

CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

28th April 2025

'If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.' Ecclesiastes 4:10

Christian Value - Friendship



Welcome back to a very short, but busy, half term. During this half term, statutory assessments will take place which can be unsettling for many. During the week of the KS2 tests, there will be some disruption as we make spaces available for the tests to take place. Please be mindful of this and that, for some, this will be anxious time. Staff will be around to support all the children and make sure the impact is minimal.

As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to raise them at school - it is easiest to send them via email to contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk.

Many thanks, Mrs Green

Well done to the children in Y5/6 who took part in the mini tag rugby tournament last Friday. Mr Hartley was very proud of the manner in which they played and conducted themselves during the afternoon. There are a number of mini sporting events being arranged with our friends from our small family of schools which will be shared with you through this newsletter and via ParentMail. Please look out for these in the coming weeks.

Thank you to Mr Hartley for putting together this sporting calendar and to those who have helped with recent events and may be able to help with future ones.

#### Dates and events - a few things for the calendar!

Thursday 1st May - Class 1 Farm Visit

Friday 2nd May - Class 4 Fire Safety Talk & Smoke Tent visit from Cheshire Fire Service (rescheduled)

Monday 5th May - School closed (bank holiday)

Wednesday 7th May - Class 1 (reception) Family Lunch

Wednesday 7th May - Class 3 Farm Visit

Friday 9th May - Academy Photography - Class Photos and Leavers' Photos

Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May - KS2 SATS Week - NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE APPROVED DURING THIS WEEK! Thursday 22nd May - Class 2 Farm Visit

Friday 23rd May - Sports Day

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - School closed for Half Term

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Monday 9th - Tuesday 10th June - Class 2 Burwardsley residential

Thursday 12th June - Class 4 Farm Visit

Thursday 19th June - Class 3 Farm Visit

Thursday 19th June - Rec & Y6 heights and weights with School Health - further details sent home last week

Thursday 19th June - Reception vision and hearing screening with School Health - further details sent home last week

Monday 23rd June - Worship on Tour

Wednesday 25th June - Class change over morning and transition morning for September 25 reception children

Thursday 26th June - Class 2 Farm Visit

Tuesday 1st July - AmaSing at Chester Cathedral

Tuesday 1st July - Bishops HS transition day for Y6 leavers

Thursday 3rd July - Class 4 Farm Visit

Thursday 10th July - Y6 Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral

Thursday 10th July - Class 1 Farm Visit

Tuesday 15th July - KS2 Play, afternoon and evening performances - further details will be sent in due course

Thursday 17th July - Y6 Leavers' Disco - further details will be sent in due course

Tuesday 22nd July - Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, followed by Leavers' Lunch

Wednesday 23rd July - School closes for the summer holidays

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.

# Term Dates 2025/26

Term dates for 2025/26 have been uploaded on to the school website. A link to the page has been sent home via ParentMail.



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# In worship this week...

...we have been thinking about the value of friendship and what it means to be a good friend. Real friendship is about what we can give to another person rather than what we can get from them. Jesus had a group of friends who supported Him in spreading His message of love and compassion. One of His friends let Him down through an act of betrayal. We are teaching all our children how to be a good friend to others.

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#### Summer Term After-School Clubs

Summer term clubs start on Monday 28th April; if you have not already done so, please sign up via ParentMail ASAP. Last term, we trialled gymnastics club for year groups 1-6 in one club and it was a success, so CEPD sports clubs are open to all age groups on both Mondays and Thursdays in the summer term. Mr Hartley is also excited to offer (soft-tip) darts to our KS2 children on Mondays. Please see below for the summer term club timetable:

Mondays - CEPD athletics/multi-skills with Mrs Kirkham (Rec—Y6); KS2 Darts with Mr Hartley (Y3—Y6)

Tuesdays - Mindfulness with Mrs Delap (Rec—Y2); Craft club with Mrs Hayward (Y3—Y6)

Thursdays - CEPD summer games with Mr Hershaw (Rec—Y6); Minecraft with Mrs Bunting (Y3—Y6)

#### Class 1 Farm Visit - Thursday 1st May

The children in Class 1 will be making their next trip to the farm on Thursday for our forest school activities; the dates for each class trip to the farm for this half term are on the diary dates overleaf. The local visit consent form that you completed on ParentMail covers these trips.

A reminder that Class 1 children should wear their PE kit on Thursday for their visit to the farm. Please ensure that dark, plain joggers/ leggings are worn (not shorts) due to the long grass. Please bring wellies (ideally) or old trainers to change into. Spare socks would be useful in case of wet feet. Please apply insect spray (if required) to your child before school and remember to bring a coat.

#### Recycling and packed lunches

Due to changes in government legislation, we now need to separate our waste at school with a focus on recycling where we can. Whilst we appreciate that this is a good change and will benefit our environment, the changes come at a monetary cost to school. As a result, we will be asking the children to take home their packed lunch waste, which normally would have been put in the classroom bins. We encourage you to recycle at home and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# 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 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 meat paste, small jars of instant coffee, biscuits, tinned or packet custard and toothpaste.

# 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, answer the security questions, and you will be added. The group provides fundraising updates and general school reminders.

#### Birthday Celebrations

The following children celebrate a birthday this week or did so last week: (23rd - 4th May)





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