



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

28th November 2022

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.' Romans 15:13
Christian Value - Joy



It was lovely to start our Advent celebrations this morning with the lighting of the first candle of our Advent wreaths. Today we lit the Candle of Peace and celebrated the peace we find in our Advent preparations and our own faiths. The first candle is purple. We also reminded ourselves of the symbolism of each part of the wreath.

Christmas is time of excitement and joy for many, it can also be a time of chaos, disruption and sadness for others. Please be mindful of this and be patient with each and every member of our school community as we enter, possibly, the busiest three weeks of the school calendar. I suspect that your own calendars and diaries are also full of events and activities!

A little patience and understanding will go a long way.

Any questions, please email - contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk

Mrs Green

P.S. This week - Friday 2nd December - will be the last Celebration Worship of this term due to various events.

Christmas at Capenhurst

Thursday marks the decorating of school and the putting up of a Christmas tree in each classroom. The Christmas Post will also open on Thursday. Children are able to send Christmas cards to each other using the post - please remember to put the child's full name and class on the envelope as we have many repeated names across school.

There are numerous events listed in the box below which I hope you have taken the time to make a note of. Mrs Auld will have set up email reminders for them and I'm sure they will also pop up on the school Facebook page.

The Nativity and Carol Service are part of the school calendar and it is expected that all children will attend them. Classes 1 and 2 are involved in the Nativity. Classes 3 and 4 are involved in the Carol Service. The children will be spending time preparing for the events. The staff will be spending time supporting the children in getting ready for the events. It is disruptive when children don't return to school for the evening performance of the Nativity or the Carol Service. I appreciate that there can be unavoidable reasons for this but it would be very helpful to know of planned non-attendance beforehand. Thank you to those families who have already let school know of significant reasons for their child being unable to attend either event.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Wednesday 30th Nov - Class 2 Farm Visit in the morning

Wednesday 30th Nov - Year 5 family lunch

Friday 2nd Dec - Secret Santa - see ParentMail and overleaf for further information

Wednesday 7th Dec - Class 3 Farm Visit in the morning

Thursday 8th Dec - Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola

Thursday 8th Dec - Class 4 singing at The Rectory Nursing Home - please bring a Christmas hat/headband

Friday 9th Dec - Whole school Panto trip to the Floral Pavilion

Friday 9th Dec - Christmas Fayre from 2.30-3.30pm; **children can be collected from school from 2.15pm**

Monday 12th Dec - Infant Nativity Performance at 1.30pm & 6pm - further details to follow

Tuesday 13th Dec - Junior Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church at 6pm - further details to follow

Wednesday 14th Dec - Class 4 Farm Visit in the morning

Wednesday 14th Dec - Christmas Lunch - please pre-order via ParentMail by Wednesday 30th November

Thursday 15th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day - please wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt and bring £1 for our Christmas charity collection

Friday 16th Dec - School breaks up for Christmas at **1.30pm** for **ALL** pupils

Tuesday 3rd January - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 4th Jan - School reopens for pupils for the Spring Term

w/c Monday 9th Jan - After-school clubs restart this week

Tuesday 10th Jan - Swimming starts for Class 3 children (Years 3 and 4)

Wednesday 18th Jan - Year 4 family lunch

Wednesday 25th Jan - Year 3 family lunch

w/c Monday 20th Feb - School closed for half term break

Friday 10th Mar - Class photos

Wed 15th - Fri 17th Mar - KS2 residential to the Conway Centre

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.



Swimming - Class 3

A reminder that swimming starts for Class 3 children after the Christmas holidays. If you have not already done so, please give your consent using the ParentMail form; there are a couple of forms outstanding. Please ensure that you have paid the first instalment of £26.40 before Tuesday 10th January and the remaining £22 before Tuesday 28th February. Thank you.

Class 2 Farm Visit - Wednesday 30th November

A reminder that Class 2 should wear their PE kit on Wednesday for their visit to the farm. Please bring wellies (ideally) or old trainers to change into. A spare pair of socks would be a good idea in case they get wet. Don't forget a warm coat!

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. We will be accepting donations from Wednesday 23rd November which is 24 days before we break up for the Christmas holidays. Please see the accompanying page of this newsletter for more information. Thank you.



Applying for school places

Parents with pre-school children due to start school in September 2023 are reminded that you are able to apply for reception places online via the Council's website at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for admissions is 15th January 2023.

Friends of Capenhurst

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.

100 Club

There are still numbers available for 100 Club; if you would like to take part, please see Mrs Henson on the playground. The cost is £12 per year and you could win a monthly monetary prize if your number is drawn, whilst raising money for school. For those of you continuing with your number, please ensure that you pay as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Payment can be made in cash to Mrs Henson or via a Paypal friends and family payment at https://paypal.me/capenhurstprimarypta?locale.x=en_GB

Bonus Ball Fundraiser

The bonus ball drawn on Saturday 26th November was number 11 Congratulations to Mrs Auld!

Christmas Jumpers

Thursday 15th December is our Christmas Jumper Day where the children can wear their Christmas jumper in exchange for a £1 charity donation. In advance of this, Friends of Capenhurst will be accepting donations of outgrown Christmas jumpers which will then be sold at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December. Any money raised will go towards our school and we can also help to reduce waste by recycling. Please pass any jumpers to Mary O on the playground or via your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Secret Santa

This year sees the return of our popular Secret Santa event on Friday 2nd December. Secret Santa is an opportunity for the children to buy and wrap a gift for a family member or friend and in turn raise valuable funds for school. If your child would like to take part, they should send in **£2.50 per gift in an envelope labelled with their name, the amount of cash enclosed and the name of the person (or persons) they would like to buy a gift for**. eg. Mrs Auld, £5.00 enclosed, buying a gift for Mrs Green and a gift for Tom (aged 13). Envelopes should enclose cash only (no cheques sorry) and should be handed into the school office **before Friday 2nd December**.

Friends of Capenhurst would also welcome donations of unwanted items or unused gifts (in excellent condition) which can be used as presents for the children to choose from. These should be brought into the school office before Friday 2nd Dec.

Twitter

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Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: 28th Nov - 4th Dec)



Amelia R Francesca S
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