



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

9th November 2020



As you know we had a Covid+ case confirmed in our infant bubble last week and you all received letters/emails over the weekend explaining how school will function over the next two weeks. It will be different (again) but through working together we can make it as undistruptive as possible for the children. Thank you to the staff for their swift response and adaptations to their teaching routines over the weekend. The infant staff and I are looking forward to keeping in touch with our classes via zoom over the next two weeks. Please check ParentMail for the zoom links and times.

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

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 - Ted A for working hard to learn his letters and sounds and begin to apply them to his reading.

Class 2 - William R for always working hard.

Class 3 - Leighton B for focus and determination in maths.

Class 4 - Elena G for working hard in all lessons.

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



Remote learning

It has been pleasing to see how families, who have needed to access remote learning, have engaged with the work set on Goggle classrooms - thank you.

The next two weeks will be a real test of how the plan works as we see classes 1 and 2 being taught remotely whilst they all self-isolate. Please be patient and bear with the staff and I as we all get to grips with this new way of working. There may be hiccups and technical glitches along the way or we may breeze along happily until next Friday!

Remember to check that your child has their Google classrooms log-in details to hand and that you have tried it to check that it works. Any questions, please contact school using contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

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 a new centre has opened locally in Ellesmere Port.

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 13th Nov - Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes (extended)

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 13th November** (we have extended the deadline to enable more families to take part if they would like to).

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 or brightly coloured clothes suitable for PE! Please ensure they still wear trainers and jogging bottoms or leggings as part of their outfit. 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**.

Friends of Capenhurst

Christmas Cards

Thank you for those who ordered Christmas cards and goodies. We raised just over £70 for school!

Bonus Ball

This weekend the bonus ball was number 44 which is unclaimed, so next week's draw will be a rollover! If you would like to take part, there are still spare number. Please contact Mary Osborne via our Facebook page, or email school to pass on a message.

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:
(9th to 15th November)

Lottie R

