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# EVFS NEWSLETTER

Dear Families of Hempstalls,

We have had a very busy week here at Hempstalls.

Firstly, a big congratulations to all our champions in Year 5 who had an exhilarating day at the ski centre, and to Year 6 who enjoyed a well-deserved treat at Splash Landings following their SATS.

A special mention goes out to our Good to be Gold children who earned a trip to the cinema to see 'If' for their exceptional behavior around school. Your exemplary conduct has not gone unnoticed, and we are incredibly proud of you all.

I am thrilled to share the buzz surrounding Reception's Champion Bee Themed Day, which took place on Monday! Our little champions embraced the theme wholeheartedly by dressing up as bees, creating a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere around school. Throughout the day, our children had the opportunity to delve into the fascinating world of bees, learning all about their life cycles and the important role they play in our ecosystem. From hive to honey, they explored every aspect of these remarkable creatures with curiosity and wonder.

To top it all off, we had a special visit from a beekeeper, who shared their expertise and insights into the fascinating world of beekeeping.

The excitement continued with our Hempstalls finale, culminating in a thrilling morning of TT Rockstars. The creativity and enthusiasm displayed in your rockstar outfits were simply amazing! Well done to all our rockstars, and keep practicing those timetables - you are all shining brightly!

And of course, Hempstalls has Talent was a highlight as always, showcasing the incredible skills and performances of our talented children. It is moments like these that truly make our school community shine.

As we head into the half term break, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Your partnership in your children's education is invaluable.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term. Take this time to recharge and create wonderful memories with your families.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support.



## 24TH MAY 2024

### TERM DATES



Friday 24th May - Finish for half term  
Monday 3rd June - Inset day  
Tuesday 4th May - Return to school

## CUBS



We have had another busy week in cubs! We have continued with the story 'Mad about mini beasts'. The children have used lots of the key words in our story and have been making those links to their own experiences and sharing them with us. We have also made lovely paintings this week expressing their own ideas, using potatoes and other materials.

We hope you have a wonderful half term.

Thank you, team Cubs.



## RECEPTION



What a 'buzzing' week we have had! The children have had a great time learning all about the importance of bees and celebrating World Bee Day!

We had a visit from a real-life beekeeper and tasted delicious honey. Our text this week has been Bumblebear by Nadia Shireen.

In phonics, we have finished our summer 1 learning and this week we have been reviewing trigraphs. In maths, we have been exploring sharing and sharing fairly.

Half-term phonic challenge: We are sending home with your child 3 picture games with the words, segment and blend the words to match the picture.

Tricky words - Please practice reading these words with your child.

Your child comes home with a decodable reading book and a library book, the library book is for you to read to your child. Please can you send your child to school with their reading book, library book, and diary every day. The purpose of library books is for reading for pleasure and the adults to lead. Decodable Big Cat Collins books are for the child to read and they match your child phonic ability. The general book-changing day is Wednesday or Thursday.

Special person Forest School workshop to celebrate Father's Day:  
9:15am - 10:15am Busy Bees.  
10:30am - 11:30am Magic Stars

## NURSERY



This week we have enjoyed the story The Enormous Turnip. We have been exploring and talking about different forces that we can feel when pushing and pulling. We have been getting creative, exploring paint and using our big muscles with the rollers. We have had so much fun with our big soft play blocks, we noticed that they are 3D shapes that we have been learning about in maths. In Cool Cats we have been playing games and getting ready for our nursery sports day. More information to follow.

After half term our new topic will be Little People, Big Adventures. Over the holiday, please take photographs of any transport that you use as a family. These photographs will be used next term so please bring them in or post them on to Family.

Swimming after half term will be Mrs Davidsons class - yellow and purple team.



Please download the app and set up an account to view your child's profile and your personalised news feed.

**Your trash is our treasure!**

**At Hempstalls, in the EYFS Department we are in the process of developing our learning environments. We are eager to gather wooden, natural & real resources for our classroom that will enhance learning and vocabulary for our children and create a purposeful, calm and inviting environment.**

**If you have any of the below you would be happy to donate, or you know where we could source items that are in good condition please speak to your class teacher / room leader.**

- We are looking for ...**
- **Old saucepans / kitchen utensils**
  - **Wooden crates**
  - **Electrical cable drums**
  - **Picture frames**
  - **Small Rugs / mats**
  - **Baskets**

**Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Mullock ( Assistant head / EYFS Leader)**



**POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY TO YOUR CHILD**

You are helpful	Be yourself	I'm listening
You have such great ideas	I know you did your best	You did that so well
I believe in you	Being kind doesn't make you weak	That's a great question
You make me proud	It's okay to be scared sometimes	Keep on trying
We love spending time with you	You can make a difference	You were right

www.thestillmethod.com



**POSITIVE COPING SKILLS**

visualize your happy place, go for a walk, work on time management, move your body, make a gratitude list, Talk to someone you trust, Journal, drink water, garden, yoga, paint your nails, dance, deep breathing, rest, declutter, Meditate, listen to music, coloring, get fresh air, Identify your feelings, learn something new, ask for help, sing, play with a pet, use aromatherapy, pray, learn your triggers, use aromatherapy, create a todo list

**HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES**

We have seen an increase in the amount of chocolate, crisps, and sweets in children's lunch boxes. In order for us to promote healthy eating and wellbeing with the children, please send your child with a maximum of TWO treats to eat after their sandwiches.

Thank you for your continued support.



**PANTS AND SOCKS/TIGHTS: OUR STOCKS ARE VERY LOW. PLEASE CAN WE HAVE ANY DONATIONS OF NEW OR PRELOVED SOCKS, PANTS AND TIGHTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

**LUNCHTIME AWARDS!**

**RB - HUNTER  
RM - NOAH**



# **B****A****B****Y** MASSAGE & YOGA

**Suitable for  
babies from 8  
weeks - crawling**

**Starting  
11th June  
lasting 6 weeks**

**On Tuesdays  
10:30 am -  
11:15 am**

**£6 total entry fee.**

**Massage oil and refreshments provided.**

**Booking essential due to limited spaces.**

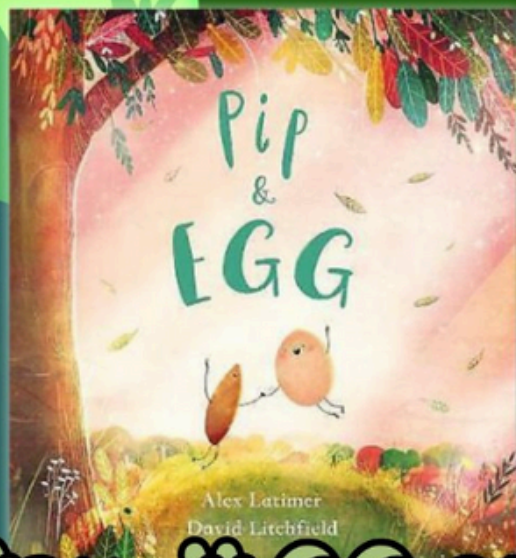
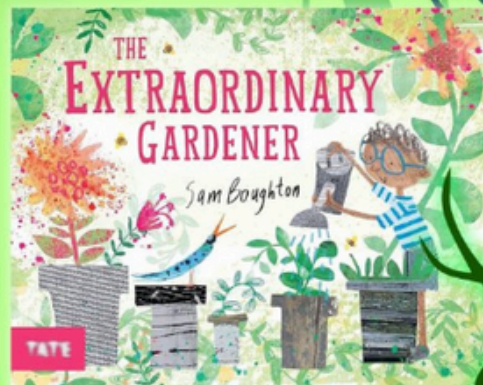
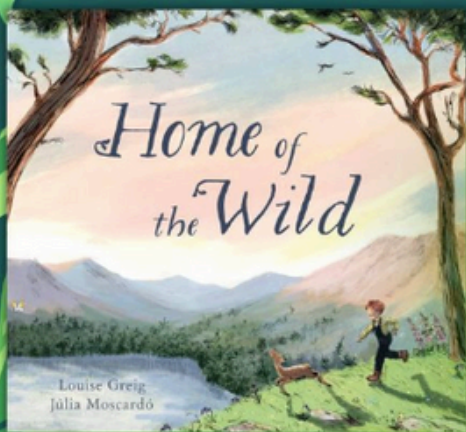
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# GREEN TALES FOR WILD KIDS

NATURE-BASED STORYTIME, IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
GREEN LIBRARIES MONTH



Thursday 30th May, 11:00 am



# ECO-EVENT GREEN LIBRARIES MONTH



MAKING BUG HOTELS  
HEART STRINGS  
ECO-FRIENDLY PLANT POTS  
IDEA BOARDS  
SENSORY BOXES

THURSDAY 30TH MAY  
11:30 AM  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL





# Are you concerned about a child?

If you are concerned about a child:

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature).

You must share your concerns without delay



**Miss A Bell**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer**



**Mrs K Timmis**  
**Safeguarding Lead**



**Mrs J Hemmings**  
**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Officer**



**Mrs R Mullock**  
**Safeguarding Lead**



**Miss C McDonald**  
**Safeguarding Lead**



**Mrs E Kirkham**  
**Safeguarding Lead**

**Or Contact Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service**  
**0800 111 8007**