



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

18th March 2024

'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32

Christian Value - Forgiveness



This week we say 'goodbye' to Mrs Forster after many years working at Capenhurst as she moves into a role with the local authority which provides more flexibility in terms of home/life balance. Mrs Forster has been a valued and trusted member of our staff team and school community. She will be missed by everyone. We wish her all the best and hope that she will continue to be a friend to the school.

Don't forget the Easter Fun Run this Friday organised by the Friends of Capenhurst. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their bag of coins.

Thank you to everyone who dressed up on Friday as a book character or in red to mark World Book Day and Red Nose Day. You all looked fabulous and we raised over £100 for Red Nose Day.

Mrs Green

Celebrations!

Well done to all the children who took part in the various sporting activities last week. There were moments of success for some of the teams over the week. Everyone took part with enthusiasm and showed great spirit and team work. Mr Hartley and I were very proud of you all and you were a credit to yourselves, your families and school. Thank you to Mr Hartley for organising and to the families who were able to help with transport and support at the events.

On Monday, we took part in the County Finals of the Small Schools Sports Hall Athletics competition, competing against other small schools from across the county. The children tried hard and came away with the 'Spirit of the Games' trophy.

On Thursday, Year 3/4 took part in a small schools mixed afternoon with our family of small schools. The football team gave it their all but struggled against strong opposition. The Boccia team came 3rd and then the same children came 1st in the Indoor Archery. Well done to everyone who took part.

On Friday, Year 5/6 took part in a football and netball tournament with our family of small schools. The football team performed well as a select team of 7, leaving them without any substitutions, playing four 20-minute games on a sloping pitch. Valiant effort and some good results. The netball team performed very well, playing four games without a loss. Sadly, they drew too many games to win overall. Some excellent team work.



Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Thursday 21st Mar - Class 3 Farm Visit in the morning

Monday 25th Mar - Clarinet concert in the village hall for Class 4 families at 2.30pm

Tuesday 26th Mar - Final swimming lesson for Class 3 children

Tuesday 26th Mar - Singing workshop at St Oswald's (7 children from Class 4 have been notified on ParentMail)

Wednesday 27th Mar - Class 4 Farm Visit in the morning

Wednesday 27th Mar - Class 4 singing at The Old Rectory in the afternoon

Thursday 28th Mar - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Fri 29th Mar - Fri 12th Apr - School closed for Easter holidays

Thursday 25th Apr - Class 1 Farm Visit

Wednesday 1st May - Year 5 Family Lunch

Mon 13th - Fri 17th May - KS2 SATS Week — NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE APPROVED DURING THIS WEEK!

Wednesday 22nd May - Year 4 Family Lunch

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May - School closed for half term break

Monday 3rd June - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Thurs 13th - Fri 14th June - Burwardsley residential for Class 2

Monday 8th July - AmaSing Concert at Chester Cathedral (Classes 3 & 4)

Wednesday 10th July - Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral for Year 6 pupils and staff

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.

Class 2 Burwardsley Residential

Thank you all for completing the consent form for your child's Burwardsley residential in a timely manner. A payment item has been set up in ParentMail. **A non-refundable deposit of £60 should be paid by 22nd March** in order to secure your child's place. If your child is in receipt of income-based free school meals, the reduced price should be paid in full by 22nd March. School is liable for the full price, even if your child subsequently does not attend.

In worship this week...

...we have reminded ourselves about the positive around letting things go and forgiveness and moved onto thinking about the importance of letting the hurt out, not burying it, but letting it out. How do we handle negative emotions without damaging others in the process? Where do you go? Who do you talk to? What do you do when you're feeling blue? If our leg hurts we might sit down, if we have a headache we might lie down or take a tablet. What do we do when our heart hurts? Christians believe they can take their cares and pains to God and He will listen to them because He loves them.

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Outstanding Payments

The end of March is our financial year end. Please can all families ensure that any outstanding payments for the swimming coach, adult meals already taken at family lunches, residential payments (including deposits for Burwardsley), after-school clubs and dinner/snack money for this term, are made before school closes for the Easter holidays. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Class 3 Farm Visit - Thursday 21st March

Class 3 will be visiting the farm on Thursday morning. Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit, ensuring that he/she wears dark jogging bottoms (not shorts), due to the hay and long grass. Your child should wear a pair of trainers to school and bring a pair of wellies (preferable) or old trainers for the morning trip in a separate named bag. Your child will also need their school cardigan/jumper and a warm coat, scarf, hat and gloves. An extra/spare pair of socks would be a good idea to help keep feet warm! Thank you.

Friends of CapenhurstFacebook 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.

Dates for your diary!

Friday 22nd March - Easter Fun Run

Friday 21st June - Quiz Night

Easter Fun Run

Our next PTA event is coming up on us fast. For anyone who hasn't been around for one of our Easter Fun Runs before, here is what happens. The event takes place in the afternoon of the last Friday before Easter (22nd March). It happens during the school day but parents/ grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join in.

Last week we handed out some pretty net bags. What we ask is that you fill them with any loose change you can find. This is anything from 1p upwards. In previous years people have had a lot of success taking these into work places and relieving people of tiresome small coins. This is your child's sponsorship for the run.

On the day of the fun run the children will do two laps of our sports field after a short warm up. At each corner there will be a bucket of eggs/Easter chocolates and they can take one from each bucket each time they pass. Our own mini Easter egg hunt!

Swimming Lessons for Class 3

Class 3 will be swimming again tomorrow. Any remaining payment towards the swimming coach is now overdue and we would be grateful if you could clear outstanding amounts ASAP. Thank you.

A reminder to arrive at school on time on Tuesday with swim wear underneath school uniform, as we will be leaving school at 9.00am promptly in order to arrive at EPSV on time. Please ensure your child brings underwear and a towel each Tuesday morning.

School Meal Price Increase

We have been advised by Edsential, our school meal provider, that the price of a school dinner will be increasing by 27p from 1st April 2024. As a school, we will try to absorb some of that cost and therefore, the new price we will charge will be **£3.05 per meal from Monday 15th April**, after the Easter holidays. Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will still qualify for a universal infant free school meal.

Selfless Shelves supporting the West Cheshire Foodbank - All in, bring a tin!

We think that Capenhurst is a welcoming community that includes everyone irrespective of race, gender or religion. The 'Selfless Shelves' is a project where children can earn a token as a reward for a good deed in school. This token can then be exchanged for a food item from the 'Selfless Shelves' which can then be placed in the Foodbank. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for the shelves - the children see this as a 'Circle of Kindness'. **We encourage families to help out over the next few days by bringing in things for the Selfless Shelves. All in, bring a tin!**

The Foodbank will then use these items to support local families struggling to provide food for themselves. We will continue to support the West Cheshire Foodbank in our traditional way and food items can be brought in and placed on the 'Selfless Shelves' or directly into the collection box. The Foodbank is particularly in need of **UHT Juice, instant mash, tinned fruit and tinned meats/meat meals.**

Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week: (18th - 24th Mar)

None

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