



Dear Parents,

Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

We're back, and it's so good to be saying that! It has been such a pleasure walking around school, talking to children and seeing classes full again. A huge well done to all of our families on getting children so fantastically well prepared for their return to school. I have been so impressed with how smart children looked and how confidently they walked back into school.

I was delighted to see so many parents come into school for our meet the teacher sessions. Children learn best when we work in close partnership, and we are always happy to talk with parents and carers. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. We would always prefer to address a problem in its infancy and resolve it quickly.

Yesterday, we had our welcome service in church and all our new starters were welcomed into the Smallwood Family. Special events like these are hugely important because they help us to remember that being part of Smallwood is so much more than just being a member of the school. We are incredibly lucky to belong to such a strong and cohesive community. The Smallwood family is an incredibly caring community and stretches way beyond the school gates. Let us all work together so that we can keep it growing and flourishing.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Iestyn Lewis

## Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service is one of the most important events of the year and also one of the events that attracts a number of people. This year, our Harvest Service will be in Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm with the traditional tractor and trailer procession starting from school at 4.45pm.

The Harvest Supper will be in the Village Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - if you would like tickets, please contact Nicola Holt on 07884 234250 or Julie Bracegirdle on 07966 429798.



## Individual Photos

The photographer will be at school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photos that you will then be able to purchase.





## Beech Parents'/Grandparents' Lunch

This year, we will host a parents'/grandparents' lunch each half term with each class having a turn. The first one is for the parents and/or grandparents of Beech class. The date is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 12.15pm and the theme is "British Lunch" with Cottage Pie (vegetarian option also available) on the menu. We will create a booking form on School Spider next week.



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be back hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Any donations of cakes will be most gratefully received - pop it in your diaries!



## Pick-up, Village Hall and traffic

I am aware that parking at home time has presented a few problems and we're hoping that, with clubs starting next week, it will alleviate some of the issues. It would be worth considering car/lift-sharing - not only would this reduce congestion but also reduce fuel consumption and a be a super tick in our "eco box."

Can I also remind you of the one-way system that we have in place for dropping off and picking up. Please approach the Village Hall car park by driving up towards school (from the direction of Martins Moss or around the triangle behind the Village Hall) and turning left into the car park. Please then leave by turning left out of the village hall. If you approach school for drop-off or pick-up from the direction of Church, and are turning right into the village hall, you will have difficulty against the flow of traffic that are following the one-way system. However, please bear in mind that we don't expect members of the local community to know about this arrangement so you will occasionally meet some on-coming traffic. If you're not sure, please ask.





## September 2024 intake

If you know of anyone thinking of joining our Smallwood family, please point them in our direction and we would be more than delighted to show them around our wonderful school. All they need to do is ring or email to book an appointment.

We also have spaces in some year groups if you know someone thinking of moving or moving into the area.

## Upcoming Events

Please have a look at the calendar on the school website for any upcoming events - this term is always busy with Harvest, Harvest Supper, MacMillan Coffee Morning, Parents' Evenings, Remembrance, Children in Need and Christmas!

[Smallwood Academy: Our Calendar](#)

