



Smarden  
Pre School



## SMARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

27th May 2022

#### June

##### 6th FIRST DAY OF TERM

10th-12th Yr6 Residential Trip

13th Yr6 Bikeability

13th Class photos

20th NED Workshop

22nd Music afternoon NKS

29th-30th Yr5 Residential Trip

27th Yr6 Safety In Action Trip

#### July

12th Guitar assembly

18th Governor prize giving

#### Term Dates

Term 6—06.06.22—20.07.22

#### Term Dates 2022—2023

Term 1—01.09.22—22.10.22

Term 2—07.11.22—16.12.22

Term 3—03.01.23—10.02.23

Term 4—20.02.23—31.03.23

Term 5—17.04.23—26.05.23

Term 6—05.06.23—21.07.23

Dear Parents,

We have had an incredibly busy term, and the children have worked tremendously hard, with everything from SATS to Art days. I am sure you will join me in thanking the wonderful staff at Smarden, who always go above and beyond for the children. Everyone is looking forward to a well-earned rest next week!

I had a useful meeting with the parent class reps on Wednesday of this week. We are aware that we need to do more to improve communication with parents. We will continue to endeavour to give parents at least a week's notice for any events, changes to the curriculum, or matches. In the event that a match is cancelled or there is a last minute change, we will ring parents to inform them of the change, rather than send a message on dojo, which some parents do not always receive immediately. On Mondays every week, from after half term, there will be a dojo reminding parents what is coming up that week. This will also be posted on the school website and displayed on the notice board outside the school. If a teacher sends a message on dojo and you have a follow up question regarding this, please dojo the teacher (or myself) directly, rather than write a message on the post, which teachers don't always see. You can dojo your child's teacher at any time from 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday, email the office during the same hours or email or dojo myself at any time with any questions. Please never be afraid to contact us - we would much rather you asked questions than worried at home.

Thank you, as ever, for all your support this term. I hope you have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th June.

Mrs M



## **CHICKENS**

We are developing our garden area and as part of this we have looked in to plants that are beneficial to the health of chickens. We intend to have some hanging in their coop but also as a walk for the chickens to meander through when they're walking around the garden. Useful plants for chickens are:

Lavender- calming properties

Nasturtium- antiseptic properties

Rosemary- perfect for near chickens dust bath

Sage- great for general chicken health

Oregano- a chicken superfood

Fennel- attracts insects for chickens to eat

Sunflowers- the dried seed heads are great for chickens

Thyme- good for chickens respiratory health

If any parents have cuttings or plants from this list they'd like to donate we will happily plant them.

## **LUNCHES FOR SUMMER TERM**

We will be uploading a new menu to ParentPay over the half term break and a DoJo notice will be sent out when this is available for you to book.

## **PRE SCHOOL NOTICE**

If your child is due to start at Smarden Primary School in September 2022 you should have now received your application pack. Please could you ensure these are returned by Friday 10th June at the latest. Any questions please see Mrs Speight

## **COLOUR RUN SPONSORSHIP**

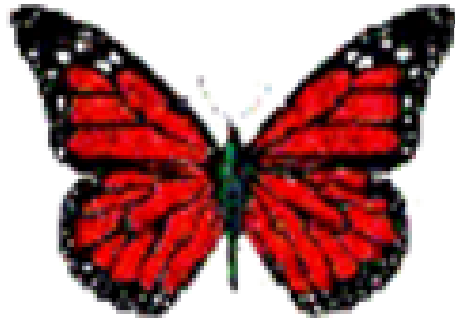
If you still have money to return from the colour run please could this be taken to the office on the first day back.

## **SAFER SCHOOLS**

The below link offers some help and advice on anxiety for both children and parents. You can find more about this on the Safer Schools app.

If you or your child suffer with this and would like some additional support please contact Mrs Miller.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/anxietysupport/>



At the heart of everything we do are our REFLECT values; respect, enjoyment, friendship, leadership, endeavour, cooperation and trust. These are promoted in all aspects of school life and, we believe, are important values for our children to take with them into the future.

This week the following children have been nominated for showing respect, good manners and our school values:

Year 6 for their enthusiasm and helpfulness in setting up the picnic playground for the whole school jubilee lunch

Autumn Willis. Always polite, well mannered and is grateful when an adult comes to help.

