



Dear Parents,

Newsletter 22nd September 2023

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.

Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful few days at Conway and 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.

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our Harvest Service on Sunday evening. The procession will leave school at 4.45pm and the service will start in Church at 5pm. Please bring along a Harvest basket or parcel - this can contain fresh fruit and vegetables or dried goods such as pasta, tins and rice.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Iestyn Lewis

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be in the Village Hall on Monday 25th September - if you would like tickets, please contact Nicola Holt on 07884 234250 or Julie Bracegirdle on 07966 429798.



Parents'/Grandparents' Lunch

We welcomed some Year 5 (Beech) parents and grandparents yesterday and they had a lovely time eating lunch with the children. Our next parents'/grandparents' lunch will be on Thursday 2nd November for Elm Class and the theme will be "Bonfire Night." More information will follow shortly and bookings will open before half term.





MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be back hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. Any donations of cakes will be most gratefully received - pop it in your diaries!



ASM Stay and Play session

For those new to our school, ASM is a sports and activity coaching company that we have had a long-standing working relationship with. They regularly visit school to run high quality PE and activity sessions and run some clubs. They are visiting us for the day on Thursday 5th October and we would like to invite you to join your child's session. We understand this is going to be difficult for some and, each time they visit us, we rotate the timetable to vary the times. Please have a look at the information posted on Dojo this morning.



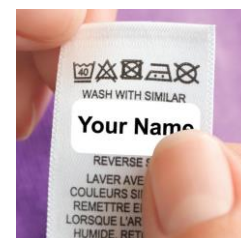
Ready Steady Phonics

Ready Steady Phonics is now up and running for Willow, Ash and Elm and the staff and children are reporting excellent things about the learning that is happening. Each Friday, on the Class Story on Class Dojo, the decodable reader will be shared with you so that you can help us to consolidate the week's learning. This is online and the link is <https://www.readysteadyphonics.co.uk/smallwood-parents-carers-homepage> and the password is readysteadysmallwood. Your support with this over the weekend and into the following week is vital for the early reading learning.



Clothes - and names!

Can we please ask that you name all items of clothing coming into school. We are already seeing a vast amount of clothes in our lost property and a large proportion isn't named. It would make life much easier in being able to return clothes to children if they were clearly labelled. Thank you!





Smallwood News—'Let Your Light Shine'

Website address: www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk

Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will take place on Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 18th October from 3.30pm to 6pm. A letter with more information will be posted on Dojo and sent via email next week and bookings will be live on your School Spider logins.



September 2024 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.



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!

[Smallwood Academy: Our Calendar](#)

Weekly Attendance

The table below shows the weekly attendance by class. Well done Maple Class for achieving 100% attendance this week!

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Ash	196	0	4	0	200	98.0
Elm	223	0	1	0	224	99.6
Oak	221	0	3	0	224	98.7
Hazel	166	0	2	0	168	98.8
Beech	182	0	2	0	184	98.9
Maple	200	0	0	0	200	100.0
Totals	1188	0	12	0	1200	99.0