



## Smallwood News—'Excellence Through Enjoyment'

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Welcome back, I hope you all had relaxing holidays and are ready for the challenges of a new term in school. It's amazing how quickly we get back into the swing of things. Teachers have been very busy planning lots of exciting events for the upcoming term.

Next week on Friday we have a ***non-uniform day*** where we are fundraising for the NSPCC. We will also have some visitors from the NSPCC they will be talking to children and working in classes using the NSPCC pants as private resources. This is a really important initiative which works to help keep children safe and understand their rights to privacy. If you have any queries please visit their website where there are excellent packs for parents and carers. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January we are going to launch our ***Oliver Twist themed fortnight with a Victorian School day***. We would like all children to come to school in Victorian outfits and they will experience a school day of 150 years ago. Everybody is going to be involved and it should be great fun having the whole school take a step back in time. A letter will come out shortly with further details and simple ideas for costumes if you need inspiration.

As I have stood at the gate this week I have been pleased to see how many children are confidently greeting me. It's so important to encourage children to make eye contact and say good morning. Being confident to greet others and demonstrate that you have good manners is an invaluable life skill. Whether we like it or not first impressions matter. Regular practise in greeting others politely will hopefully be making a big difference and helping our children towards future success.

The ***clubs letter*** will go out next week. Clubs will not begin until the week beginning 21st January, this will give parents wishing to make bookings with Coppice plenty of time. Please note there will be no school staff led clubs the week of parents evening, even if the club is not on one of the parents evening nights as staff will need time to prepare for their meetings. We will try to avoid all other last minute cancellation of clubs although we cannot guarantee this as we are always reliant on the availability of another staff member to step in.

Please remember that your child's ***Snapshot report for the Autumn Term*** is now available. All parents and carers have been given log in details and a password. If you have mislaid your password please come into the office and collect a new one. We will not send these home with children as we need to ensure that they definitely reach you and do not go astray due to data protection requirements.



This **Sunday is plough Sunday and our family service in Church @ 9.30am** please come along if you are able. Last years service involved face paints and a tractor so who knows what this year will bring



but I do know a tractor will be on the school car park again. The children were asked to bring a tractor with them if they wished.

### **Traffic Incident**

On Wednesday 9th January at the end of the school day, there was an incident outside school involving a pedestrian and a car. If you witnessed anything then please can you contact the school office.

### **Beat the bugs**



If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must be kept off for a minimum of 48 hours, which is the recommended period from [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

Please remember to ring school before 9.20 if your child is absent for any reason, even a last minute appointment.

**Head lice** – are very common they are small grey-brown insects, they cannot fly or jump and can affect anyone with long or short hair no matter how clean it is. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis especially if they complain of an itchy head they are much easier to get rid of before they are fully mature and start laying eggs.

### **Medicines**

Staff are not permitted to give non-prescribed medication, if your doctor prescribed your child any medicine then please call into the office and fill out the appropriate form.

### **End of School Collection**

Please ensure your child's class teacher knows if someone different is collecting from school. Children will not be released without this information.