



Smallwood News—'Excellence Through Enjoyment'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another busy week has whizzed by, with lots of activities taking place all over school. We've had the added excitement of snow since the last newsletter as well!

Well done to our Years 5 and 6 that took part in the Cross Country last week and also to our Years 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics team! It is super to be back to taking children to various competitions and tournaments and seeing the fantastic behaviour and team spirit! Well done Team Smallwood!

There are some new dates on the Calendar, such as our Ash Wednesday service. This will take place on Monday 27th February at 9.15am in Church and you are more than welcome to join us.

I would also like to say a big thank you for the words, messages and emails of support over the industrial action being taken by NEU members next Wednesday. I know Smallwood is a special place but this has confirmed it even more.

Have a lovely weekend!

Iestyn Lewis

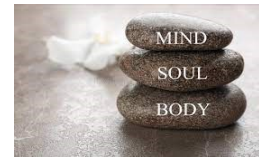
Online and digital safety

- Earlier in the week, I sent some information out, on Class Dojo, about our concerns over what children are accessing online. As a school, we do all that we can to keep children safe whilst using the internet and through our curriculum give them knowledge and skills to help keep themselves safe and build digital resilience. We cannot do it without your support at home too; we really appreciate you working with us and reinforcing these messages and skills,
- If you haven't done so already, please read the letter on Class Dojo.





Mind, Body and Soul'



This year, during our special week, we are going to focus on digital and online safety, keeping ourselves safe whilst out and about and keeping our minds and bodies happy and healthy. We already have a lot booked in, including our local PCSOs for safety talks, ASM for exercise and activity, yoga, mindfulness and meditation instructor, a theatre production and much, much more! The week is planned to take place from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th, just before half term.

Plough Service - Sunday 29th January 11am

In olden times, the village plough was stored in church over the winter for safe keeping. When work on the land resumed after midwinter, the plough was blessed to bring good luck, healthy livestock and good crop yields for the villagers during the year. Although farming practice has changed over the centuries, this age-old tradition is still followed in country parishes with a Plough Service held in January to celebrate farming and the work of farmers.

This year is no exception; Astbury and Smallwood will join together at School, in thinking about and praying for those who work on the land and who produce food in our community. You will be very welcome to come and join in, check out some modern farm machines and enjoy a bacon butty!



Uniform



Even though we are happy for children to wear extra layers at the moment, just recently I have had to have a chat with one or two children about their school uniform and appearance. Our uniform is extremely important as it helps children to develop self-discipline, pride in their appearance and respect. Hairstyles and footwear are an important part of our uniform.

Please ensure that you support school by helping us to maintain the standards we have set.



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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>

Family Bingo Night cancelled!



Unfortunately due to the low number of tickets that have been requested, the PTFA have decided to cancel this event.

Parent Pay Arrears

We currently have a large amount owed on Parent Pay for school lunches, trips and uniform.

Please ensure all outstanding amounts are paid by February half term.

If you have any difficulties please contact in the school office (admin@smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk).

Buttons

Mrs Bestwick is going to create a piece of art to be displayed in school using buttons.



We would be very grateful if the children could bring a button into school (any colour/size etc) on Monday/Tuesday next week to be used in the piece of art.

Emayoga

Starting Monday 27th February 2023—1.45-2.45pm at Smallwood Village Hall

Movement - Mindfulness- Meditation

£8 per session payable on a half term basis

Suitable for all abilities

www.emayoga.co.uk