



Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter 10th November 2023

Happy Friday to you all!

As we enter one of the busiest periods of the year, we already have a number of plans to make it as special as we can - there'll certainly be more to follow on this. Willow, Ash and Elm will be performing a nativity entitled "Born in a Barn" and Key Stage 2 (Oak, Maple, Beech and Hazel) will be telling the Christmas story through readings and carols. The dates are already on the calendar on the website. Please keep a regular eye on the school calendar on the website - we wouldn't want you to miss something!

Tomorrow, a number of us will be meeting in Macclesfield Forest for our annual Children in Need Countryfile Ramble. Even if you're not joining us, donations can be made on the JustGiving page that we have set up - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/smallwood-ce-primary-academy-1697358625413?newPage=true>

Next week is Anti-bullying week and the theme is: Make a Noise About Bullying. We will start the week talking about it in Worship and there will be follow-up activities, in class, throughout the week.

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 football team at the Datastor tournament last night. They won two games, drew one and lost one - well done team Smallwood!

Have a lovely weekend!
Iestyn Lewis

Children in Need

Next Friday, 17th November, is Children in Need. We have a number of our families joining us this Saturday for the ramble in Macclesfield Forest but to celebrate the day, we ask that children wear something "spotty" - this could be a spotty t-shirt, spotty socks, spotty scarf or just some Pudsey ears. As much, or as little, as you want! Donations can still be made via our JustGiving page or send donations into school. There will also be a Giant Pudsey bear to win with raffle tickets being sold for 50p each or £2 for a strip of 5. Alongside this, the School Council will be selling Children in Need and Pudsey merchandise - pens, badges and wristbands for £1.50 each.





Quiz Night

We have created a survey on school spider for bookings for the quiz night.

Some of the prizes up for grabs are a £50 Bluebell voucher and an afternoon tea at Goostrey Home and Leisure!



Coats

As we continue into our Autumn term and the weather is turning colder.

Please make sure that your children bring their coats into school so that they can all enjoy the great outdoors!



Christmas Fair 2022

The PTFA are busy organising the Christmas Fair. This will take place on Friday 1st December, between 3pm and 5pm. There will be an opportunity to sign-up for Santa, please keep an eye out for further communication on this!





Reverse Advent Calendar

Smallwood School has a strong sense of helping others, especially at this time of the year as we head towards Christmas - a period of great joy and celebration. Unfortunately, not everyone feels the same and even more so will feel the stresses and strains this year. As a result, the whole school will take part in a Reverse Advent calendar where we will learn that even though it is lovely to receive gifts, it is also equally as important to give. We will be collecting food items for the New Life Church food bank who were absolutely delighted when I got in touch earlier this week to discuss our plans. More details to follow!



Congleton in Bloom

There was an awards evening on Tuesday, and we are very proud of the achievements of Mrs Harper and our gardening club.





Smallwood News—'Let Your Light Shine'

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Attendance

The table below shows the weekly attendance by class. Well done Beech Class for achieving 98.7% this week.

Group Analysis by Attendance Category

Period: 06/11/2023 to 10/11/2023

Scope: Reg Group Willow+Ash+Elm+Oak+Hazel+Beech+Maple Number of Sessions

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Willow	275	0	15	0	290	94.8
Ash	225	0	5	10	240	93.8
Elm	262	0	8	10	280	93.6
Oak	264	0	16	0	280	94.3
Hazel	193	3	4	10	210	93.3
Beech	227	0	3	0	230	98.7
Maple	246	0	4	0	250	98.4
Totals	1692	3	55	30	1780	95.2

Upcoming Events

Please have a look at the calendar on the school website for any upcoming events

[Smallwood Academy: Our Calendar](#)