

THE SMITH'S WOOD **SUN**

July 15

**Pupil Premium
Awards 2013
Regional Winner**



TOP 5 SCHOOL (SOLIHULL-BIRMINGHAM MAIL 2015) CUP WINNERS 2 TROPHIES IN 1 WEEK

Smith's Wood Primary won the 7-a-side North Solihull football cup final last week, with a hard fought 2-1 victory against Kingshurst. Smith's Wood dominated the early stages and took the lead. Against the run of play, Kingshurst equalised with a finely taken goal before an audacious flick direct from a goal kick gave Smith's Wood a deserved win.

On Friday 10/7/15, Smith's Wood had their second final in a week as they challenged Oak Cottage for the Solihull Cup. Over 50 schools entered this competition and Smith's Wood came out on top with a dominant display in which they ran out 5-1 winners. This means that Smith's Wood remained unbeaten throughout the 2014-15 season. Well done to all players who represented the school this year and the staff who made sure that the team played to their full potential.

As the school year comes to an end, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to the next stage in their education. We also have a number of staff moving on to new positions in September and we thank each one for their contribution to what has been an excellent year for the school

Academic Year 2015-2016

- **Autumn Term 2015**
 - Starts: Wednesday 2 September 2015 (**Teacher training day**)
 - Half Term: Monday 26 October 2015 to Friday 30 October 2015
 - Ends: Friday 18 December 2015 (**Teacher training day**)
 - **Spring Term 2016**
 - Starts: Monday 4 January 2016 (**Teacher training day**)
 - Half Term: Monday 15 February 2016 to Friday 19 February 2016
 - Ends: Wednesday 23 March 2016
 - **Summer Term 2016**
 - Starts: Monday 11 April 2016 (**Teacher training day**)
 - Half Term: Monday 30 May 2016 to Friday 3 June 2016
 - **Teacher training day Friday 17/6/15**
 - Ends: Friday 22 July 2016
- (the school is required to have 5 training days per academic year)

Important changes in the law

From September 2015 there are changes in the laws relating to pupil attendance.

Pupils with attendance levels below 90% will be classified as persistently absent.

10 unauthorised absences will lead to a fixed penalty warning. A further 5 absences unauthorised will lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Note that 1 day counts as 2 sessions (am and pm). Please note that where a child is reported ill, but is actually on holiday, absence is recorded as unauthorised.