



## Smallwood News—'Excellence Through Enjoyment'

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This has been a short week but as jam packed as ever. Year 6 are working incredibly hard preparing for their SATs which take place next week. For many of them this is the first time they experience a formal test. Although year 2 also have SATs we work very hard to keep them as relaxed and untestlike as possible. Some children do not even realise they are being tested and that is just the way we want it. At year 6 however we are obliged to slightly increase the formality. Although this may be daunting for some children, it is a valuable learning experience. There are many times in our lives when we have to perform under pressure; driving test, job interview, part in a play or musical performance to name just a few. Learning the invaluable skills of preparing sensibly (last minute cramming rarely achieves anything), controlling the butterflies and relaxing (try and have early nights and do something active) and putting the whole thing into perspective. What I want most for our year 6 pupils is that they leave here happy, confident, good team workers and communicators with a love of life and a joy in learning, who they are as individuals is the most important thing. So as the week of tests approaches I want all of our children to challenge themselves to do their best to face up to their nerves and have the confidence to give it a go. But remember how hard they have worked, on so many different skills resilience, team work, independence; think of how much they have developed and grown and be proud of all they can do!

Year 5 visited Standon Bowers this week and I was delighted with the way they challenged themselves. Climbing the high ropes and trying new skills was a fantastic way of putting their resilience, confidence and independence into action.

Next week our snapshot reports will be available online for you to see how your child is doing and what targets they need to work on for the rest of the summer term. Please have a look, we really value all of the support parents and carers give to their children this is a very effective way to stay informed and know how your child is doing and what they still need to practise.

Congratulations to all of our netballers who worked so hard to represent the school again on Thursday evening. Thank you for giving up your time and all of the effort that you have put in. Good luck to our footballers who are playing in a tournament on Saturday and also to those children taking part in the chess competition again on Saturday.

Don't forget it is the Family Service at 9:30 on Sunday our infant children have been working hard to prepare for this, I look forward to seeing you there.

Caroline Mander

Headteacher

### **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](http://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 for any reason, even a last minute appointment.

#### The new menu week 2:

Monday Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetarian meatball pasta bake

Tuesday: BBQ Pork and Cheesy Pasta or Vegetarian Sausage Roll

Wednesday: Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet

Thursday : Cornish Pasty Pie or Cheesy Pasta

Friday: Sausage, Quorn Sausage or Battered Fish

## GEM Awards this week

Angus Swift

Chloe Furlong

Jaxon Barber

Noah Barrett

Alexa Darlington

Florence Mitchell

Kianu Prot-Lane

Oliver Nicholls

Harriet Boland

Jorja Machin

Ben Lusby

Reuben Nicholls

Emiliya Gospodinova-Vasileva

Daisy Hayward

Anna Taylor

Tigi Grocott