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# newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to share the wonderful achievements and highlights of this first half term at Hempstalls Primary School.

### Settled and Thriving

Our children have seamlessly settled into their new classes, and their dedication and hard work have been truly impressive. It is a testament to their commitment to want to learn and grow. Throughout this half term, our children have had the privilege of participating in a wide range of **Champion opportunities**, enriching their learning and experiences. These include exciting endeavours such as swimming lessons, Y6 Residential, educational trips to the Brampton museum and Westport Lake, engaging interactions with the Staffordshire police cadets, Balance and Beam activities, skiing adventures, the musical wonders of Rhythm Time, and a physical development programme from ASM and lots more.

### Champion Assembly

We introduced our new Champion assembly, where children have been recognised and celebrated for their exemplary behaviour, outstanding academic success, excellent attendance, and their embodiment of our school values. Congratulations to all our deserving champions!

### Harvest Workshops and Gatherings

This week was especially meaningful as we welcomed you into our school and church for our harvest workshops and gatherings. Your presence and participation were greatly appreciated, and we hope you enjoyed these special events.

### Year 6 Team Roles

We proudly announced the roles and responsibilities of our Year 6 team for this academic year. We have full confidence that they will serve as fantastic role models and provide valuable support to the younger children throughout the year.

### Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PSFA for organising the immensely popular Halloween disco this week. The event was a resounding success, creating lasting memories for our children.

Additionally, a special mention goes to Miss Potts for her exceptional work in organising our "Spooktacular Spooky Reads Day." This day offered our children a fantastic opportunity to dress up and embrace the joys of reading with a spooky twist.

### Wishing You a Wonderful Half Term

As we approach the half-term break, Team Hempstalls would like to extend our warmest wishes for a fantastic time with your Champion children. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 7th November.

Thank you for your continued support,

Warm regards,

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

27th October 2023

### Term Dates

**School Closes for Half Term**  
Friday 27th October 2023

**School Reopens**  
Tuesday 7th November 2023



### Attendance and Punctuality

Be at school every day and on time! Every minute of learning counts!

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## Wellbeing

WholeHearted School Counseling

### 5-4-3-2-1 GROUNDING

TAKING SLOW, FOCUSED BREATHS, NOTICE:

- 5 things you **SEE**
- 4 things you **FEEL**
- 3 things you **HEAR**
- 2 things you **SMELL**
- 1 thing you **TASTE**



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## NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS

If you are interested in a Nursery or Reception place at Hempstalls Primary School, (start date September 2024), we would like to invite you to one of our open mornings/afternoons on the following dates:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:15am

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 4pm

To book a space or for more information please phone the school office on 01782 950082



## PHRASES TO TAKE KIDS FROM ANXIOUS TO CALM

"Use your imagination to go somewhere that makes you feel happy. Where will you go?"

"You're strong and safe. Take a deep breath with me."

"It's okay to feel anxious. I'm here for you."

"Let's focus on what we can control right now."



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Allergy information available on request

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Pork Sausage and Mashed Potatoes	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian	Mild Chickpea Coconut Curry with Rice (v)	Vegan Sausage and Mashed Potatoes (v)	Roasted Vegetable Tart with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Vegetable and Mozzarella Traybake with Rice (v)	Cheese Toastie and Chips (v)
3rd Options	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
<b>Deli</b>					
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese					
<b>Vegetables</b>					
Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
<b>Dessert (Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.)</b>					
Ginger Cake with Custard	Fruit Shortbread	Berry Crumble Traybake with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Fruit Jelly	

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily.



## CHAMPION AWARD

- |              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| RB - Layton  | 3P - Ella W          |
| RM - Amelia  | 4B - Holly           |
| 1C - Bridget | 4K - Alfie & Matilda |
| 1E - Azlan   | 5P - Vinnie          |
| 2C - Sophie  | 5T - Cara-Louise     |
| 2M - Emily   | 6M - Finley          |
| 3MC - Liara  | 6P - Darcie          |



## Good To Be Green & Attendance

Congratulations to all the Good to Be Green and 100% attendance winners this week

### Good To be Green Reception & KS1

RM - Ivy, 2M - Flynn, Leah, Willow  
KS2

3MC - Jack, Jenson A, Oscar, Xander, 3P - Olive,  
4B - Jack, 5T - Harry, 6M - Thomas

### 100% Attendance

Reception & KS1: 2M - Reuben, KS2: 3MC - Oliver D

### Class Attendance

6M



## Jackson Award

For demonstrating the school values of Respect, Resilience, Prepared, Curious, kindness.

