



Smallwood News—'Excellence Through Enjoyment'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of our first full week, children are settling into their new year groups and I am delighted with the hard work and enthusiasm I have seen as I have visited the different classes. Children are working hard and doing their best to impress their new teachers. This is such an important part of the year as children are introduced to the routines and strategies they will be using all year.

I am delighted with how smartly children are dressed for school; we are however getting girls who are wearing bigger and bigger bows in their hair. Please make sure that all hair accessories are blue, white or black and are kept to a small size. We ask all of our children to dress smart and think smart. Big, fashion hair accessories can be very distracting and have the potential to get caught in equipment during PE and playtime activities.

This year we have introduced a new whole school approach to encourage pupils to have a 'voice' about what happens in school. All of the children from years 1 - 6 are split into small mixed age groups led by a teacher. In these groups we will be discussing all kinds of issues and allowing children to have their say. We are currently reviewing our whole school code of conduct and agreeing how we can best make our school a happy, safe and healthy place for everyone to learn. Later on in the year we will discuss all sorts of issues such as well-being and happiness, anti-bullying strategies, e-safety, values, rights and responsibilities. Talking Groups give every child the chance to be actively involved in a democratic system and to have their say about what we do in school.

Year 6 have had a wonderful few days in Conway and are returning tired but exhilarated. They have had lots of opportunities to grow together as a team and discover new talents that they did not know they or their friends had. Opportunities like this allow children to develop their independence skills and challenge them to take risks and try new things. I know that they will bring new strength and confidence with them as they return to the classroom on Monday. There will be an assembly on Friday 22nd at 2.30pm led by year 6 which will share all of their adventures, having seen the pictures already up on the website I am looking forward to hearing more about the fun that they had.

Tomorrow is the Village Fete I look forward to seeing you there, please come and support as all money raised goes to help the community, church and school. A big thankyou to all parents who have provided cakes for the cake stall, if you would still like to provide a cake they can be taken to the stall on the day of the fete.



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The fun begins from 12pm - 6pm, Admission £2 Adults, Children Free. There will be Market Stalls, Games, BBQ, Raffle, Entertainment, Giant Sandpit, Climbing Wall, Carousel, Giant Inflatable Slide, Refreshments, Cakes, Bar, Family Tug of War and much, much more. We just need to hope for last year's weather. Entrance to the fete will be behind the church.

The Big Village Bake Off, Under 11's - Best Decorated Cup Cake, Over 11's - Best Sponge Cake, £1 per entry, Entries to be received by 1.30pm at the fete, Judging at 3pm.

Fun Dog Show - 'Have a go agility' £1.00 for 3 attempts plus free entry to the agility class.

Classes: (Registration from 1pm, £1 per class) 2.00pm Waggiest tail, 2.15pm Best junior handler (under 16), 2.30pm Best trick/command, 2.45pm Best dressed, 3pm Golden oldie (over 8 years), 3.30pm Marvelous male, 3.45pm Beautiful bitch, 4.00pm Best at agility, 4.15pm Judges favourite, 4.30pm Best in Show.

Harvest Festival.

Next Sunday 24th September is the harvest festival which will take place at 6pm. Children need to meet at school at 5:45pm in school uniform. As part of the festival it is traditional to provide a harvest basket as a donation. This year you can choose to fill your basket with dry goods - tins, pasta, rice etc. which will be donated to the New Life Church food bank. Or you can fill your basket with fresh fruit and vegetables and it will be sold at the harvest supper with donations going to Smallwood Church and the Rose Queen charity which is the Donna Louise Children's Hospice. Please help us to provide a wonderful array of produce so that we can support our local community.

The Harvest Supper will be on Monday 25th September at 6.30pm in Smallwood Village Hall. Adults £6 Children £3. To reserve tickets please contact Daphne Ford 01477 500301, Julie Bracegirdle 07966429798 or School Office. This will be followed by our usual sale of harvest produce.



School photos take place on Friday 22nd September.

School Lunches

We have started back the new term on Week 2 of the menu which is different than the dates specified on the menu. Next week will be Week 3.

School Meals cost £2.30 for pupils in Oak, Beech and Hazel Classes. This can be paid for via ParentPay (if you do not have your log in details or have lost them then ask at the office), by cheque payable to Smallwood Primary Academy or Cash in a named sealed envelope.

If you would like to pay in advance then this half term meals cost £75.90 per child (33 x £2.30), please note if you pay in advance and your child misses a lunch then this will remain as a credit on their account.

CLUBS WILL START NEXT WEEK THE NEW FORM HAS BEEN SENT OUT

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT YOGA CLUB IS FULL FOR THIS HALF TERM

**A CHESS CLUB IS STARTING ON FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER FORMS AND MORE
DETAIL WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK.**

Beat the Bugs

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must be kept off for a minimum of 48 hours.

We have had a number of children who have returned to school before the 48 hour, www.nhs.uk, recommended period. Please do not send them back until they have had a clear 48 hours. We have seen an increase in sickness and diarrhoea over the past couple of weeks.

Please remember to ring into school before 9.15am if your child is absent

The Smallwood Fete takes place Saturday 16th September. Smallwood parents and teachers will be supporting the refreshment stall and need your help.

If anyone is available and can offer an hour of their time to serve on the stall please contact Lynn Booth on 07789 692727.

If anyone is able to donate any cakes for sale (home or shop bought) please drop at school on Friday 15th or drop at the stall by 12 on Saturday.