calls will be strictly limited to 10 minutes as per a typical parents' evening appointment. We ask that separated families communicate with each other and only request separate calls where it is absolutely necessary. It is intended that the written reports will be clear and comprehensive so that everyone is aware of how their child has settled into school.

## 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](http://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!

**Thursday 22nd Oct - Deadline for school photograph orders**

**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 4th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day-bring in £1 for Save the Children and wear your Christmas jumper to school!**

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.

### Christmas Shoeboxes

We will be participating in the Teams 4 U Christmas shoebox appeal again this year. Leaflets were sent home last 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).

### Wrap-around care

We recently sent an application form to all families via Parent-Mail on behalf of Norma for wrap around care after half term. Please email your requests for breakfast and after school club directly to Norma at [kilbwilson@gmail.com](mailto:kilbwilson@gmail.com) as soon as possible so that she can arrange staffing accordingly. Paper copies are available from the school office if required. Thank you.

### 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**.

### Swimming Coach Payment Reminder

Just a reminder that the first payment for the swimming coach is due by **Tuesday 20th October**. If you have not yet paid, please do so before 20th October. Many thanks.

### Friends of Capenhurst

#### **Christmas Card Fundraising**

Please see ParentMail for a new fundraising initiative organised by Friends of Capenhurst. Please encourage your child to take part over half term and send in order form with drawing by Monday 2nd November with payment. Thanks for your support.

#### **Bonus Ball**

There are still 31 bonus balls available if anyone would like to join this fundraiser. Due to the current restrictions as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, fundraising opportunities are somewhat limited. If you would like to get involved with our weekly term-time bonus ball draws, please pop £10 in an envelope with your name on and send it into school. Thanks.

#### **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

We will continue to support the West Cheshire Foodbank each week. 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 **tinned meat, long life fruit juice, small bottles of cordial, tinned potatoes, instant mash, instant custard, tinned puddings and tinned fruit**. Thank you for your continued support.



### Twitter

Follow us on Twitter for class news and updates **@CapenhurstCEPS**



### School Photographs

School photograph proofs were sent home last week. The closing date for orders is this **Thursday 22nd October**. If you would like to order a copy of your child's school photo, please return forms and payment ASAP.