



St Michael in the Hamlet Newsletter September 2020

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to have your amazing children back to school. We are so proud of how they have managed such a challenging time and how enthusiastically they have returned to school; your children are all superstars!

Covid-19 Update

As per Government and Local Authority guidance, if you or a member of your household develops the three main covid-19 symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

we would highly recommend you obtain a test and keep school updated of progress/test results and you will need to isolate. We have created a designated email address should you need to contact school regarding suspected/confirmed covid-19 cases at a time when school is not open (evenings/weekends).

The email address is: outofhours@smhsch.co.uk

It is vital you inform school and keep us updated of your circumstances in order for us to keep our school community safe.

Arrival and dismissal

Firstly, thank you for your patience and understanding with our new routines. Our school community has been so supportive towards school and each other; we are very grateful. **Please remember if you are entering the school premises (EYFS/KS1) please only one adult to drop off/pick up. Please arrive at school at times specified as closely as possible; this will reduce numbers of adults at any one time. We also strongly encourage the use of face coverings for parents/carers in order to keep yourself and others safe.**

Class Dojo

As you are aware we introduced the use of Class Dojo as a communication platform during our school closure. This has worked brilliantly with families who have connected. We have over 65% of our school community now connected with Class Dojo. If you haven't connected already we would encourage you to do so. If you need any help with this please email assessment@smhsch.co.uk or call the school office.

Spanish

Great news! Children across ALL year groups will now be accessing Spanish lessons. Key stage 2 children have always received Spanish sessions; we have now extended Spanish provision for the whole school. I am sure you will agree that experiencing modern foreign languages should develop competence in the language taught, but also develop cultural awareness, general foreign language learning skills and broaden the experience of our children.

Lunch Menu

The current school menu is available on the website. As you know, children are eating their lunch in their bubble. This limits the menu we are able to provide but we are endeavoring to provide children with variety and balance. The menu is likely to change further I will inform you when new menus are available. **If your child is bringing a lunch from home please do not include any nut based products. We have some severe nut allergies in school and it is vital you support us to keep all children safe.**

Bikes

At the moment, we are still unable to store bikes on the school premises, thank you for your understanding with this issue. We are in the process of providing temporary bike storage provided by Liverpool City Council. We have had assurances that this will be provided within the next few weeks. I will update you as soon as I have further details of the dates of installation and exact location/capacity.

Smithy Competition

As you know, we now have a school mascot called Smithy! Your children may have noticed painted squirrels dotted around school; I know lots of them have enjoyed looking for them! We would like to offer you the opportunity to create a new home for Smithy. This can be a picture, 3D model, blueprint or architect's design; whatever you see fit! Creations can be brought into school where they will be stored in a designated area for judging. Children will be unable to 'handle' each other's creations for safety reasons. The closing date for Smithy's new home is Friday 2nd October and judging/winners announced the following week.



Thank you for your continued support

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