



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

8th February 2021



Thank you to everyone for their feedback about last week's Wellbeing Wednesday. It was a different day and that in itself posed challenges for everyone in different ways. The children in school enjoyed their day with it providing a break from the usual routine. We realise that the lack of structure may not have helped everyone, especially those parents and families trying to balance it with working from home. There will more Wellbeing Wednesdays in the coming half term - we will take on board feedback and make adaptations where we can. This week it is Chinese New Year on Friday and typically we would come off timetable to find out about this celebration; we will be doing the same this year. Please see the box below for further information.

Next week, school is closed to all children as it is half term. We re-open on Monday 22nd February for vulnerable children and children of key workers. Please remember to return your request for a place for that week and the following one which was sent home via ParentMail, so that we can make arrangements accordingly and before we break up for the half term break.

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 - Georgia T for her hard work and determination with learning to read.

Class 2 - Olivia O for trying very hard to work independently.

Class 3 - Daelan J for his consistent effort and great work at home over the last few weeks.

Class 4 - Ellie A for working well at school and at home.

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.



## Learning about Chinese New Year at home and school

We will be sending home a menu of activities based around Chinese New Year for you to attempt at home with your children. There is no obligation for you to join in but no other work will be set for the day. Some of the activities may require access to art and craft resources, others will not. If you would prefer a more structured day for your child then please access lessons from the schedule listed for that day on The Oak Academy - <https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year> where they list a day's worth of work and videos for each year group, or try the offering of Lockdown Learning from the BBC - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p093cv85>. As usual, please contact school if you have any questions.

## 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.



## 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**

Mrs Osborne will send out letters requesting subs when school re-opens for all children. In the meantime, Bonus Ball is temporarily suspended.

### **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 (8th—14th February) or during the half term break (15th—21st February):

Finley P

Suki J-E

Harriet S

Jack B

