Aim, Achieve, Succeed







10th February 2014

This week will be a busy one with the children completing their mid-year assessments - more details later. The staff will also be arranging Parents' Evening times so look out for a slip in your child's bag with your time on. If you need to change, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. I will be available on both evenings if you would like to make an appointment to see me. Wishing you all a restful half term break. Mrs Green

Sharing assembly

Sharing assembly will be held on Friday at 2.40pm in the Village Hall. During this week's assembly we will be holding this month's 100 club draw. Don't forget your numbers as this could be your lucky week.

Celebrations!

Pupils of the week:

Class 1: Freya Warmer for settling in really well in her first week at our school

Class 2: Dominic Henson for great effort with his writing

Class 3: Ryan Shaw for working so hard and with such enthusiasm in literacy

Class 4: Sam Brocklehurst for cooperative problem solving in maths and always giving his best

The Infant Cup was awarded to Grace Dickinson for improved behaviour and being a delightful member of class, Good luck in your new school, you will be missed. The Junior Cup was awarded to Will Guest for trying so hard with his handwriting and for constantly improving what he writes. Well done to all the children who shared their successes in this week's sharing assembly and to those pupils who remained on green all week.



<u>Assessments</u>

This week the children in each year group from Year 1 to Year 6 will be completing assessments in reading, writing and mathematics. These assessments will be used to identify and celebrate the progress they have made since September. Where there are gaps in children's understanding, class teachers will then plan for support and interventions to support the children to address these gaps. The outcomes of the assessments will be analysed by the class teachers and I so that children in need of additional support can be identified. Successful outcomes of the assessments will be noted and acknowledged with the children as well as outcomes being shared with parents. These assessments are for school information only and enable the teachers and I to ensure each child is receiving the appropriate level of challenge and support.

The children in Reception will continue to enjoy a variety of activities during this week whilst Miss Ledsham and Mrs Wilson gather information about their progress using observation and adult led activities. This information will then be used to update current levels of development and identify areas that may need further support and development.

If you have any questions about the assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Information evenings

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete and return the evaluation form from the calculations evening. Additional evenings will be planned for the rest of the coming year to address areas such as reading and writing. If you have any other areas of school that you would like further information about, please drop me an email with your ideas - head@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk

<u>E-safety</u>

Each child should have brought home a revised permissions form for use of images within school and an Acceptable Use Agreement for the internet. These are important documents for you and your family to discuss together before signing and returning to school. Please return any outstanding agreements and permission forms before Thursday 13th February. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day and the children and staff will be looking at how to stay safe when using the internet. Please take the time to discuss this matter at home with all your children.



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Conway Residential

There are a number of outstanding replies regarding attendance at Conway; please return your replies before the end of the week so that arrangements can be finalised. As a reminder If you are wanting to pay by instalment - the first instalment was due last Friday 7th February. First instalment of £77.50 for class 3 or £90.00 for class 4 needs to be sent into school this week. Thank you.

Class 3 swimming

Class 3 start swimming the first week back after half term on Wednesday 26th February. A letter has been sent home with further details and costing. Please return any monies and slips to school as soon as possible.

Friends of Capenhurst

Friday 7th February - DVD/Book/Games sale

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale and to those who were able to support the event by purchasing additional books, games and DVDs for use at home. It looked to be a busy event! We raised £86.10 on the day. Thank you to Ms. Jackson for her hard work at the 'nail bar'; lots of children looked to have very colourful nails as they left!

Friday 28th February - School sweater and summer dress sale

This is an opportunity for you to re-cycle school sweaters and summer dresses that are in good condition by selling them to other parents for a nominal charge. The items of clothing will need to be washed and pressed with the size easily visible so that parents can buy the appropriate size for their child. Clothing is to be brought into school from Monday 24th February and the sale will take place before and after sharing assembly on that day.

Friday 4th April - Chocolate tombola

This event will take place before and after sharing assembly on the Friday. Donations of chocolate for the stall can be brought in on **Friday 28th March** with the children being able to wear their own clothes in return for a donation to the stall.

If you are able to help out at any of the above events, please contact a member of Friends of Capenhurst or let school know in the usual ways.

Shakespeare4kidz

The children in class 4 will be enjoying a performance by Shakespeare4Kidz on Tuesday 25th February. The performance has been subsidised by the Ellesmere Port Education Partnership, of which Capenhurst is a member. The partnership works hard to provide a range of opportunities for children who attend local schools and is able to subsides events that would otherwise be too expensive to take part in. Each child will bring home a letter with further details this week.

Whole school languages day - a reminder

On Friday 28th February we will be holding a whole school languages and cultures day. The children will be working in their houses and each teacher is planning a day based on a European country so that the children can develop an understanding of the language and culture of that country. Parents and families are invited to join their children from 1.15pm onwards. The children will also be sharing their experiences during sharing assembly that day.



<u>Birthday Celebrations</u> The following children have celebrated a birthday during the holidays or this week:

Freya Warmer

During half term