



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

11th January 2016



I am pleased to share that we had a positive return to school last week and started off with a week where everyone stayed on 'green'. This term is short, but busy one, with lots to excite and engage the children as they travel through time to discover fascinating facts about life many years ago. The concept of history with small children is one that takes time to secure as yesterday can seem like an lifetime ago when you're young!

This week's sharing assembly will be on Friday at the usual time of 2.40pm.

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: Erin Yates for her enthusiasm with our new topic.

Class 2: Anna Fereday for fabulous effort and enthusiasm towards her independent writing.

Class 3: Evan Bartlett for consistently producing work of a high standard in every lesson.

Class 4: Daniel Brocklehurst for always trying his best in all areas of the curriculum.

The Infant cup was awarded to Lexi Edwards for her effort and enthusiasm in all lessons, in particular during Dance today. The Junior cup was awarded to Layla Orriss for being a good friend to all, tackling all aspects of school with a smile and perseverance. Well done to everyone who shared their news and achievements in assembly last week.



Attendance  
Whole school  
attendance for the  
month of December  
was:

96.3%

## A message from Mrs Sue Jones

I would like to thank all the staff, parents and children for their kind gifts, cards and best wishes on my retirement. I have enjoyed working at Capenhurst Primary School and have some fond memories to treasure. I feel privileged to have worked with everyone connected to the school and I wish you all the very best for the future.

## Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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.

Wednesday 20th January - Class 3 Family Lunch

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

Wednesday 3rd February - Class 4 Family Lunch

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.

## Starting School in September 2016

The closing date for reception 2016 applications is this Friday, **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](http://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.



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Friends of Capenhurst

The next meeting of Friends of Capenhurst will take place 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 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.

Recycling Competition

The children brought home details of a competition based on waste, electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). The entries need to be back on Thursday 14th January with the winners announced on Friday in sharing assembly. The prize is tickets to Robot Wars, an event organised by Cheshire West & Chester Council.

Uniform Reminder

At Capenhurst we are proud of our tradition of wearing a school uniform. Girls are expected to have long hair fastened back at all times in school. This helps to avoid it getting caught during PE and reduce the likelihood of head lice transferring from one head to another. Please keep hair accessories to a minimum, restricting the use of large hair decorations to non-uniform days. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Water Bottles

It was 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.

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.

Golden Mile

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.

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.

Letters that have been sent home

- Shakespeare 4 Kidz - Classes 3 & 4
- Class 3 Family Lunch - Class 3
- Al-Rahma Mosque Visit - Classes 2, 3 & 4
- Premier Sport after school clubs
- Conway Residential - Classes 3 & 4



Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week:

Curtis Cottrell  
Joe Powell

Alexis Edwards