



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The festive spirit is alive at Hempstalls! From the captivating Reception nativity to the inspiring visit to Newcastle College panto for KS1, these Champion opportunities are creating lasting memories. Nursery's Christmas outing at Cast Away was a success and our behaviour was excellent.

Well done to all our children who have excelled in their end of year assessments. We will feedback results to you in the new year.

Looking forward to the upcoming KS1 Christmas production, grandparents festive afternoon and EYFS Christmas workshops next week.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

**15th December 2023**

## Term Dates

School Closes For Christmas:  
Friday 22nd December 2023

School Reopens:  
Monday 8th January 2023

## CAREER EVENTS



We are always keen to hear about different careers our parents and wider community are part of. Please email me if you are willing to answer any questions our children have to ask as we are planning our careers events in the new year.

Miss Bell, Headteacher: [email link](#)

## YEAR 6 SATS MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

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About: SATs  
Date: 20th December 2023  
Time: 3:30pm at the school  
5:00pm Zoom meeting

## Dates For Your Diary

- Monday 18th December**  
Y1/2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE  
2pm (booking available in Arbor)
- Tuesday 19th December**  
Y1/2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE  
2pm & 5pm (booking available in Arbor) - children to return to school at 4:30pm for a 5pm start.
- Wednesday 20th December**  
GRANDPARENTS FESTIVE AFTERNOON  
1:30-2:30pm (Christmas Carols, Bingo, Raffle and Refreshments), booking available in Arbor.
- Friday 22nd December**  
CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY (non-uniform/party clothes).  
NO Food/Drink to be brought in.

## Champion Moments

<b>Arts</b> Wiggly Nativity  Performing in a nativity	<b>Aspirations</b>  <b>Future</b> Visiting a college	<b>Sport</b>  Skiing
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**BEHAVIORS THAT SHOW YOUR CHILD IS LOOKING FOR CONNECTION**

- Asking tons of questions
- Big emotions about small things
- Asking you to play with them
- Talking incessantly
- Crying and fussing
- Clinging or physically being all over you
- Persistently trying to help you
- Asking you to "watch me!" over and over again

Follow @gazzonline  
**CREATE**

## Wellbeing corner

healthy **10 WAYS** to Deal with ANGER

- Walk away and cool down.
- Take Steady Breaths and focus on exhaling slowly.
- Count to 20 or more until you feel calmer.
- Stretch or do yoga.
- Use I-Statements It says how you feel, what you need & how you want to be treated.
- Take a break and use a calming tool like a stress ball.
- Exercise or play a sport.
- Squeeze then relax your muscles.
- Push against the wall or floor and then relax.
- Scribble on paper or write about what's bugging you.

Hempstalls Primary School  
**Food bank Grab and Go!**

Available from school reception whilst stock lasts.



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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</b> (Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.)					
Ginger Cake with Custard	Fruit Shortbread	Berry Crumble Traybake with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Fruit Jelly	

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily.



## CHAMPION AWARD

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|--------------|--------------|
| RB - Frankie | 3P - Nicole  |
| RM - Eli     | 4B - Oscar   |
| 1C - Douglas | 4K - Virat   |
| 1E - Harper  | 5P - Zakk    |
| 2C - Kayden  | 5T - Cathryn |
| 2M - Sienna  | 6M - Owen    |
| 3MC - Joni   | 6P - Harry   |



## 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

- RB - Ethan, 1C - Aaron, 2C - Oliver H, 2M - Lawson  
**KS2**  
 3P - Laurena, Zain, 4B - Millie, 4K - Alice, 5P - Irene,  
 5T - Noah, 6M - Ibrahim, Lexi

### 100% Attendance

- Reception & KS1: RB - Hunter, KS2: 3MC - Oliver R

### Class Attendance

- RB



## Jackson Award

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

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|----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1C - Marcellus | 2C - Pedro | 3MC - Tiffany | 4B - Alexia   | 5P - Archie | 6M - Deshabi  |
| 1E - Mia       | 2M - Leah  | 3P - Lana     | 4K - Aaradhya | 5T - Ava    | 6P - Lily-May |

## ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through our website ([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.

## WATER BOTTLES

Only water please in your child's water bottle



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# SEND

## Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK SUITABLE FOR A CHILD WITH SEND:

- Caudwell Children Centre - Free activities, crafts and events
- North Pole Adventure at National Forest Adventure Park - Autism friendly sessions
- The National Memorial Arboretum - Illuminated Christmas experience suitable for sensory needs
- Local Christmas Pantomines - SEND friendly performances
- Vue Cinema- the last Sunday of every month - SEND friendly session
- Local Santa visits - SEND friendly visits

## REMINDER:

Order your children's daily meals via Arbor. Children will have a jacket potato if not ordered.



## Pre-loved UNIFORM

PLEASE ASK AT THE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS

We have a selection of pre-loved uniform available - please call in to see what we have available.



## NEED TO TALK?

### If you need to talk - we will listen.

You can talk to any adult in school, but some staff who have a key responsibility for making sure you are safe and well cared for.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:



Miss A Bell  
Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer



Mrs J Hemmings  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer



Mrs K Timmis  
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs E Kirkham  
Safeguarding Lead



Miss C McDonald  
Safeguarding Lead

Connecting you with help and support in your community.



Visit the new **Staffordshire SEND Local Offer** (Special Educational Needs and Disability)  
[www.staffordshireconnects.info](http://www.staffordshireconnects.info)

For children and young people aged 0-25 years

The best place to go to find information about SEND support in Staffordshire.

- Early years and childcare
- Education
- Social Care
- Health and Wellness
- Travel and transport
- Places to go, things to do
- Preparing for adulthood
- Money Matters
- Extra Help available to children, families and settings
- Information and support including support groups and organisations
- Policy information, referral mechanisms, forms and templates

Email: [localoffer@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@staffordshire.gov.uk)



## 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: Mrs 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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