- |            |             |               |                |               |             |
|------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1C - Aaron | 2C - Edward | 3MC - Brianna | 4B - Thomas    | 5P - Kourtney | 6M - Louise |
| 1E - Byron | 2M - Jacob  | 3P - Sophie   | 4K - Daisy-May | 5T - Megan    | 6P - Lewis  |



## ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through our website **from 1st November 2023** ([please click here](#))

The online system will ask for a UID number - please click 'No UID', this will allow you to continue with your application.

You will need to make your application by **15 January 2024** and your child will receive an offer of a reception place on national offer day 16 April 2024.



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## Halloween Spooky Drama Day

TUESDAY 31st October 10am - 4pm



**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Join us for an awesome Fancy Dress Halloween party. A spooky day of fun, drama, games and movement. For children aged 5 - 15 years old.

**VENUE-** Thistley Hough Academy, Newcastle Lane, ST4 5JJ

**DATES/ COST-** 31st October, 10am - 4pm. £25 per person, £40 per siblings. Payable by cash on the day, or bank transfer before the session to Victoria Gotham (personal account). 41120883. Sort code: 40-30-21.

**BOOKING-** Simply reply to this email or text to book your child's place. Fancy dress optional but highly encouraged. Please provide a packed lunch and plenty of drinks. Tuck shop on the day (which is most children's highlight!)

Best wishes,

Vicky and Cathy

Vicky (07808 473588)



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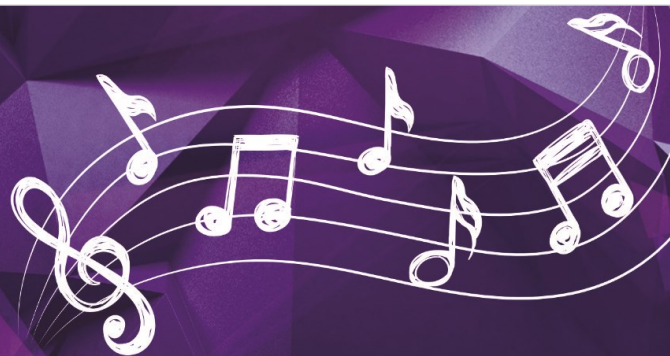


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# Newcastle Music Centre



**Venue:** St John Fisher Catholic College, ST5 2SJ

**When:** Saturday fortnightly rehearsals

Music Centre Manager: Janine Golds ([janine.golds@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:janine.golds@entrust-ed.co.uk))

## Newcastle Training Wind Band

Time: 09:30-11:30

Level: Level 1 to Grade 3

Tutor: Mr Leighton/Mr Foxall

## Newcastle Stringsters

Time: 09:30-11:30

Level: Grade 1 to Grade 3

Tutor: Miss West/Mrs Hickman

## Newcastle String Orchestra

Time: 09:30-11:30

Level: Grade 4 and above

Tutor: Mrs Hollingshurst

## Newcastle Wind Band

Time: 09:30-12:00

Level: Grade 4 and above

Tutor: Mr Farrington/Mr Leighton

## Unplugged (Guitar Group)

Time: 09:30-10:30

Level: Grade 1 and above

Tutor: Mr Oxborrow

## 'Vox Fortis' Choir

Time: 10:30-11:45

Level: All voices/ages/ability

Tutor: Mrs Golds

## Rock Group

Time: 10:30-11:30

Level: Beginners and above

Tutor: Mr Oxborrow

## Newcastle Blast Off

Time: 09:00-10:00

Level: Beginners to Grade 1

Tutor: Mr Foxall/Mrs Hickman

### Dates

September 23   October 7, 14   November 18   December 2 (+ Concert)  
January 20   February 3   March 2, 16   April 13, 27   May 11   June 15, 29 (+ Concert)



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