



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

25th January 2021



From this week, all primary school staff will have access to home testing kits designed to identify any asymptomatic, positive cases as part of the national measures to reduce community transmission. This may lead to some staffing changes and/or shortages. Where it is safe to do so, school will endeavour to keep classes open but this may not always be possible. I felt it only fair to forewarn all parents that there may be class changes or closures at short notice and ask for your continued cooperation and understanding during this time.

If you have any questions about arrangements in place at school, please ring or email

[contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Green

## Celebrations!

We held individual celebrations during our class zooms on Thursday last week. 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 good listening during art this week and producing a beautiful picture in the style of Hundertwasser.

Class 2 - Riley F for his excellent, descriptive writing.

Class 3 - Fraya F for all her hard work at home, especially her Science work on friction and magnets this week.

Class 4 - Chloe E for making good progress with her maths.

The winning house this week was Earth. Congratulations to everyone in Earth for their teamwork in earning the most house points during the past week.



## Learning at home and school

Thank you to the vast majority of families that are engaging with the home learning that is being set. The staff are pleased with quality and quantity of work that children are submitting via Goggle classrooms. They also enjoy seeing the children, who working at home, on the zoom chats each week. We hope parents are finding the routines workable and taking the chance during the zoom chats to ask questions of the teachers whilst remembering the chats should last no longer than 30 minutes. There is also the facility to ask questions through your child's google classroom account. If anyone is struggling with accessing home learning for their child or would just like some tips on how to make it manageable, please contact school using [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)

## 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 10 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](http://www.nhs.uk) or by calling: 119.

## Dinner & Snack Money Reminder

Just a polite reminder to ensure that your child's school dinner and snack accounts are up to date, not only for those children currently in school, but also for those with outstanding balances who are working at home. Thank you.



## Snow and Ice

Typically the spring term is one of the coldest at school with ice making a regular appearance. The children who are currently attending school will continue to play outside as much as possible so each child needs to be dressed appropriately for cold weather and icy conditions. Every child needs a coat in school every day as well as suitable footwear for school. Alternative footwear such as wellies/boots will only be necessary when it snows. Ian, our caretaker, will check the playgrounds and paths within the school boundary and grit them as and when required. The car park is not the property of school so please do take extra care when driving and walking across it on icy days.

We have adjusted the heating times in school to counteract the requirement to have all the windows open in the building to allow for adequate ventilation. If your child particularly feels the cold, they can bring an extra layer to wear indoors - perhaps their PE hoodie or something similarly plain and suitable for school.

## 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.

## West Cheshire Foodbank

We welcome your on-going support of 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 **UHT long life milk, long life fruit juice, small bottles of cordial and instant mash**. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



## Friends of Capenhurst

### **Bonus Ball**

The bonus ball on Saturday 23rd January was number 56 which belongs to Liz Riley! Congratulations on a triple rollover win! 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 :  
(25th—31st January)

Max B