Laurie Dixon again - always holding doors and polite whenever I see him.

Zac Wills, as he is always polite and cheerful and always asks how I am and how my day is.

Maisie (yr6) as she is always polite and will hold the door open.

Alfie Pile for holding doors open and asking if I needed help with carrying something.

Freddie Pile for taking lots of belongs back to class that had been left behind, without being asked to do so.

Lottie Batt for always being considerate towards her peers and Teachers, and helping without being asked to do so.

Katy and Violet in Austen class. They always say hello and smile when they see me and it really makes my day!

**The certificate this week is presented to Laurie Dixon for being nominated several weeks in a row.**



## Football v Edgerton Reception and Y1/2

Game 1 : Smarden 1 Edgerton 1

Game 2 : Smarden 0 Edgerton 3

Game 3 : Smarden 1 Edgerton 1

The whole exercise of this trilogy of matches is to give as many pupils that wanted to play football as much game time as possible. For some it was to be their first time in a competitive game and they all come through with flying colours!

As you can see from the results, all the games were quite close, in fact we were very deep into injury time when we conceded the equaliser in the first game!

In the second game we rotated our squad of 15 players and completely changed our team. Again it was a good experience to see all the players in 'game mode' and at the end of the game you can see that they all enjoyed it!

The last game ended in a deserved draw and all 3 games entertained the crowd and the players received a round of applause from the family and friends that attended.

It was hard to pick a player of the match and there were quite a few candidates. Thomas and Riley from Reception played really well and this experience will bode them well for the future! Cash, Freddie Newman, Ben, Izzy (with a loose tooth!) Freddie Pile, Charlie, Robin and Clayton all did well in the matches. George, Jasper and Mario stood out with some of their contributions. George with his ball wizardry and scoring the goals, Jasper showing his versatility by playing in goal and out on the pitch and lastly Mario who was voted player of the match for concentrating at all times in his star role in defence.

Well done everyone and a special mention to Miss Thomas who always helps me out with the refereeing.

Exciting times ahead!





