

EYFS NEWSLETTER

Dear Families of Hempstalls,

We have had an excellent week at Hempstalls! On Tuesday, we engaged in our monthly retrieval day, a valuable opportunity to revisit past learning across all year groups. Our retrieval books, which will be given to our children upon leaving us in Year 6, celebrate our curriculum for Champions.

Our focus this week was on the British Value of Rule of Law, particularly relating to behaviour at Hempstalls. Our upcoming gold behaviour prize, a trip to VUE Cinema and Dimensions later in the summer term, awaits those who continue to strive for excellence. Equally well done to our children collecting stickers daily on their bookmarks and exchanging them for school prizes.

A special mention goes out to our talented dancers this week. Our children from Year 4, 5, and 6 showcased their skills at The Repertory Theatre in the dance show led by our dance teacher Beth. It was heartening to see many other Champion present and past Hempstalls children from EYFS, KS1, and KS2 participating in multiple routines and supporting each other on stage and back stage. We are immensely proud of them all!

Wishing you a delightful bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 7th.

Warm Regards,
Miss A Bell
Headteacher



3RD MAY 2024

TERM DATES



Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May - Finish for half term
Monday 3rd June - Inset day
Tuesday 4th May - Return to school

CUBS



This week in Cubs, we have continued with our story 'Peep inside the garden'. We have enjoyed finger painting lots of different bugs exploring with different brushes and other tools, talking about the colours and names. The children have particularly enjoyed making snail cinnamon swirls linking to our story.

Please remember to label all children's belongings and water bottles. Also the warmer weather is approaching can we ask for a £1 contribution towards school sunscreen, otherwise please provide your own sun cream clearly labelled which will stay in school. (Just no Nivea Please as this can contain nut oil)
Thank you, Team Cubs.



RECEPTION

A fantastic week in Reception! This week our text has been The Amazing Lifecycle of Plants by Kay Barnham. We have been continuing are learning around the life cycle of plants. Our cress seeds are growing fast too! In phonics we have been reading CCVCC (Consonant-Consonant-Vowel-Consonant-Consonant) words. In Maths we have been exploring first, then, now stories. The children have been absolute superstars.

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

Please book on arbour £1 donation please. One adult per child.

Please can your child bring in a plastic bag and 4 sticks about the length of an A4 piece of paper.

Suncream - As the weather is warming up, please send your child to school with a named bottle of sun cream. Please ensure that the cream is NUT FREE - certain types of NIVEA contain coconut oil. We are a NUT FREE school.



NURSERY



We have had a fantastic week, our story this week has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We were so excited to receive a special delivery, our very own caterpillars. We are learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and will be watching ours turn into beautiful butterflies. In phonics this week we have been using our super listening skills to play blending action games. We have enjoyed exploring 2D shapes in provision and practising our scissor skills in the creative area.

Please can you check your child's hair as we have had a few cases of headlice and treat if necessary, Thank you.

Swimming next week – Mrs Thompson's group – green, blue and red team.



COMING SOON! NEW PARENT COMMUNICATION APP

We are very excited to soon be launching our new parent communication app. This app will be used by school to give you an insight into the school day by posting photos, sharing updates and reminding you upcoming events.

View the Welcome Video/User Guide here: [CLICK LINK](#)

Please download the app in readiness to receive your login.

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)



WAYS TO DE-ESCALATE

www.thestillmethod.com

Don't try to reason

Don't start shouting over a screaming child

Try to distract

Respect their personal space

Get on your child's level

Don't judge

Listen but stay silent

Be aware of your body language

Empathise

Use their coping strategies



Still

Wellbeing corner

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 - LINK
RM - LUCA**



Suicide Prevention Support

Hub of Hope

Mental Health Support Network provided by Chasing the Stigma

hubofhope.co.uk



Shout

24/7 crisis support across the UK. Text SHOUT to 85258 if you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support.



The Mix

If you're under 25 and need help but don't know where to turn

0808 808 4994



National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK

Offers a supportive listening service to anyone with thoughts of suicide 0800 689 5652



Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

24/7 Helpline
0808 801 0612



Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM)

Helpline and livechat are open everyday 0800 58

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Samaritan

The Samaritans 24-hour service to talk to right now call 116 123 or jo@samaritans.org

SAMARITANS

Switchboard

If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you can call 0300 330 0630, email chris@switchboard.lgbt or use webchat service. Phone operators all identify as LGBT+.



PAPYRUS

We provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person through our helpline, HOPELINEUK.

Call - 0800 068 4141

Text - 07786 209 697.





Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at
parentingsmart.org.uk

Or scan me



Exclusive to Place2Be schools

Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with extra tools to deal with **everyday parenting challenges**.

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child** and **respond helpfully to challenging behaviour**. You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 6-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

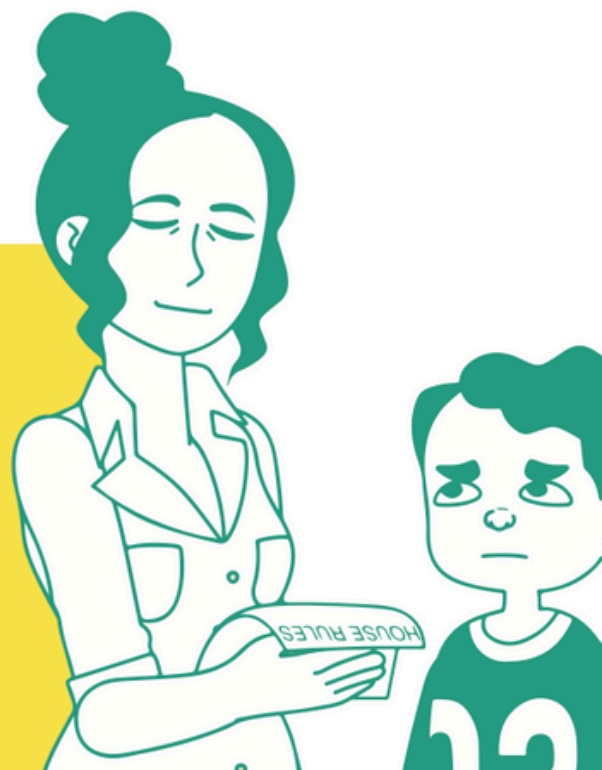
All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning



Learn more at
place2be.org.uk/family
or talk to the Place2Be
staff member in your
school.

Or scan me





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