



We have reached the end of another week and I know that a lot of our younger children are very tired. Everyone is working hard and I am so pleased to see how kind and considerate all of our children have been welcoming our new Reception. Our year 6 buddies have been fabulous but I have seen so many children from other year groups also helping by showing children where to go and playing with them. It has been a lovely start to the year.

Year 6 have had a wonderful few days at Conway and have returned to us tired but exhilarated. They started their visit with an afternoon having fun on the beach and then continued with lots of exciting challenges and activities. They have had lots of opportunities to grow together as a team and discover new talents that they did not know they or their friends had. I know that they will bring new strength and confidence with them as they return to the classroom on Monday.

As I wander around school, there is a wonderfully positive atmosphere. Our new curriculum is already starting to show through, we have started using our new phonics programme (Ready, Steady Phonics) and Accelerated Reader (after a technical hiccup) is underway. Please watch out next week for letter about these two important new programmes.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Iestyn Lewis



Our Harvest Service is one of the most important events of the year and also one of the events that attracts a number of people. This year, our Harvest Service will be in Church this Sunday at 5pm with the traditional tractor and trailer procession starting from school at 4.45pm. Please remember to bring along a Harvest basket which can contain fresh fruit and vegetables or tinned and dried foods. These will be taken over to the village hall for the Harvest supper on Monday at 6pm.

- if you would like tickets, please contact Nicola Holt on 07884 234250.

**DISCO** - thank you for everyone who supported the PFTA by attending the disco. We would also like to thank Mrs Johal, Mrs Pear and the army of helpers who made it possible.

£534.00 was raised which will go towards resources for your children in school.



# Smallwood News—'Excellence Through Enjoyment'

Website address: [www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk)



Class Dojo has got off to a brilliant start and the children are responding very well. Thank you for all your engagement and support with this and, if you haven't done so already, please join your child's class.

There are some really useful functions on Class Dojo such as the Class Stories and Messaging. We will work towards using the

Class Stories function in the very near future and I know that some of you are already using the messaging function. Parents/carers can message teachers; however, a response will only be given during the hours of 8.30am - 5pm Monday-Friday as the rest of the time teachers are set on 'quiet time'.

Please be aware that teachers will not necessarily respond to messages straight away but will endeavour to do so within 48 hours, during working days only. They may also not read the message that you have sent until the end of the day due to their teaching commitments.

Parents/carers should not use this messaging tool to enquire about the progress of their child but can use it to arrange a meeting with class teachers to discuss any questions they may have.

The following matters should always go through the main office: • Absence (such as medical appointments or medical results). • Sickness. • School dinner enquiries. • Complaints. • Urgent messages (e.g. collection of children). • Safeguarding concerns.



Next Friday, 30th September we are again hosting a Macmillan coffee morning from 8.30am to 11am.

Mrs Harper is organising the event and she would be very grateful of donations of cakes, homemade or bought and raffle prizes.

If you are able to help serve the refreshments please let Mrs Harper or the school office know. Or just come along, bring a friend or relative and enjoy a cuppa and cake and have a chat.

All proceeds will go directly to this worthy cause.

## Upcoming Events

Please have a look at the calendar on the school website for any upcoming events - this term is always busy with Harvest, Harvest Supper, MacMillan Coffee Morning, Parents' Evenings, Remembrance, Children in Need and Christmas!

School Photographs are taking place on Monday 3rd October please send your child in full school uniform. If they have PE or Swimming then please send a change of clothes.

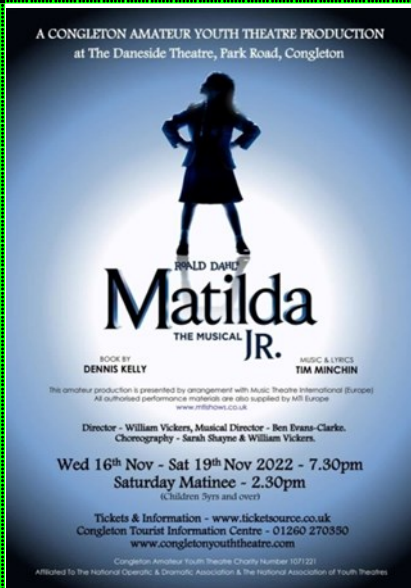


## September 2023 intake

If you know of anyone thinking of joining our Smallwood family, please point them in our direction and we would be more than delighted to show them around our wonderful school. All they need to do is ring or email to book an appointment.

We also have spaces in some year groups if you know someone thinking of moving or moving into the area.

## Congleton Youth Theatre - Matilda



Did you know Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre are performing Matilda the Musical in November - 16th to 19th - and one of our own pupils (Chloe in year 5) has the lead role! The youth theatre relies on ticket sales to keep it running. So if you would like to have a great night out supporting our school community (both present and past pupils) and a local theatre group then tickets can be booked following this link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cayt>.

The Saturday Matinée has sold out, but there are still some tickets left for the remaining shows. I'm sure you will be in for a good night.

## School Lunches and Snacks

Just a quick reminder that for children in Oak, Maple, beech and Hazel the cost of school meals is £2.40 per day. Payable via Parent Pay.

Also snacks are available the buy for children in Ash, Elm, Oak, Maple, Beech, and Hazel the choice is either a bagel or toast at 50p and starting next Friday we will be serving bacon butties again costing £1.10

For bagel/toast there will be a daily/weekly/monthly payment option set up on parent pay for you to select the appropriate one.

For Bacon butties the payment will be set up on Friday afternoon when we receive the list from the kitchen.