## CLASS ATTENDANCE 23rd May—27th May

**BLYTON = 85.0%**

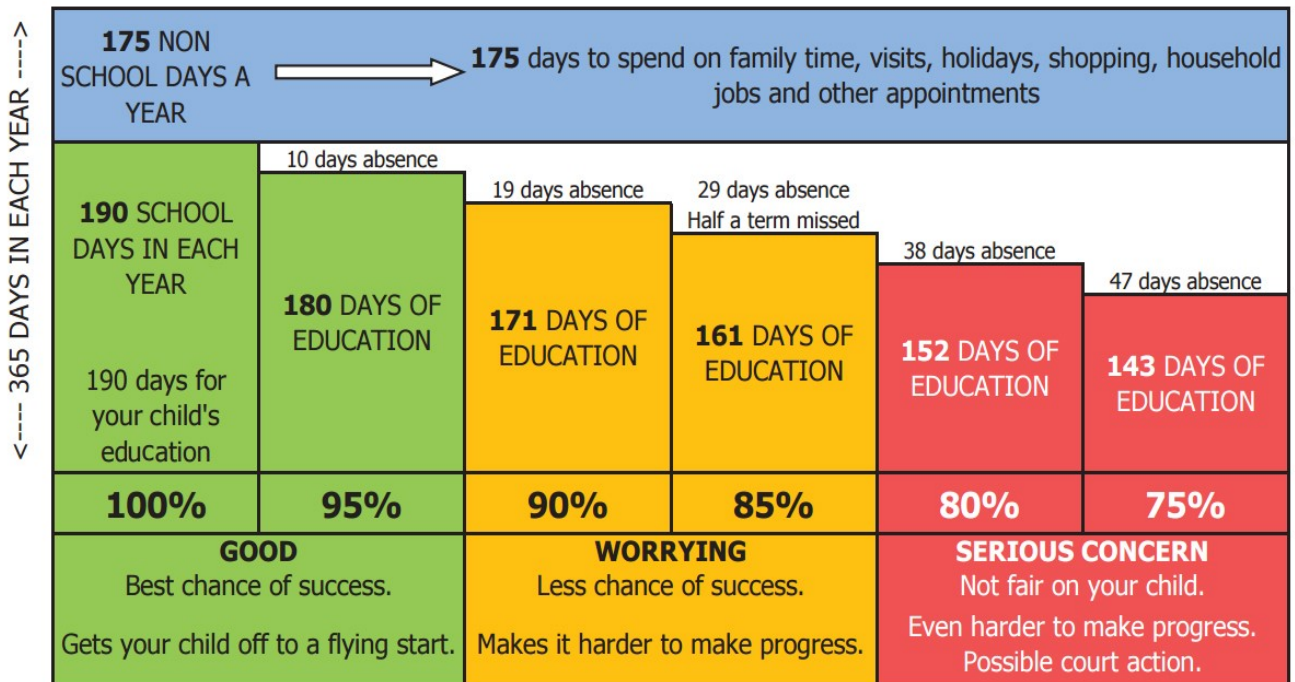
**AUSTEN = 94.4%**

**SASSOON = 94.1%**

**DICKENS = 92.4%**

**ROWLING = 93.3%**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS 92.0%**





This week in our Jigsaw assembly we learnt all about the Queen's reign and how life has changed over the past 70 years. The children were very surprised by the change in technology and how different childhoods were!



Congratulations to all our Jigsaw winners this term, we hope you have a lovely half term!

### **BLYTON**

Lottie Batt - for helping a friend who was upset by making a crown to cheer her up

### **AUSTEN**

Chloe for always being happy and smiley. She is a super friend to everybody

### **SASSOON**

Lizzie, for being a thoughtful friend to other children across the school and having a solid understanding of the qualities of a good friendship.

### **DICKENS**

Eloise Garner for always being a friend, cheerful and helpful to everyone

### **ROWLING**

Danny Brown - for his friendly and helpful attitude to everyone

*Congratulations to all of our winners!*

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

**K2 Sports**

*Bring a picnic*

FOSP

PRESENT:

AN AFTERNOON OF

# ★ **ROUNDERS** ★

*Swing on over*

AS WE CELEBRATE

ICE CREAMS **FATHER'S DAY**

**DAD'S VS KIDS**



Cornes Meadow  
Smarden

**COLD DRINKS**

**HOT DOGS**

FOSP

*invites you to :*



*All Hail  
the*

*Queen*

*in the:*

FOSP MARQUEE

*celebrating*

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

*Smarden Village Green*

*Sunday*  
JUN  
5TH

11AM - 4PM

KIDS  
MINITURE  
SUMMER  
FAIR

ICE  
CREAMS

FACE  
PAINTING

CUPCAKES  
&  
PROSECCO





Our new Sharing Library has been wheeled into school by the wonderful Mr Mike Fleet. He used the old school fencing panels to create this for the children of Smarden to share.

This will be kept at the front of school to provide access all year round for families.

If you have any pre loved children's books that can be popped in here please just open the door and place inside. If someone else has left books that your child would like to read then please feel free to borrow them too.

### **Pre School Caterpillar Class**

This week preparations were underway for our Jubilee party on Thursday! The children made some party people from cardboard rolls and some beautiful crowns. Marie made some amazing Union Jack sandwiches with the children which they really enjoyed! Philippa took the children to the field and they had a great time throwing frisbees and using tennis rackets to have a go at hitting the balls. She also decorated biscuits in the Union Jack colours. Outside the children planted some sunflower seeds. We look forward to seeing how much they will grow! The party on Thursday was fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone that managed to come along and also to everyone that provided our delicious spread. Such a lovely selection of food! In Maths we have compared 2D and 3D shapes and the children amazed me by how they grasped the concept! In Phonics we have looked at the the sounds 'n' and 'p'. I hope you all have a lovely half term and enjoy the long bank holiday.

### **Headteachers Award**

All the children in Caterpillar class for being fantastic learners and a wonderful team.

## **BLYTON CLASS**

What a wonderful week it has been in Blyton class! Our trip on Monday was wonderful. The children loved visiting the farm, meeting the animals and playing in a huge sandpit! Highlights of the day were seeing a peacock with all its tail feathers on full display, a funny episode where we watched 2 rheas chasing one another and a family of meerkats scurrying in and out of their tunnels to check if it was raining or not. The children were brilliantly behaved and adults and children all enjoyed the day.

