

SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

School trips and a whole host of other activities – the school has felt like a yo-yo this week with children and staff coming and going! It is a mission keeping up with the staffing 'war board' in Mrs Wheatley's office! However, we have made it and I know the staff will be looking forward to the weekend to slow the pace of life down and cool down just a touch.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The enrichment opportunities we have been offering this week are sailing for Years 4, 5 and 6. A visit to the Richard III exhibition in Leicester for Year 4 and Bikeability this week for Year 6. Today, all of KS2 are at the 'Rutland Summer Sing' in Oakham this morning. In school, Year 2 and Year 1 have enjoyed a very sunny forest school in the garden with Mrs Conlon and helpers, whilst Reception and Year 1 enjoyed dancing with Miss Xoe this week.

SPORT

On the sporting front, apart from Year 5 swimming at St George's barracks and rounders after school, we have had athletics and tennis this week. The Year 5/6 tennis team of Rupert, Brooke, Liam and Abi won the tournament! They are going on to represent Rutland at the Leicester/shire and Rutland finals next Wednesday. Well done and good luck next week. This afternoon we wish all our swimmers the best of luck at the swimming gala in Uppingham.

STATUTORY TESTS

On an academic note, the last of the statutory testing has taken place this week. Our Year 1s and some Year 2s have taken their Phonics Screening Test. Mrs Reynolds is really pleased with the concentration and great effort they all demonstrated. Our Year 4s have also been taking their Multiplication Check. Well done to all of you. I know you will have done your best and 'let your light shine'.

YEAR 6 CAKE SALE

On Monday after school, our enterprising Year 6s will be running a cake sale to help fund their end of school party. If you would like to donate cakes to sell, please bring them into school on Monday. Otherwise, we hope you will buy a sweet treat for tea!

NON-UNIFORM DAY

The PFA/school are inviting pupils to come in non-uniform on Friday 23 June for a donation to the chocolate tombola, ready for our **Summer Fete** on **Friday 30 June** from 3.20pm onwards. Please note there will be no tuck shop next Friday. I am mindful of the cost of Fridays (tuck and ice creams) for families. I would welcome any feedback or suggestions via email or Dojo messages.

ELSA COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Fox and Mrs Bell are holding a coffee morning on Friday 23 June after drop-off in the hall, where over refreshments they will tell you about the valuable social and emotional work they do with large numbers of our children. Sharon Booth, our NHS Child Mental Health Practitioner will also be there to talk about her role, take questions and offer signposting to parents. Please do stop off for a coffee/tea on Friday if you can.

NEW RECEPTION CLASS PARENTS MEETING

It's always a real pleasure to welcome parents of children about to start their journey here at SMSJ at 'big school' in the new academic year. It is a milestone moment for many parents and of course the children. This year we are expecting a full class of 28. The meeting is on Thursday 22 June at 5pm in the Reception classroom.

At the end of a hectic week, I hope you all manage to relax and enjoy the weekend. Looks like the weather might break, but what a beautiful English summer week we have had...



Head Teachers Awards



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Head Teacher award in **Reception** this week goes to **End Wilkins** for her super reading this week. Enid is now using her phonics to decode her green words and can recognise many by sight. She read confidently to Mrs Breden this week and was able to discuss the story and answer questions to show her understanding. Wow! Keep up the amazing work Enid.

This week in **Year 1** The **Whole Class** receive the Head Teacher award. The children have worked so enthusiastically revising their sounds ready for their phonics screening checks this week and so many of them couldn't wait to show us what they could do. Their eagerness was so lovely to see! Well Done everyone!

The Head Teacher award in **Year 2** this week goes to **Charlie Jones**. Charlie has worked his socks off this week! He has really set his mind to each and every task, contributed to class discussions thoughtfully and worked well with his talk partner or in a group. Charlie has been a fantastic role model to others, demonstrating many of our giant behaviours and most of all Charlie, you have let your light shine brightly!

In **Year 3** the Head Teacher award this week goes to **Sienna Adams**. Mrs Thornton could give this award to Sienna every week. She is hardworking, kind and helpful and always shows the 6 Rs. This week Sienna wrote a fantastic letter to the 3 bears from the perspective of Goldilocks, apologising to them for causing chaos. Sienna worked really hard to complete this and was extremely resilient and pro active once when she received Mrs Thorntons feedback. Well done.

Arlo Clement receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 4** this week for his excellent behaviour on both of the classes school trips this week. He showed respect and good manners throughout and listened carefully to instructions. Arlo clearly enjoyed both trips and was able to tell Miss Moseley lots of fascinating facts about King Richard III. In class, Arlo has been working with Mrs Halls and has produced some excellent writing. He created a tale of suspense full of exciting descriptive language and wrote his sentences neatly and accurately. Well done, Arlo. Another great week!

In **Year 5** the Head Teachers award goes to the **Whole Class!** What a fantastic week of sailing, singing and swimming, we have barely been in your classroom! Well done for keeping going and have a break this weekend ready for some 'proper' work next week.

Year 6 this week the Head Teacher award goes to the **Whole Class and Their Parents**. The children have worked incredibly hard both in and out of the classroom. They have competed in a Tennis Tournament and Quadkids Athletics. They have spent the day sailing at Rutland Water, where they were polite and respectful throughout. They have taken part in the Rutland summer Sing and Bikeability! All while trying to keep focused on their writing. Oh and they have been practising for their big production too! The Parents have been amazing too, signing forms, delivering bikes and transporting children all week. Thank you.

Tuck Shop

Every Friday

Snacks 50p

Drinks 50p

Year 6 bake sale

Monday 19th June



**In the playground after
school**



A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays
over the next week.



Amy Renner
Ava Honey
Henry Lakin
Olivia Evans
Bertie Hill

Winners of the House



Cup this week:

Welland

Well Done!

SMSJ 2023 Holiday Clubs

HAF Places available

Summer Holidays

Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August

Monday 14th Friday 18th August

To book email

sandwichclub@northluffenham.rutland
.sch.uk

8am-5.50pm

£4.00 per hour for one
child

£7.00 per hour for two
children

£10.00 per hour for three
children

Dates for the Diary

June

Mon 19th Yr 6 Bake Sale

Fri 23rd Armed Forces Celebration Day
Non Uniform for Chocolate

Mon 26th-Wed 28th Yr 2 Residential

Wed 28th Yr 1 Trip

Fri 30th Summer Fete 3.20pm

July

Thurs 6th Yr 6 Trip to Warning Zone

Wed 12th Thur 13th Yr 6 Production

18th July Sports Day

19th July Reserve Sports Day

21st July Leavers Service

Last day Term 2.15pm

Finish

PFA news



NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Friday 23rd June

**In return for a chocolate bar
or bag of sweets – for the
summer fete chocolate tombola**



**Can you donate any of the following for
the summer fair?**



* bottles of wine

* outgrown cuddly toys



* volunteering – ideas, set up, clearing away,
helping with a stall?



Please let us know – Sally 07989427425

Please mention if you would like to join the fete whatsapp group

**Water or wine? ♦ Chocolate tombola ♦ Game stall
♦ The 'Floor is Lava'! game ♦ Sweets and drinks ♦
And more! To be announced...**

**Thank you
for supporting the sponsored litter pick**

Closing date: Sun 18th June

<https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3104876/>

**Make a contribution, to support the children's efforts, whether
during school litter picking or in your own time.**

Grand total will be announced soon

