



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super first week back after half-term. School has felt calm with lots of hard-working children.

You have, I am sure, seen the “trim-trail” being finished and it will be ready to use from Monday. We have established a timetable for children to use on a rota with staff supervision. It is imperative that the children DO NOT use it without an adult present and follow the rules that we have worked on in Worship today. I would like to say an enormous thank you to the PTFA, especially Claire Pear and Jess Johal who have been the driving force behind getting this for our school. Most of the funding has come from the PTFA and therefore a thank you to all our parents for your contributions over time.

Thank you for all your support with Tuesday’s strike day. With regards to the 15th and 16th March, I do not have a definite answer for you yet, but I will aim to communicate a plan with you at least one week before the first day. However, it is looking likely that there will be partial closures on those days. I'm sure that you're aware that I can ask teaching staff if they are taking action but they are not obliged to tell me so I will plan for worst case scenario in order to avoid last-minute disruption to parents. Whilst we were able to have some cover staff this week, this is looking difficult to arrange for the 15th and 16th of March.

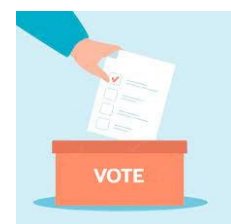
I walked into school on World Book Day to see our school filled with characters. The children had disappeared and been replaced with characters from all of our favourite story books.

Have a lovely weekend!

Iestyn Lewis

Director Applications and News

- First of all, congratulations to Nicola Holt who has been appointed as one of our Foundation Governors by the Diocese of Chester.
- Secondly, ballot papers have been sent out to everyone to vote for a Parent Director. Please return these by Friday 10th March. Many
- Thanks.





Parents' Evenings

Parents Evenings will be coming up at the end of next half-term (Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March). The bookings will go live on our website on Monday 6th March at 7pm. They have already been published and should be showing on your School Spider logins – please let us know if you can't see them.

Parents' Council

- The Parents Council met this week and we had a very productive meeting.
- Feedback on Class Dojo was mainly positive with us now communicating the majority of our day-to-day information on this platform. More formal communication will continue to come through School Spider as emails.
- Lost Property is now in one central point and located near the pupil entrance – please make sure everything is labelled.
- Ready Steady Phonics has now been validated by the DfE (Department for Education) and we have received resources in school.
- We are looking at creating a “Clubs” page on the website.
- One of our discussions was around how we take children swimming in Key Stage 2. I will put a survey out in the near future to hear what your thoughts, as parents, are. You are also welcome to pass feedback onto your Parent Council Representatives.
- We are looking for a parent representative for Willow (Reception) and Maple (Year 4).
- Our next meeting date it yet to be arranged but is likely to be end of April/early May.

Bags 2 School

We have arranged a Bag 2 School collection on the 8th March 2023 , if you're having a clear out and would like to donate, it can help raise money for school.

Donation sacks were sent home with each child yesterday.

www.Bag2school.com





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Calendar

You will find all upcoming events on the calendar on our school website -

<http://www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk/events>