



CAPENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

1st February 2021



As you will have heard schools will close to all pupils over February half term (15th to 19th February) which means remote learning will pause during that week also. School will open to key worker and vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February and remote learning will re-start for those children staying at home.

The Prime Minister announced that he was hopeful that schools may begin to open to more children from 8th March - we will continue to keep you informed of any change in provision at school as and when we know more.

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 - Ted A for his hard work at home and school which has led to excellent progress with his reading.

Class 2 - Heidi W for her hard work at home, going above and beyond.

Class 3 - Ella McC for writing a lovely letter this week, using conjunctions and trying really hard with short division.

Class 4 - Daisy D for working so hard at home.

The winning house this week was Fire. Congratulations to everyone in Fire for their teamwork in earning the most house points during the past week.



## Learning at home and school

Thank you to the vast majority of families who are engaging with the home learning that is being set. Hopefully everyone has received and read the email about 'Wellbeing Wednesday' and are looking forward to choosing from the menu of activities that the staff have put together. It is intended to provide a break for everyone from the challenges of learning at school and home.

If anyone is struggling with accessing home learning for their child or would just like some tips on how to make it manageable, please contact school using [contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@capenhurstcep.cheshire.sch.uk)

## 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.

## Dinner & Snack Money Reminder

Just a polite reminder to ensure that your child's school dinner and snack accounts are up to date, not only for those children currently in school, but also for those with outstanding balances who are working at home. Thank you.



## 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**

The bonus ball on Saturday 30th January was number 42 which is unclaimed. This was the final week of bonus ball that had been paid for. Mrs Osborne will start it up again when school reopens to all. In order to wrap it up, a number was picked out of a hat to find a winner; it was number 51 - congratulations Jemma Baker!

### **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 :  
(1st—7th February)

Emily F

Jax D

