



Dear Parents,

Newsletter 20th October 2023

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Half Term is here - hooray! As always this is a long half term and children (and staff) get very tired by the time they get to this point. Well done to all our children for working hard and taking new classes and opportunities in their stride. I am sure that you all have plans for half term and whether it's at home or away I hope you have a super time. Please allow children (and yourselves) to have some relaxation time so that we can all come back ready for the very busy rush we have leading up to Christmas. Remember, it is a training day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October so school will not be open and children return on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Half term will be a great opportunity to recharge batteries and come back fresh. Clubs will continue as they are after half-term.

I am immensely proud of our school community; the children for their energy and enthusiasm, the awesome staff that we have here - nowhere have I seen such dedication and teamwork - and you as parents for your unending support, understanding and care.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Iestyn Lewis

## Children in Need Ramble

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we are planning our annual Macclesfield Forest Ramble to raise money for Children in Need. Please pop this date in your diaries and more information has already been sent out. It's a lovely opportunity for us to get together outside of school and enjoy some gentle exercise and fresh air!



## Elm Parent/Grandparent lunch

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, after half-term, Elm parents and/or grandparents are welcome to join us for a Bonfire-themed lunch. Information has already been sent out and booking is available on your School Spider login.





## Bags to Schools

Thank you very much for all your donations this week - there was a mountain of bags!



## 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.



## Reading and Book Donations

It is lovely to see so many of our children taking so much pleasure in their reading. We are always looking to expand the range of books that we have and to update the ones that we already have. We have published a revised list of Recommended Reads on our website

(<https://www.smallwood.cheshire.sch.uk/page/phonics-and-reading/127891> ).

Also, if you need to check whether a book is at the right level for your child, you can check it here: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>





## Prime Drinks - Did you know?

There are documented health risks to children associated with drinking 'Prime Hydration' the drink does contain a high level of electrolytes. Electrolytes aren't recommended for children unless they are unwell or at risk of dehydration.



Another form of the drink, 'Prime Energy', contains around 200mg of caffeine for every 330ml and as a result is not recommended for children under the age of 18.



Some children have reported drinking, even in the morning with breakfast. Please ensure that the food and drink they consume is appropriate.

## Upcoming Events

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

[Smallwood Academy: Our Calendar](#)

## Weekly Attendance

The table below shows the weekly attendance by class. Well done Beech Class for achieving 95.7% this week. We've obviously been hit hard by various illnesses, but it would be great to see a significant improvement after half term.

### Group Analysis by Attendance Category

Period: 16/10/2023 to 20/10/2023

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

Number of Sessions

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Ash	230	0	20	0	250	92.0
Beech	220	0	10	0	230	95.7
Elm	250	0	30	0	280	89.3
Hazel	196	3	11	0	210	94.8
Maple	222	0	24	4	250	88.8
Oak	253	0	27	0	280	90.4
Willow	255	0	45	0	300	85.0
Totals	1626	3	167	4	1800	90.5



### MONDAY

9.25am - Pilates Conditioning  
10.30am - Improver Pilates  
  
6.30pm - Improver Pilates  
7.35pm - Improver Pilates

### PILATES & FITNESS CLASSES



### TUESDAY

6.30pm - Pilates Conditioning  
7.35pm - Improver Pilates



Smallwood Village Hall

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I have over 25 years experience teaching fitness & Pilates classes and working as a personal trainer both here in the UK and in Australia. I am now bringing my wealth of knowledge to you; to inspire you, educate you, to motivate you and to help you make a positive change to how you feel about your health and wellbeing!

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