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AVFS NEWSLETTER

Dear Families of Hempstalls,

This week has been all about celebrating our Year 6 children. They have demonstrated the value of reliance through their dedication and hard work during SATs. A big thank you to our incredible teaching staff for their unwavering support throughout the year so far. We also appreciate the whole school for respecting their space and working quietly in their classrooms.

Congratulations to Year 5 for their engaging visit to the fire station, where they learned valuable lessons about fire safety.

A special mention to Year 1 for their fantastic Paddington class reader launch book day.

As we approach the end of term, we hope to make the most of our final week before the half-term break. We have exciting events planned including our Friday finale of a TT Rockstars morning (non uniform dress up as a rockstar day) and Hempstalls Has Talent in the afternoon.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Bell



17TH MAY 2024

TERM DATES



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

**Congratulations to Miss McLane
on the birth of her baby girl
Hollie**

CUBS



This week in cubs we have started a new story 'Mad about mini beasts' The children have been exploring, finding mini beasts in our provision, even creating their very own using the playdough. The challenge this week was to practice fastening their coats using those fine motor skills. Well done to those children who accomplished this. We even made our very own lady bird biscuits. Thank you for another fantastic week in cubs.

Can we remind parents to please clearly label all items so that children's belongs do not get lost.

We would also like to remind you of collection and pick up times these are as follows:

Morning sessions start at 8.45am and collection is 11.45am.

Afternoon sessions start at 12pm and collection is 2.45-3pm.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.
Team Cubs.

RECEPTION

What a great week in Reception we have had. This week our text has been Clean up, by Nathan Byron. We have been learning all about the importance of recycling, and what materials can be recycled. In phonics we have been reading words with the 'ing' ending and the 'ed' ending making a /t/ sound. In maths we have been exploring shapes and recomposing shapes, rotating and flipping. The children have been absolute superstars.

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.

National Bee Day 20th May – Please come to school dressed as a Bee!

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

NURSERY

Our story this week has been The Growing Story by Ruth Krauss. We have been exploring how seeds grow What a busy week in nursery. We have enjoyed sharing the story We Found A Seed. We are amazed to see how tall our nursery plants have grown with all the recent sunshine and rain. Our caterpillars are now inside their cocoons and we are hoping to see them emerge into beautiful butterflies before the end of this half-term. Our imagination has come alive this week in our deconstructive role play area. We have been using a wide range of resources to make our own costumes and structures. In maths this week we have started to explore 3D shapes and talk about their properties.

Please return any nursery spare clothes asap, we are running very low.

Swimming next week – Mrs Thompson's class green, blue and red 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)



What Are Our Happiness Chemicals?

DOPAMINE
Motivates us to take action and achieve our goals.

SERATONIN
Balances our mood and helps us keep our emotions in check.

OXYTOCIN
The Love Hormone
Helps us form relationships with others. Also known as the hug hormone.
The Contented Child

ENDORPHINS
Helps alleviate anxiety and stress. Released in response to stress or pain.

Wellbeing corner

Families' Health and Wellbeing Service (0-19)

REALISE EARLY RELATIONSHIPS
MENTAL HEALTH
SELF HARM
BULLYING
SMOKING
ALCOHOL
DRUGS

IT'S GOOD TO TALK...

BUT SOMETIMES IT'S EASIER TO TEXT...

WE HELP STUDENTS AGED 11-19 WITH ALL KINDS OF ISSUES

TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE ON 07520 615721 FOR CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE & SUPPORT

ChatHealth

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This week is the start of National Smile Month, the Oral Health Foundation's annual campaign and this year's theme is to help you "Love your smile".

The Healthy Smile Team will be posting all kinds of activities for you to get involved including running two online competitions. To be in with a chance of winning a family goodie bag which will include an Oral B iO6 electric toothbrush, keep an eye on our social media pages to see what we have planned for the month.

During the month will also be raising awareness about the importance of swapping baby's bottles/valved cups to free flow cups by the age of 12 months.

The team will be visiting venues across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent where families can drop into the sessions, and get a FREE free flow cup and oral health advice. Please see below for the locations of our Big Bottle Swap events. Please share the details of these events with your families to help us get as big attendance as we can.

- 15/05/2024 Bentilee Family Hub 12:00 -15:00**
- 22/05/2024 Newcastle Children's Centre 11:00 -14:00**
- 29/05/2024 Cannock Children's Centre 13:00 -14:30**
- 29/05/2024 Westfield Children's Centre 13:00 -15:30**
- 11/06/2024 Tunstall Family Hub 09:30-11:30**



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. PLEASE RETURN BORROWED ITEMS ASAP. THANKYOU.

HEMPSTALLS GOT TALENT - 24TH MAY



TT ROCKSTAR - DRESS LIKE A ROCKSTAR! 24TH MAY



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Hempstalls' GOT TALENT

Could you be our next Hempstalls' superstar?



Auditions in your classroom

13/05/24-17/05/24

Live finals on Friday 24th May

Parent or carer of a child with SEN?

JOIN US

at the Family Hub for a free

SLEEP THEMED COFFEE AFTERNOON

Come along to our next community coffee afternoon for advice, hints and tips around sleep hygiene. I will be sharing ideas and strategies for you to trial and meet others who have similar experiences.

Friday 17th May 2024 1.30pm

Venue: at Newcastle Family Hub, Cemetery road,
Knutton, N-U-L ST5 6DH



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know if you are
coming!**



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School

Inclusive Circles

Empowering families through bespoke pathways

**NEWCASTLE
FAMILY
HUB** 



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