



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th December 2020



Filming of the Christmas Story went well last Friday. This Friday we will be filming our dances; please see below for details of what to wear. Everyone has also been sent a 'Christmas Activities' email with reminders.

The Christmas post boxes are now open and accepting cards! The children can bring cards to school to send to their friends during the course of this week. There is 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 - Grace T for her more determined focus when working and her consideration of others.

Class 2 - Lottie R for working extremely hard in maths and English.

Class 3 - Beth B for her effort across the curriculum.

Class 4 - Charlie S for some excellent maths this week.

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

Christmas Dance—Friday 11th December

Each class is learning a Christmas dance which will be filmed in the same manner as the Christmas Story and shared via the school's private YouTube account. Mrs Henson has kindly agreed to film each dance (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.

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.

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.

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!

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.



Christmas Tree Recycling

The Hospice of the Good Shepherd is once again offering to collect and recycle your Christmas tree following the festive period. Register online before Monday 11th January at www.charityxmastreecollection.com
Please see the attached poster for more details.

Emergency Foodbank Voucher

We have recently been accepted by West Cheshire Food Bank to issue emergency food vouchers for families in crisis. If you feel that you could benefit from an emergency food parcel due to finding yourself in crisis as a result of covid-related job losses, or indeed any change of circumstances, please complete the form in ParentMail. This is separate from the free school meals vouchers that were issued to eligible children during lockdown. This is open to any family who may find themselves in crisis for whatever reason, and is not limited to our free school meal children.

The form will remain available for the whole of the academic year. Please only complete the form if you need help. (You do not need to let us know that you do not require help.) The details you provide will be treated in confidence and will only be accessed by Mrs Green or Mrs Auld who will contact you to arrange the issuing of the voucher.

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 bonus ball on Saturday 5th December was number 18; congratulations to Jenna Sapio. 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



Head Lice

We have had a confirmed case of head lice in Class 3. Please can I ask you all to regularly check your child's hair and treat if necessary. There is no need for a child with head lice to stay off school once their hair has been treated. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>