



St Michael in the Hamlet Newsletter October 2020

Thank you to all of you for your continued efforts in supporting our school community throughout these challenging times. We are grateful to each and every one of you!

Covid-19 Update

In line with *Government* guidance we would like to remind families that from Saturday 3rd October 2020, residents in Liverpool, Halton, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral, along with Warrington must not meet anyone outside their household or bubble in any indoor setting, including private homes and gardens and the likes of pubs and restaurants, whether inside or outside of the affected local areas.

It is also recommended people should not meet with anyone outside their household or bubble in outdoor public spaces, such as parks and outdoor hospitality. This applies to inside and outside of the affected local areas.

Thank you for all you are doing at home and in school to keep each other safe, please continue to wear face coverings during arrival and dismissal times.

Please use our 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 continue to inform school and keep us updated of your circumstances in order for us to keep our school community safe.

Walk Once a Week Challenge (WOW)

We are pleased to announce that we will be running the 'WOW' school challenge for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. Children in year 1 to 6 will continue to log their daily journey to school on their class travel tracker and those that walk at least once a week earn a badge, with 11 to collect across the year.

We aim to log journeys from Monday 5th October. If travelling by car please remember to park **at least 5 - 10 minutes away** from school to ensure your child has the opportunity to increase their physical activity, and earn their badge. The safety of our children is paramount and by doing this we will create a safe environment for our children coming in to school. Let's swap those school runs for school walks! For more information about the programme please visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool

Hello Yellow 9.10.20

A reminder that on Friday 9th October 2020 we will be raising funds for Young Minds Charity with their #HelloYellow! Campaign. Children can wear something yellow along with their school uniform. We will be selling positivity bracelets made by our Y2 children for £2 each that the children can buy for themselves/ friends/ family, the money made from the bracelets will be split between our school wellbeing fund and young minds charity.

Black History Month

October is a time to focus on black history, but it's crucial to teach children that the subject should be revisited throughout the entire year. Whether it's watching documentaries, online research, connecting with your community or reading literature by black authors, you can participate while encouraging understanding and tolerance. By encouraging understanding of black history your child continues a cycle of awareness and positive future changes. Please visit the websites below for some great resources linked to Black History Month for your children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/black-history-month>

<https://www.familyeducation.com/black-history-month>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/black-history-month>

Governing Body at SMITH

Following over 10 years of service to our school as Governor and as Chair Mrs Amanda Patmore has decided to retire from her role on the Governing Body. I am sure you join me in thanking Mrs Patmore for all of her hard work and dedication she has given our school and we wish her well on her next chapter. We have a newly elected chair Mrs Laura Pilgrim. Mrs Pilgrim has been part of our Governing Body for some time and I know she is looking forward to leading our Governing Body through the schools next chapter.

P.E. Uniform

A reminder that when your child attends school on their P.E. day please ensure they do so in appropriate clothing. Jogging bottoms/T Shirt/School jumpers are ideal, particularly as the weather gets colder. Please do not send your child in wearing football kits/crop tops etc.

Smithy Competition Winners!

Thank you so much to all of you who entered the Smithy House Competition, we had over 60 entries! Every single one was brilliant and it was very clear how much time and effort went into each one! Thank you so much for all your efforts!

Our winners are: **Year 4**-Peggy and Aaron, **Year 3**-Coral and Stevie Lea, **Year 2**-Matylda, Amira, Nur, Francis, Harpo, Juno and Frank, **Year 1**-Jacob, Colm and Arya, **Reception**-Isaac



We will be launching another Smithy Competition very soon, keep your eyes peeled!

Thank you for your continued support

Miss L Moreton
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