



# EYFS NEWSLETTER

**8TH NOVEMBER 2024**

Dear Families and Friends of Hempstalls,

Welcome back to the new half-term! It's fantastic to see the children return with such focus and excitement for their learning and champion opportunities ahead. This half term is filled with enriching experiences, including visits to places of worship, theatre trips, Christmas productions, and carol services. Additionally, Year 2 will be paying respects at the Newcastle Cenotaph, while Year 6 will be visiting the National Arboretum next week.

A huge shoutout this week goes to Team EYFS! Reception hosted a wonderful phonics workshop centered around Bonfire Night, followed by our Nursery and Reception children returning back to school for their first Bedtime Story evening on Wednesday. Children arrived in their pyjamas to enjoy hot chocolate, biscuits, and some favourite bedtime stories led by our EYFS staff. The sensory storyteller will also be visiting all our EYFS rooms next week as we celebrate National Nursery Rhyme Week.

Next week, we will become young theologians as we launch into our Religious Education week and also all children will be taking part in some whole school assessments in Reading and Maths. We will update you at the beginning of December during our parent consultations to let you know how the children have got on.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.  
Miss A Bell  
Headteacher



## TERM DATES



### AUTUMN TERM 2024

**FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER  
2024 - SCHOOL CLOSSES  
FOR CHRISTMAS TUESDAY  
7TH JANUARY 2025 -  
SCHOOL REOPENS**

## CATERPILLARS



Welcome back after a lovely half term, the children have settled back in lovely. Our new theme this term is Bright Lights, Dark Nights. Our new story this week is a Spots birthday party! We have enjoyed making our own cake pops and practicing fine motor skills by threading using pasta to create bracelets. New swimming slips have been sent out with your child's dates this week.

Well done to our joint Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners for the most reading stamps this term.

Keep up the good work, and good luck to everyone this term.

Reminders- swimming, please provide a swim nappy if your child requires one.

Thank you Team Caterpillars.

On Wednesday 13th of November, we will all be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week.

One of our activities will be a visit from 'the Sensory storyteller.' The cost of this session is £3.50 for each child and will soon be on arbor for you to pay. Please keep your eye out.

## BUTTERFLIES

Our Blossoming Butterflies have enjoyed the story 'Wow! Said The Owl' this week.

We've been getting creative with different colours and using paint in a variety of ways. We even tried mixing colours together when creating our own fireworks art. Outdoors, we've been exploring seasonal changes using all of our senses.

Then, we gathered autumnal-coloured leaves to make our own owls.

It was lovely seeing so many of you at our Bedtime Stories event. Keep a look out for the next one.

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## RECEPTION

It has been so lovely welcoming the children back after half term and hearing all about their adventures! We have had a fantastic week, learning about Bonfire night and celebrating Diwali. The children really enjoyed the wow day and making Diva lamps.

A huge thank you for the work you put in at home, it makes a difference, and it is really noticeable. Please keep up the hard work, practicing homework sheets and flashcards as much as possible.

Your child has come home with a new reading book please remember to listen to your child read and update their diary. Even if it is a few pages. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Red Teds - Reminder that Red Teds will be awarded for reading both Big Cat Collins reading books and Library books.

Wednesday 13th November - Sensory Story Telling - please see arbour for more details.

Friday 22nd November - we have a visit from Hoglets, they will be doing a wildlife workshop with the children and will be bringing in some special friends too. Please book and pay on arbour £3.50 to go towards the cost.

Tuesday 10th December is our Christmas Show 9:15 am and 2:15 pm - more info to follow. (Parts will be given out soon)

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper day.



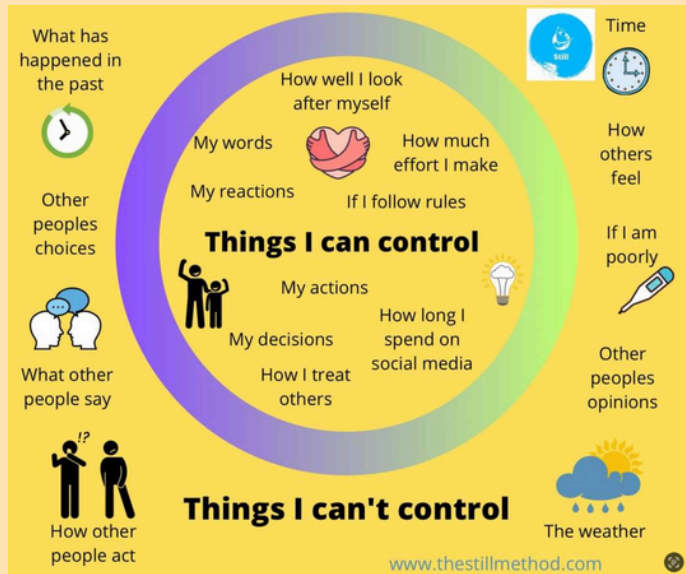
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# Wellbeing corner

## Benefits of Deep Breathing

- Calms the mind
- Lowers stress levels
- Increases focus and attention
- Boosts emotional regulation
- Supports better sleep

*When in doubt, breathe it out!*



Child Protection Concerns


## 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 J Hemmings**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer



**Miss C McDonald**  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs R Mulloch**  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs E Kirrham**  
Safeguarding Lead

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0800 111 8007**