



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

2nd November 2020



I hope everyone safely enjoyed the half term break and managed time to rest as well as play and explore. Following Saturday's announcement, schools (along with all sectors of society) are waiting for the guidance and clarification. The Prime Minister made the statement that schools will remain open for all pupils and staff so we will continue to work together and communicate how this will look at school for the next few weeks.

Any questions, please ask and we will do our best to find the answers.
Mrs Green

Celebrations!

We didn't have a sharing assembly at the end of last half term as Friday was the INSET day. The staff were very busy completing training around Letters and Sounds.



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 this week along with a reply slip. 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 and new centres have opened locally in Ellesmere Port and Frodsham.

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!

Wednesday 4th Nov - Clothing recycling collection (bags accepted from 3pm on Tuesday 3rd Nov)

Friday 6th Nov - Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes (see below)

Friday 13th Nov - Children in Need - bring in £1 for Children in Need and wear spotty PE kit for the day!

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 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 pre-school children due to start school in September 2021 are reminded that you are now able to apply for reception places online via the Council's website at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions
The deadline for primary school applications is **January 15th 2021**.

Children in Need

We will be taking part in Children In Need Day on Friday 13th November. It is a PE day for all children so they will need to be dressed appropriately. In exchange for a £1 donation, the children are invited to come to school in spotty clothes suitable for PE! Please ensure they still wear trainers and jogging bottoms or leggings as part of their outfit. Thank you.

Friends of Capenhurst

Christmas Cards

Remember to return your Christmas card orders with payment by Tuesday 3rd November. Thank you!

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, bags of sweets, bars of chocolate, 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.



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Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week:
(2nd to 8th November)

Stephen A

Olivia O

Beth B

