



Smallwood News—'Let Your Light Shine'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

So much has happened since the beginning of this term and, as I sit in my office writing the final newsletter for this term, it's amazing how much we have managed to cram into twelve weeks; not surprisingly, I can see lots of tired faces (both children and staff). Smallwood is a wonderful community! Next term promises to be full of more exciting learning, activities and events. Please take some time to look at the calendar on the website which is kept as up-to-date as possible with what's going on - some of the highlights of next term will be the coronation, music club's performances of *The Jungle Book* and Sports Day

I hope that you all have a wonderful break and a well-earned rest. May your Easter be happy, holy and not too full of chocolate!

Happy Easter

Iestyn Lewis



Phonics Week - Willow, Ash and Elm

- In September, we launched our new phonics programme, Ready Steady
- Phonics. We are seeing a significant impact of having one consistent
- approach across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and would very much like you to see this in action.
- With this in mind, we are going to run a "Phonics Week" during the week commencing Monday 24th April. Willow, Ash and Elm parents will be able to book (via you School Spider login), a morning slot to come and join in the class' Phonics session which usually starts just after 9am and will last approximately half an hour. Monday through to Friday will be available so you will just need to pick the morning that suits you best.



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Clubs

Clubs information has been sent out via Dojo and are now available to book on School Spider. If you are experiencing



Parent Pay

Can we please ask that you check your ParentPay accounts and make payment for any outstanding monies. Many Thanks

Parents' Evenings

We have just completed the main Parents' Evenings of the year but if you haven't managed to speak to class teachers, please contact them as we would be more than happy to arrange something for you. Thank you to everyone who has completed a Parent Questionnaire. I will analyse them over the Easter break and pop some feedback on the website when we return.

Termly Information Session

We will run our third information session of the year, for each class, on Thursday 20th April at 3.30pm and 4pm. This is an opportunity for you to find out what the children will be learning in the Summer term, any events and activities coming up and to ask any questions. Don't forget that you can find information on Class Pages on the website and all the information about our curriculum is posted under the Curriculum tab on the website. Take a long at the half-termly Knowledge Organisers as well!



Curriculum overview - <https://www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk/page/curriculum/22221> (scroll down to Files to Download)

Knowledge Organisers - <https://www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk/page/knowledge-organisers/129380>



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Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in key stage 1, even though they receive Universal Infant Free School Meals as the school can claim additional funding known as pupil premium, worth £1345 per child, for new equipment, resources and other essentials.

Calendar

You will find all upcoming events on the calendar on our school website which I will update next week.

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

Some Key Dates:

- Monday 17th April—Return to School
- Thursday 20th April—Meet the Teacher 3.30pm and 4pm
- Friday 21st April—Bollywood Night—CANCELLED**
- Monday 2nd May—Parents' Council Meeting
- Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATs
- Friday 12th May—Coronation Event—Church Service and Tea
- Friday 9th June - Rose King and Queen Crowning
- Sunday 11th June—Confirmation Service
- Thursday 15th June—ASM Enrichment (parent welcome)
- Wednesday 21st June—Sports Day 1pm (Reserve Day Thursday 22nd June)
- Wednesday 5th July—Town Sports
- Tuesday 1st July, Wednesday 12th July and Thursday 13th July—The Jungle Book Show
- Wednesday 19th July—Leavers' Service in Church 11am
- Thursday 20th July- Leavers and end-of-year disco
- Friday 21st July—Leavers' Service in School (9.15am) and Break-up for Summer

