



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

25th January 2016



Last week was a busy week with pupils enjoying a variety of activities. I am pleased to share that the pupils who visited the mosque found the trip fascinating and returned with lots to share; they continued the tradition of exemplary behaviour whilst out of school. There is a display near the back door to school for those of you who would like to know more as well as photos on the school website. The children in Class 1 enjoyed their dinosaur hunt, fortunately all the dinosaurs were found and have been safely returned to their usual resting place.

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: Joseph Heeley for his writing in his dinosaur fact file.

Class 2: Freya Warmer for her overall effort and attitude towards her work.

Class 3: Amberley Orriss for making really good progress with her writing.

Class 4: Hannah Booth for continued enthusiasm and hard work in all areas and sensible questions when we visited the mosque.

The Infant cup was awarded to Stephen Anderson for increased participation in a range of activities in the classroom, particularly writing. The Junior cup was awarded to Ewan McGinn for a committed attitude to school, listening to advice and being enthusiastic. 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%

Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Wednesday 3rd February - Class 4 Family Lunch

Monday 8th February - Chinese New Year family learning session, 9.00-10.15am

Monday 8th February - Chinese New Year themed lunch (for children only)

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 - Cake sale after sharing assembly

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

Friday 26th February - DVD/Book sale after sharing assembly

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.

Monday 21st March - Sport Relief - further details to follow.

Wednesday 23rd March - Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church at 11.30am - all welcome

Thursday 24th March - Non-uniform day with chocolate contributions for the tombola

Friday 25th March - Good Friday - school closed

Monday 28th March - Easter Monday - school closed

Friday 1st April - Chocolate tombola after sharing assembly

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.

Saturday 27th August - Family fun day (further details to follow during the rest of the school year)

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.

Chinese New Year - Learning together session

As part of the school's commitment to finding out about the faith and practices of other cultures, we shall be finding out more about Chinese New Year on Monday 8th February. Parents are invited to join their children in class between 9.00am and 10.15am to take part on the activities that the staff have planned. The children will remain in their registration classes on this occasion. I look forward to seeing those of you that are able to join us, in school on that morning.

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.



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Friends of Capenhurst

Thank you to those who attended the Friends of Capenhurst meeting. A number of events were agreed:

Cake sale – Friday 12th February, please bring cakes to school on the day.

Book/DVD sale – Friday 26th February, please bring contributions in from Wednesday 24th February onwards.

Non-uniform day (with contributions of chocolate for tombola) – Thursday 24th March, please bring chocolate on the day.

Chocolate tombola – Friday 1st April, this will take place after sharing assembly on that day.

Starlight clothing collection – 4th July, contributions to brought in on 1st July or the morning of 4th July.

Family Fun Day (as per last summer, with a possible evening 'do' in addition) - Saturday 27th August.

If anyone is able to help with the sourcing of a marquee or toilet facilities for the fun day, please could they contact Mrs Brassington or school. Ideas for activities or stalls at the fun day are invited. It is hoped that the day will be as enjoyable and successful as last year and that many families and friends of school are able to come along. Any help preparing for, or on the day would be much appreciated - please speak to Mrs Brassington on the playground or email school and we can pass on your ideas and thoughts.

Easyfundraising.com - if you do online shopping, you could help us raise money for school at no additional cost to yourself. We have an account with easyfundraising.com; it's really easy to use and has so far raised over £200 for school. Further details are attached.

Conway Trip - Classes 3 & 4

A reminder that the first payment for your child's trip to Conway is due by this Friday, if you have chosen to pay in two instalments. Thank you.

Parents Evening

Staff have allocated appointments within your preferred slot as much as possible whilst keeping sibling groups close together. Any family who did not return a slip has been allocated a time after all other appointments had been allocated. Slips will be sent home today so please check your child's book bag for your appointment time. Thank you.

Share Charity

Mrs Arkell is volunteering at the new Share Charity that has opened in Chester, which provides support for the homeless. She is in the process of putting together bare essential rucksacks and was wondering if anyone had any spare clothing or bags that they would like to donate, e.g. adult gloves, hats, scarfs and waterproof rucksacks. Any of these items would be gratefully appreciated and can be handed in at the school office. Many thanks.

Vouchers for Schools

Sainsburys Active Kids - we are once again collecting vouchers; please send them in to the school office if you collect them when you shop.

Sycamore Garden Centre - Strikes Garden Centres run a 'Gardens for Schools' scheme, whereby they allocate a voucher for every £10 spent in a single transaction in their garden centres and coffee shops. Customers can then donate their vouchers to the school of their choice so they can be exchanged for free gardening products. We would welcome your vouchers as we need 250 vouchers to exchange for £100 to spend in the centre.

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 **fruit juice, UHT milk and tinned puddings**. 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

- Parents' Evening
- Young Voices Coach - Choir only



Birthday Celebrations

The following children will celebrate a birthday this week:

Max Brown
Abigail Heeley

Daniel Jones
Will Guest