



SMITH'S WOOD PRIMARY

'AUTUMN TERM 1 SNAPSHOT'



We would like to thank all parents and carers for the support they have shown their child and the school during the 1st half of the new academic year.

DODGEBALL FEVER AT SWPA

The 1st half of the Autumn term saw Dodgeball fever sweep across Smith's Wood Primary Academy, with in school house competitions as well as inter school events taking place. Every pupil in Year 3-6 had the opportunity to take part in an after school competition, as well as our Year 5 pupils representing the school in an event at John Henry Newman. All the houses fared well at the events and every house won at least one event. Well done to all our pupils who stayed behind to represent their house at these events. Year 1 & 2 will have the opportunity next half term to represent their house.



SWPA PUPILS ENGAGE WITH LOCAL MP

As celebrated on our website, on Friday 1st October, our school was visited by the MP for Meriden, Saqib Bhatti, so that he could see all of our fantastic pupils at work in school. He was so impressed with the SWPA pupils, that he has not only offered a trip for pupils to visit the Houses of Parliament, but he also requested that the school take part in the Design a Christmas card competition for the Prime Minister. All pupils had the opportunity to enter this competition and the winners were selected by our School Council. These entries will now be put forward to be considered as an overall winner from all schools who entered.

CONTACTING SCHOOL OVER HALF TERM

Smith's Wood Primary finishes for half term on Friday 22nd October and the school office will close at 4.00pm and reopen on Monday 1st November at 8.00am.

If you need to inform the school, of a positive Covid result for your child, prior to them returning on the 1st November, then please email details of the test result and the school will pick this up on return. Please remember that, as the school no longer play a part in contact tracing, the school email address will not be monitored over the half term on a daily basis.

Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 11th November – Remembrance Day.** The school will be commemorating Remembrance Day and there will also be merchandise, on sale, in school in the lead up to that day.
- **Friday 19th November.– Children in Need Day–** The theme is 'Together, we can'. More details will follow about the make up of the day
- **Friday 26th November– Teacher training Day.** School will be closed to pupils on this day

Upcoming Events for Autumn 2

- **House events to include: The Cube (Yr 5&6) Maths Quiz (Yr 4) Spelling Bee (Yr 3)**
- **House dodgeball events for Year 1 & 2**
- **Inter schools rowing competition & 4 a side football**
- **Extra-curricular trips for Year 6, Year 3 & Reception**

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you for the support you showed your child's learning this half term, by attending our virtual parents' evening. It was so valuable for teachers to be able to talk to you about the progress that your child is making since returning to school. Children have worked so hard, since returning on the 6th September and it was so positive to see so many parents signing up to discuss their child's progress.

94% of parents & carers at SWPA took part in parent consultation for their child, which should be celebrated.

School reopens for all pupils on Monday 1st November
Attendance for the term so far 94.6%