



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term is always a tough one because it is short and then we add Bank holidays into the mix. Next half term is one of my favourites; it's much less bitty and with most of the assessments behind us we can enjoy learning together. Hopefully the weather will behave next half term - this is Britain so there are no guarantees - and we can get outside, be active and make learning as practical as possible. This will be last newsletter before half-term as it will be class emails next week.

Well done to our netball team this week and thank you very much to the PTFA and helpers for a super Movie Night.

This year, Sports Day is a little earlier as this will help us to have a more even balance of activities across the term. It will also give us more time to prepare children and get them ready for the Town Sports. Please remember, our Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 21st Jun, weather permitting. Please look at our calendar for other dates to put in your diary - the final half term of the year is always full!

Have a lovely weekend

Iestyn Lewis

PTFA

Over the last 2 years, Claire Pear, Jess Johal and their army of helpers have done a fantastic job of getting the PTFA back up and running and have raised thousands of pounds for our school. Money has gone towards the new trim trail, our library, theatre trip, Christmas presents and Leavers' gifts - just to name some of the great things we have been able to benefit from. Claire and Jess are planning on stepping down at the end of this academic year so we are looking for a new Chair and Vice-Chair to lead the team. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th June at 3.30pm.



Picnic Benches

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to Jake Pear (Pear Hospitality) and the Blue Bell team for donating 4 picnic benches to school. These have already come in very handy for our Coronation lunch Street Party last Friday and they are proving very popular with our children. If you're looking for a lovely meal, then the Blue Bell should be at the top of your list!





The Smallwood 100 mile Challenge

Logan's year as the Rose King is coming to an end and he would like to celebrate this by joining in The Big Step Forward for Pancreatic Cancer UK. This event is for people up and down the country who will be taking steps to transform the future for people affected by pancreatic cancer. Every step you take will support world-leading researchers to speed up diagnosis and improve treatments, transforming the future for the 10,500 people who are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer every year in the UK. Research breakthroughs give us hope and will save lives. The funds raised will have the power to make that possible.

Logan would like his school to complete a 100 mile walking challenge to raise as much funds as possible to go to his chosen charity as well as the Rose Queen's charity and Smallwood church. On Wednesday 7th June we will be asking all children to walk 5 laps of the school track which collectively will amount to over 100 miles walked. We ask that each child brings in a donation of £1 which will be collected by the Rose King and queen and their attendants on the day.

This charity is very close to his heart as, as some of you may know, Logan lost his grandad to pancreatic cancer last year. He was only 60 and showed no real symptoms until he came home from work with a painful stomach & back in February 2022. 5 weeks later he died having never had an opportunity to receive any treatment. So, we are really hoping anything

we can do to aid research into this horrible cancer will be helpful to others in the future.

Logan and his family took part in The Big Step Forward on 1st June last year completing a climb of Ben Nevis in memory of his grandad and so he can't think of a better way of ending his Rose King reign than completing this challenge with his Smallwood family.



Suncream, hats and Water

With the weather (finally) starting to pick up and the sun making an appearance, can we please ask that children come to school with a (named) water bottle and hat. If you could also apply suncream in the morning, we would very much appreciate this - there are some great long-lasting brands available. Thank you!





Uniform

We are noticing a little bit of deviation from our uniform expectations at the minute. A number of children are wearing trainers to school, nail varnish and long hair not being tied up.

Smallwood has a uniform which we believe looks smart, wears well, and gives the children a pride in belonging to our School.

It consists of:

- A light blue polo or shirt (these are available with the school logo but this is not compulsory)
- Blue sweatshirt or blue cardigan
- Grey trousers, skirt, culottes or pinafore.
- Grey shorts or a blue and white gingham school dress in summer.
- Grey or white socks / black, grey or dark blue tights (winter)
- Grey or white socks (summer)

Footwear

Children should wear black shoes to school (not trainers). We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Black boots are only acceptable in the winter months, where they are both practical and necessary. Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our

commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity.

Jewellery

Please note that on the grounds of safety, no jewellery should ever be worn. If your child has pierced ears please ensure that only small studs are worn. These would need to be removed at home for PE after the healing period. Watches may be brought to school, but we cannot be held responsible for them.

Hair and General Appearance

Long hair should be kept tied back at all times. Also, the Academy does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to wear hair gel. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Long hair should be tied up. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and only in black, blue or brown. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines). Parents should also be aware that hair braids with beads, tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of make-up are not permitted.

P E kit

It Comprises of:

For indoor activities - A blue PE shirt with the school logo, navy blue shorts (gymnastics) or P E skirt.

For outdoor activities - A blue PE shirt with the school logo, navy blue shorts, P E skirt or jogging pants and sweatshirt with suitable



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footwear for outdoor activities. It is helpful if these could be kept in a small, named drawstring bag and brought into school on Mondays.

All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name to avoid confusion.



Parent/Grandparent Lunches

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Parent/Grandparent lunches are back in our calendar. Here are the days/dates for you:

Willow and Ash - Wednesday 7th June

Elm and Oak - Wednesday 14th June

Maple and Beech - Wednesday 5th July

Hazel - Wednesday 18th July (after Church Leavers Service)

If there are siblings in a different year group, we are more than happy for them to join you.



Year 6 Car Wash

Bring your car for Year 6 to wash, by hand, with a sparkling smile! Thursday 25th May from 8.30am

£Donations

Refreshments available whilst you wait!



Calendar

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

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