

Smith's Wood achieved another major sporting achievement last week as both the boys rowing team and the girls rowing team took gold in the Level 3 regional event at Rugby School.

The teams have been in training for many months, regularly practicing before school on a Friday morning.
In both the individual events and relay events, Smith`s Wood dominated from start to finish.

This is the third successive year that Smith’s Wood have won the boys event and the first time that the girls have won.
Mr King, who has been coaching the teams, was also rewarded at the event, bagging a medal as the "outstanding coach" at the event.

The Concept 2 rowing machines are available for use by KS2 pupils each lunchtime, under supervision.

In a dramatic twist on Sport Relief Day (Friday $18 / 3 / 16$ ), the unbeaten rowing teams faced the staff rowing teams in the showdown of showdowns. After a highly exciting relay race, the staff prevailed by a few metres. The total amount raised on Sport Relief day was $£ 555.16$ and we thank all who supported the events.



There was more good news recently as the school received planning permission for the planned new building which will be situated on the site of the old caretaker`s bungalow. The governing body have now appointed a contractor and work will start shortly on this project. A new pathway will link the new build to the existing building and work is expected to be completed in June 2016. This will give us large additional space to enhance provision for existing pupils. Smith`s Wood was initially built to house 420 pupils and we currently have 465 children on roll. The extra space will allow us to provide additional intervention groups in a number of year groups, allowing us to reduce class sizes for Maths and Literacy in key areas. We propose to use additional space in the new build to house the teaching of Music (eg choir etc)

## Term dates reminder

Spring Term
Term ends Wed 23/3/16 at 3.10
Summer Term
Mon 11/4/16 (Teacher Day)
CHILDREN RETURN BACK ON TUESDAY 12/4/16
Half term Mon 30/5/16- Fri 3/6/16
Fri 17/6/16 (Teacher Day)
Term ends Fri 22 July 2016

Attendance levels have been good this term with a figure of $95.7 \%$ achieved for the year so far. Attendance is up on last year and the number of children late has continued to fall. The biggest issue now is Persistently Absent (PA) pupils - those with attendance below $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$.

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