

WELCOME TO RECEPTION



A very warm welcome from all of us in Team Reception! We are so excited to welcome your little ones into the Miller family and help them settle and thrive during their first year of school. We feel privileged to be their teachers for this extra special year and look forward to witnessing their development across their time with us.

The teaching team:

Mrs Davies	Mrs Hulse	Mrs Parker	Mrs Griffiths	Ms Mac
				
Teacher (Monday-Wednesday)	Teacher (Thursday -Friday)	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant (Monday-Wednesday)	Teaching Assistant (Thursday -Friday)

During our welcome meeting back in June, we shared lots of detailed information about Reception and sent out the PowerPoint for you all to look through (this is available on the Reception class page on our website if you need to re-refer to this). This welcome letter is an opportunity for me to re-introduce the Reception team to you and provide the very key information you need to know as a reminder at the start of term.

- A typical day in Reception (once we are fully settled in):

8:30am	Door open for morning challenges
8:40am	Register & Wake Up, Shake Up
9:00am	Ready Steady Read
10:10 - 10:20am	Literacy input
10:20 - 11:25am	Continuous Provision
11:25 - 11:30am	Review of Continuous Provision
11:30 - 11:45am	Maths Activity
11:45am	Lunch Time
13:00pm	Funky Fingers/Handwriting
13:15pm	Themed Curriculum learning
13:30pm	Afternoon learning and Continuous Provision
14:40pm	Review of learning from Continuous Provision
14:45pm	Class 'Pinny Time' (Phonics)
14:50pm	Story Time
15:10pm	Home Time

- PE

Our PE day will be a **Friday**. Children will need to have their PE kits in school for the whole half term. These are kept on their pegs in the cloakroom. P.E kits will be sent home at the end of every half term for a wash and are to be returned the first week back.

- **Snack**

Snack money is £4 every half term. A small envelope will be sent home at the beginning of each half term for you to send money into school in. This is cash only for now please.

- **School Dinners**

I hope that you are all now set up on School Spider for ordering your child's dinner. It is helpful if you could order this with your child at home in advance. If you forget, we can order with your child at school. School dinners are free of charge for children in Reception, Team 1 and Team 2.

- **Wellies and water bottles**

Thank you to those that have sent wellies and a water bottle into school already. If you haven't done so yet, please can you do so by next week. Just a reminder to also label these with your child's name.

- **WOW Moments**

WOW moments are to be sent into school, as they happen throughout the year. Please fill a slip out every time your child does something that has impressed you at home in terms of their individual development – this can be anything! We will add these to your child's learning journey folder in school. We ask for at least 2 every half term. The first set of sheets will be sent home next week and each individual slip looks like the one to the right.

A template for a 'WOW Moments' slip. It features a yellow star icon on the left and a red 'X' icon on the right. The title 'WOW Moments' is in a stylized font. Below the title, there is a small box for 'Child's full name' and a larger box for 'Write when your child does something amazing!'.

Write when your child does something amazing!	Child's full name:

- **Reading at Home**

A reading log will be issued to your child next week. On the inside cover, there is lots of information about how this log can be used. Children will first be given a library book that will be changed every **FRIDAY**. Even though I'm sure lots of you read many stories at home, the purpose of this book is the same and is to encourage that love of reading and stories together. Once children start to become readers themselves, an individual reading book will be sent home. This will be changed every **MONDAY** and **THURSDAY** and we ask that your child reads the book that is issued at least twice.

- **Mousemania and Big Cheese of the Week**

Mousemania is the children's weekly treat on a Friday afternoon, which rewards their effort and hard work. A list of Mousemania activities for the half term are displayed on our classroom window. We will only get in touch via School Spider if there is anything to be brought into school. 'Big Cheese of the Week' is a weekly individual award, which is presented during a celebration assembly at 8.50am on a Friday morning. You will be notified on the Wednesday prior via School Spider, if your child has been chosen. Most parents choose not to tell their child

Exciting things ahead...



We have lots of exciting things planned this year including a trip to Delamere Forest this term. This trip will take place on **Tuesday 3rd November**. A letter containing further information will be sent out in a few weeks. We also have a whole school trip to Chester Zoo on Wednesday 9th December.

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or queries - we are always here to help in whatever way we can. Our email addresses are adavies@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk and ghulse@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk. We kindly ask that emails are sent only between the hours of 8am and 6.00pm. Please copy us both into any important emails.

We're looking forward to a brilliant year!

Mrs Davies and Mrs Hulse