



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

4th January 2016



Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a lovely break over Christmas and found time to relax and enjoy time with their families. The whole school theme this term is 'Time Travel' with the staff planning lots of exciting activities to interest the children.

The first sharing assembly of the new term will be on Friday 8th January 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!

Stars of the week

Class 1: Max Brown for his enthusiastic approach to our Christmas craft activities and for being a good friend.

Class 2: Jake Griffin-Cowap for increased confidence and independence.

Class 3: Kyran Pover for increased concentration.

Class 4: Ryan Shaw for a great contribution to the Christmas carol service, both reading and singing.

The Infant cup was awarded to Daisy Dowdeswell for overall effort and her positive attitude to school life. The Junior cup was awarded to Anah Rahim for improved effort and concentration in all areas. Well done to everyone who shared their news and achievements in assembly during the last week of term.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity during our Christmas charity collection. We raised £187.39 for the Babygrow Appeal at the Countess of Chester Hospital.

Geoff Ward from DHL will be in school on Wednesday morning to collect unwanted uniform and Lego for the pupils of the Little Faces school in Mombasa.



Attendance

Whole school
attendance for the
month of December
was:

96.3%

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Friday 8th January - Sharing assembly at 2.40pm

Thursday 14th January - Shakespeare4Kidz for pupils in Classes 3 and 4. A letter with further details has been sent home today.

Friday 15th January - Life Education Caravan at school - each class will spend time learning about the body, medicines and how to make sensible lifestyle choices.

Tuesday 19th January - Mosque visit for pupils in classes 2, 3 and 4. Further details will be sent home separately.

Thursday 21st January - Friends of Capenhurst meeting. All welcome and a crèche is provided. The meeting will start straight after school.

Wednesday 10th February - Parents' Evening, appointments available between 3.30 and 5.00pm

Thursday 11th February - Parents' Evening, appointments available between 4.00 and 6.00pm

Friday 12th February - School closes for half term

Monday 22nd February - INSET day. School closed to pupils

Tuesday 23rd February - School re-opens for pupils

Thursday 3rd March - Young Voices concert, please refer to earlier letter for details.

Wed 16th - Fri 18th March - Residential trip for pupils in Classes 3 and 4. Further details will be sent home in time.

Friday 25th March - Good Friday - school closed

Monday 28th March - Easter Monday - school closed

Friday 1st April - school closes for Easter holiday. Pupils to be collected at the usual time of 3.10pm

Monday 18th April - School re-opens for the summer term for staff and pupils.

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 school 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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Friends of Capenhurst

There will be a meeting on Thursday 21st January to review the fundraising activities of last term and plan ahead for the remainder of this school year. All are welcome and new ideas are always well-received. If you are able to attend, please come along. If you can't attend but still have suggestions to make, please send your suggestions to school and they will be passed on. The meeting starts straight after school and there will be a crèche.

During the Christmas fundraising activities, everyone raised in excess of £340 for the benefit of all pupils. Thank you.

Golden Mile

Eaten too many chocolates? One too many mince pies? Don't forget that everyone is welcome to join us on a Tuesday afternoon (weather permitting) from 3.10-3.30pm to take part in the Golden Mile.

Water Bottles

It has been noted at our recent health and safety inspection that the water pressure on our water fountain is low and despite attempts to increase the pressure, it has not been possible to do so. Therefore, we would suggest that the children bring in a named water bottle to keep in school that they can refill each day.

School Lunches

The menu continues to be reviewed and adapted as the children feedback their comments and suggestions about the menus. If you have any comments to make about the menu choice, please let school know and we will pass your comments onto our meals provider - EdSential.

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.

Mid-day Vacancies

Due to a change in circumstance for our most recently appointed mid-day, we have a vacancy for a mid-day assistant. There is a degree of flexibility over the number of days worked in this role. 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

Thank you for your recent donations of items for the West Cheshire Foodbank. This week the Foodbank is particularly in need of **instant mashed potato, UHT milk and jams/spreads**. If you would like to donate items there is a collection box by the back door, or alternatively items can be brought into the school office.

Starting School in September 2016

The closing date for reception 2016 applications is 15th January 2016. If you have a child due to start school next September, please complete the application form online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or contact the Council on 0300 123 7039 for further assistance. Last year the Council received a high volume of late applications which resulted in many siblings attending different schools and therefore created a high number of appeals.

Letters that have been sent home

This is a regular feature on our newsletter and contains 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.