On Tuesday the weather was fine and we were able to release the 4 butterflies that had come out of their cocoons. It was exciting to see them take their first flight.

The rest of the week has been exciting as we have learned about the Queen and what Jubilee means, read the book "The Queen's Knickers" and used measuring to help us create crowns and leads for the Queen's corgis, as well as enjoying the jubilee picnic.

## **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Sofiia Bielan for settling in brilliantly to Blyton class.

## **AUSTEN CLASS**

This week Austen finally went on their long awaited school trip to Godstone Farm. The children were impeccably behaved from the moment they got to the school, to the moment they left. They really were a credit to Smarden. We saw a variety of interesting animals, from fluffy and cuddly to scaly and slimy! We hunted for minibeasts, fed the ducks, geese and goslings, stroked some guinea pigs and even watched an incredible pig race! The rain held off for the majority of the day which we were so lucky with and definitely made the day the best that it could be.

In other news, our chicks have now left for their forever home where they will have plenty of room to roam and continue to grow. We have also said goodbye to our beautiful butterflies who fluttered off into the sky to start their new adventures. The lambs are also getting really big now and are enjoying their forever home. It has been such an eventful term for science and we're looking forward to next term where we will continue to explore biology, looking at humans and how they can keep fit and healthy etc.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

## **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Izzy Turner for such great focus in her writing this week and for spotting errors when editing.

George Watson for really working to improve his arithmetic speed

BLYTON CLASS  
ENJOYING THEIR  
TRIP TO GOD-  
STONE FARM AND  
SEEING LOTS OF  
DIFFERENT  
ANIMALS





**AUSTEN CLASS ENJOYING THEIR TRIP TO GODSTONE FARM ON MONDAY**



## **DICKENS CLASS**

This week in Dickens we have done a lot of STAR Testing and in Maths and Reading. We have created Jubilee watercolour head and shoulder portraits of Queen Elizabeth to mark her incredible Platinum Jubilee in art by studying the human form and how colour and shadow add to a composition. We have also designed our own commemorative plates and painted them with acrylics. In maths we have continued to plug away at all things decimal and in english we have been completing yet another Hot Task to mark the end of our most recent unit on Fact Files. It fills me with reassurance to know that all children in Dickens are sufficiently well equipped to answer any questions about Human Beings that a future visiting alien might have for them. Phew! Well done to everyone in Dickens for your best term yet! It's been great to see the effort and commitment to learning grow this term.

### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Niamh Hardwick - For taking onboard all my feedback and applying it successfully to all her work.

Margot Randall - For putting in a huge amount of effort to her work in all lessons.

## **ROWLING CLASS**

This week in Rowling we have continued to look predominantly at our writing, with two more independent writes completed. We have completed a newspaper, recount or diary and then all completed a character description. They've made some excellent progress and come very far in a short time - it has been quite intense! Elsewhere we have made quite a bit of art for the Jubilee and enjoyed the picnic outside. We've done some buddy reading with Austen Class and had some of our Jigsaw & RE lessons to round off the week.

### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Jude Britt-Stanley - for his wonderful setting description.

Peter-Joe Hare - for his determination to create a high-quality text in his independent writes

## SASSOON CLASS

This week in Sassoon we have completed our persuasive letter writing to persuade the president of Brazil to not cut down the Amazon rainforest. I have promised the children that I will send the most persuasive letter!

In Maths the year 3's started their angles lessons, whilst the year 4's have completed the decimals unit. They actually really enjoyed it and were disappointed it was over! There has also been a LOT of times tables practise. Please keep practising at home!

The children completed their French 'at the cafe' assessment and I am very impressed, I think they all know how to order a hot chocolate.

In PE we finished our tennis unit by playing rallies. Mr Hall and I have been quite impressed by their improvement, although there are quite a few tennis balls on the roof.

On Thursday we enjoyed our jubilee picnic and we will be finishing our week by painting our jubilee plates.

I hope all of Sassoon have a wonderful half term.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Isabella: For working **so** hard on her times tables and phonics and being on task all week.

Vinnie: For his excellent understanding of decimals and his contribution and enthusiasm in maths lessons.