

# THE SMITH'S WOOD **SUN**

NOV 15

**Pupil Premium  
Awards 2013  
Regional Winner**



## **TOP 5 SCHOOL (SOLIHULL-BIRMINGHAM MAIL 2015)** **DANGER; KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE**

### **DODGY PARKING A HAZARD**

As the dark nights draw in, it is important to note that this is the most dangerous period of the year for traffic accidents involving children.

A number of parents and residents have expressed concerns about safety outside the front of the school. Comments include concerns about illegal parking and inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving along Burton's Way.

The school has been attempting to work with the Local Authority to improve the situation and parents may wish to add their own comments about the situation to the following contacts;

Kim Stone (crossing patrol) 0121 7046568 (K.Stone@solihull.gov.uk). A further contact for safety issues is Tina Wiggin (twiggin@solihull.gov.uk)

To help keep pupils safe on the walk to and from school, please consider the following advice;

- Ensure that younger pupils are directly supervised at all times
- Wear bright or reflective clothing, particularly if riding a bike. On bikes, lights are needed at dusk.
- Be aware of children on scooters– if your child is riding on the roadway, stop them.
- **PARK ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED SPOTS**
- Do not park in front of the school.

Please do not park on the driveways of local residents. It is worth noting that boys are far more likely than girls to be involved in an accident. Also the risk actually goes up as the children get older (ie 12+ years).

Attendance levels have remained high so far, with the overall attendance level standing at 96%.

The best classes for attendance in the first half of the autumn term were;

1. 6VH 98.6%
2. 2AC 98.5%
3. 6ST 97.9%

The number of pupils late for school has continued to go down –this makes a big difference to learning at the start of the day.

#### Netball result

Smith's Wood 9 Kingshurst 1

#### Biathlon

Congratulations to the girls team who won the competition overall in the recent North Solihull tournament. Our boys team also competed well, finishing fourth overall.

#### Site security update

Parents and carers are reminded that the school operates a zero tolerance approach to aggressive, confrontational or abusive behaviour. Shouting, swearing or threatening staff or pupils are all examples of unacceptable behaviour which will lead to a site ban.

#### Parent's Evening

92% of parents/ carers attended the Parent's Evening at the end of October. The highest attendance levels for parent evening were in 5MC, 4PW 1LW (96.6%of parents attended). Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire on the night. The results of this questionnaire are on the back of this newsletter.



# QUESTIONNAIRE OCT 15

All figures are recorded as percentages. Figures based on 106 responses.

1] Was your appointment:

On time	Early	Late by 5 mins	Late by 10 mins	Late by 15 mins. or longer
71	12	10	6	1

2] How do you feel your child has progressed since the start of term

Very well	Well	Satisfactorily	badly
84	12	4	

3] Please describe how you found the meeting tonight:

Very informative	Informative	Satisfactory	Poor
88	10	2	

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child enjoys school	68%	31%	1%	
The school keeps my child safe	84	14	1	
My child is making progress at this school	81	19		
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	67	31	2	
The school informs me about my child's progress	77	23		
The school expects my child to work hard and do his or her best	81	19		
The school sets appropriate homework for my child	73	24	2	1
My child likes playtime	77	23		
There is a good range of activities including trips or visits for my child to take part in	75	24	1	
The school treats my child fairly and with respect	78	22		
The school meets my child's particular needs	74	26		
My child's classteacher is approachable	87	13		
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	76	23	1	
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	69	30	1	
The school is led and managed effectively	77	23		
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	77	23		

At the time of a school inspection and any time of the year, parents can give their views to Ofsted using the Parent View questionnaire at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Your responses will help Ofsted to form an accurate picture of our school and give it a fair judgement