



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

30th November 2020



We lit our first candle on our Advent wreaths on Friday and talked about good things coming to those who wait as we prepare for Christmas and all that that entails. Usually we would be putting out the Christmas postbox but this year the post at school will look different. Children can bring cards to school to send to their friends - please send them to school during w/c 7th December. There will be a box in each class for all the cards to be placed in ready for sorting by the staff after a period of quarantine. Once sorted, the cards will be placed in paper bags along with craft items and other festive items to be sent home with each child on Thursday 17th December. Thank you for your cooperation with these arrangements.
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 - George S for his hard work with his writing and letter formation.

Class 2 - Mitchell B for good effort with his writing and all other subjects.

Class 3 - Emilia R for great written work this week - using subordinating conjunctions - as well as great effort in art using different sketching techniques.

Class 4 - Lucy G for working so hard in every lesson.

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.



Christmas Activities

The Christmas Story

As we cannot perform a Nativity or lead you through a Carol Service, we have chosen to tell you the Christmas Story in a 'bubble friendly' way. Each family will have received a consent form about the filming of the story, please complete and return as soon as possible. Each class bubble will tell part of the story and sing a song to match before the next class tell the next part of the story. Mrs Henson has kindly agreed to film each section (following all Covid secure routines as you would expect) and then make it look fabulous as always! If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Each class is also learning a Christmas dance which will be filmed in the same manner and shared via the school's private YouTube account. As usual, I remind all families that the link to the account is for **your own household to use only** and is **NOT** to be shared widely with other people or wider family members - they can watch it with you as and when families can get together. I will be most disappointed if I find that families do not respect this request as I feel it will be a breach of the excellent trust that we have between home and school.

Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 15th December this year. It will be a warm turkey roll, with mini roast potatoes, chipolata sausage, stuffing and a Christmas biscuit. A form has been sent home via ParentMail for you to order in advance for your child. We already have 60 requests so thank you to those who have already responded. Please ensure the form is completed by this Friday as Helen needs to order the turkey in advance.

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.

To book a test please visit: www.nhs.uk or by calling: 119.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

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 4th Dec - The Night Before Christmas playlet performed in the village hall for each class bubble individually

Tuesday 8th Dec - Swimming resumes for children in Class 4

Friday 11th Dec - Christmas Hat Day - please see below for more details

Tuesday 15th Dec - Christmas Lunch — please see overleaf for further details

Friday 18th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas at **1.30pm** for Classes 2 & 3 and at **1.40pm** for Classes 1 & 4

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.

West Cheshire Foodbank - Reverse Advent Calendar

We welcome your on-going support in helping us to donate to the West Cheshire Foodbank. As we approach a special time in our Christian calendar, we remember the love and hope that Jesus Christ brought into our lives. We would like to share this time with those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, in each class we will have an advent box which we hope will be filled by our Capenhurst families. Instead of just thinking about receiving, we'd like to encourage the children to think of others in their time of need. We hope you will be able to support us with this advent challenge as best you can. Please see the accompanying page of this newsletter for more information. Thank you.



The Night Before Christmas Playlet

As we are unable to visit the panto this year due to covid restrictions, Friends of Capenhurst have very kindly paid for each class bubble to watch a small Christmas playlet in the village hall on Friday 4th December. Each performance will last 25 minutes and there will only be two actors performing. We have carried out our own risk assessment and are happy that the playlet will be covid-secure. We hope that this will bring a little Christmas cheer to the children in what has been an unusual year.

Christmas Hat Day—Friday 11th December

Class 1 - please wear a santa hat to school with your black (dark) jogging bottoms/leggings and red school jumper/cardigan.
Classes 2, 3 & 4 - please wear a Christmas themed headwear with usual PE kit.

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

Bonus Ball

The winning rollover bonus ball on Saturday 28th November was number 32, congratulations to Emma Broomfield. If you would like to take part, there are still spare numbers. 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.

Twitter

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



Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week:
(30th Nov to 6th December)

Amelia R

Francesca S

