



Smallwood News—'Excellence Through Enjoyment'

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Today we finished a fabulous fortnight learning about the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe with our sharing assembly. Thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends who came along to share the wonderful work that children are producing. I have been astounded by the quality of some of the writing produced. Children are carefully selecting fantastic vocabulary choices and really thinking and planning carefully how to make the biggest impact on their audience. Well done to everyone for all of their hard work, we cannot possibly share it all but come in and look at our big display in the entrance and remember parents evenings will take place on the 6.3.18 and 8.3.18 and children's books will be out for you to see.

On Wednesday the infants had a delightful afternoon tea with Mr Tumnus, they made their cakes and sandwiches in the morning to share and then in the afternoon sat down together to enjoy the fruits of their labours. Everyone had a lovely time and it certainly felt like Narnia when it began to snow. The juniors have also been enjoying themselves as they got involved in all sorts of Narnia based creative activities including making some delicious Turkish Delight inspired biscuits.

Last night I had the pleasure of watching our choir and orchestra perform in the annual Love Music Trust competition. Sadly each year we enter this and never seem to get that far in the competition but in all honesty I don't care. Our children were fantastic, they had the opportunity to compete in a competitive environment which is something completely different to all of the other musical opportunities we can give them. They got to impress an audience who were not there to see them and from all of the people who spoke to me afterwards we definitely got the audience vote. They got to work as a team and had to channel their time and efforts into achieving their best performance. So we are winners because the life skills we gained are invaluable. Well done Singing Sensations, Orchestra, Mrs Darlington and Miss Williams I am proud of you all.

Just a few quick reminders for next week:

Please come and join me on Thursday 8th at 2:30pm for afternoon tea.

Smallwood steps will be on Monday morning (weather permitting).



Caravan Rally

We are very lucky to have free use of the village hall car park to help alleviate traffic congestion around school. However to ensure that it remains open and strive for the community they have to raise revenue from bookings.

Therefore please find below dates for the next few caravan rallies, The first one being next week the 9th February. We will operate the same pick up arrangements as we did last week.

The next one will be Friday 30th March,

Afterschool Clubs.

The same clubs will run after half term until we break up for Easter (on 29th March)

***PLEASE NOTE NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS:
THURSDAY 1ST MARCH—STAFF TRAINING
WEEK COMMENCING 5TH March due to parents evenings***



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.

Please remember to ring into school before 9.15am if your child is absent for any reason, even a last minute appointment.



Don't be late!

As you are aware we now start our mornings with the gate opening at 8:40 and children going straight into class instead of onto the playground. This allows for a calmer and more supportive start to your child's day. Once in class, children have time to chat with their teacher, practise spellings, handwriting and reading and take part in read and respond activities. The gate will close at 9:00am as usual and all late arrivals will need to enter via the main door and be signed in. Late arrivals unsettle the class and disrupts the start of the day, and has been proven to have a big effect on children's academic progress, children arriving after registers close at 9.10am will receive a late mark.



Pick Up after Clubs. - Please also be on time for pick up after clubs, the staff use their time after clubs to prepare for the next day and mark work.