



# Smallwood News—'Let Your Light Shine'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break over Easter? With some lovely weather, I am sure so many of us spent a lot of time outdoors enjoying time with family and friends. We have come back to school this week and the sun has shone brightly and we've been able to do a lot of activities and learning outdoors! Clubs have started again with some changes for this term to reflect the time of year - it's never too late to sign up to most of the clubs!

It is going to be a very busy term - as well as the dates already on the calendar, there's some new ones for you to take note of. Make sure you check the calendar on the website for all the other important dates, such as Sports Day, Rose Queen and King crowning and music club's performances of The Jungle Book.

In Worship yesterday, we shared with the children our renewed Mission Statement, Vision and Values. As staff and Directors (Governors) we felt that we were in need of a refresher and, as we started our work on it, some quite exciting things came from it. Our new Mission statement is:

**"Let Your Light Shine"**

This is already familiar to us all, including the children, as it is part of Smallwood's Bible verse from Matthew 5:16: ***"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."***

We have talked in Worship about how we are going to "Shine" through our Values; Ready, Kind, Respectful and Safe.

Have a lovely weekend

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## 'Phonics Week - Willow, Ash and Elm

- In September, we launched our new phonics programme, Ready Steady Phonics. We are seeing a significant impact of having one consistent approach across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and would very much like you to see this in action.
- We have published, on your School Spider login, a booking form for one day next week for you to join in with a Phonics Session. Since we published this, further Strike days have been announced. Therefore, if you have booked to come on Thursday next week, we are more than happy for you to book an alternative day.



## Coronation Events - Rose King and Queen

- We have been busy planning some events around the upcoming King's Coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- The children have all drawn a self-portrait which will be printed on commemorative Tea-Towels and will be available to order via forms which will be sent home next week.
- On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, our "Royal" party will be selling coronation merchandise and pre-ordered scone, cream and jam packages. This will all be happening at home-time, ready for you all to celebrate with on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Again, order forms will be sent home next week.
- Finally, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, you are welcome to join us for our Coronation Church Service at 1.30pm. Following the service, there will be cakes and treats available back at school and you are welcome to come and join the children for the last part of the day. Hopefully, it will be a lovely day and we can sit outside so bring your picnic blankets! Donations of any cakes for the tea party will be gratefully received.
- It would be great for as many as possible to support Katerina and Logan in what will be some of the final fundraising events of their tenure.





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## Parents' Council

Our next Parents' Council meeting is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This forum is proving to be incredibly beneficial to hear what feedback our parents have got and in order to help us with school improvement. Your representatives are:

Emily Thornley (Ash)  
James Elliott (Ash)  
Cathryn Rayner (Elm)  
Deleasa Davis (Elm)  
Alexa Livesey (Elm)  
Mary Lofthouse (Oak)  
Sarah Porter (Maple)  
Serena Heathcote (Hazel)



We haven't got any representation for Willow or Beech at the moment but if you are interested please do come and have a chat.

## Parent/Grandparent Lunches

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Parent/Grandparent lunches are back in our calendar. Here are the days/dates for you:

Willow and Ash - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Elm and Oak - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Maple and Beech - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Hazel - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July (after Church Leavers Service)



If there are siblings in a different year group, we are more than happy for them to join you.

## Calendar

You will find all upcoming events on the calendar on our school website - <http://www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk/events>