

Newsletter Autumn One



A Warm Welcome to
Reception 2022-2023



Home of the Foxes and the Owls



A HUGE, **WARM** WELCOME to St Michael in the Hamlet Community Primary School (**S.M.I.T.H**)!

We are so pleased that you chose us as your primary school and we are very much looking forward to sharing new experiences with you and supporting your child as they embark upon their learning journey!

We have had a fantastic first couple of weeks getting to know all of our fabulous foxes and awesome owls and we cannot wait to see just how much they learn and grow in Reception.

Curriculum

Over the course of the first Autumn term we be exploring the theme

‘**Don’t Stop Me Now!**’

Our main text focus will be ‘The Gingerbread Man!’ here we will join in with rhyme and repetition. We will make salt dough gingerbread people and talk about our uniqueness and individuality and families. We will create obstacle courses to explore ways of moving and create a healthy meal for the gingerbread person. We will also be focusing on building relationships and learning all about our feelings. Please see our topic web on our class page on the website for more curriculum information,

Lunches

Children go to our infant hall to have their lunch. Here we are able to offer a variety of meals due to them being served directly from the school kitchen. This menu can be viewed on our school website. Please rest assured that reception staff will support all children with this transition and all appropriate safety measures are in place.

Physical Education

We will have indoor PE sessions during the Autumn term on a **Tuesday** afternoon and outdoor PE sessions (weather permitting) on a **Thursday** afternoon. Plain black or blue jogging pants, a white t-shirt, their school jumper or cardigan and trainers should be worn on these days.

Home Readers

In a few weeks, your child will bring home a **book bag** with a reading record and a book to explore. We ask that you try to read with your child a few times a week and bring their book bag back every **Wednesday morning** to be changed.

We also have access to an online educational program called ‘**Active Learn**’ where children can access online books. Inside your child’s reading log there will be a username, password and school code. You can use this to dip into these as and when you like to support their learning in class.

We recommend listening to your child about three times per week – if you read an online book please note this down in your child’s reading log too. 😊

Communication

Many thanks for signing up to class dojo. We will continue to use this to share updates and will let you know about things happening in class such as; day trips, enrichment activities, special learning events and visitors. This is the most effective and responsive communication tool with your child’s reception teacher. If you need an urgent response please call the school office.



Play Ground Before and After School

A polite notice from Miss Moreton:

We have had several injuries involving children on our playground equipment when they have been dismissed. We also have a large number of children on the equipment during this time and it is not safe. **Please do not use any playground equipment before or after school.** I would also like to remind you that **children should not be using bikes or scooters on the playground.** This is to ensure the safety of your children AND our whole community. Please could we also remind you that **dogs are not to be brought onto the school playground,** even if they are being carried. Thank you

Labelling items of clothes

A plea can you please make sure all items such as; jumpers/ cardigans, woolly hats, scarves, packed lunches and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Key Information

- Parents Evening will take place in October. Further information to follow.
- Topic Dress Up Day. Further information to follow on Class Dojo.

The Reception Team

Miss Knutsen, Miss Chambers and Ms Fisher (Foxes)
Mrs Bower and Miss Hamood (Owls)