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# AYFS NEWSLETTER

27TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Families and Friends of Hempstalls,

We've had a wonderful week at Hempstalls! We kicked off the week with Miss Potts leading an incredible assembly to launch our Science block for the next couple of weeks. It was inspiring to hear many of the children share their aspirations for future careers involving Science. The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in scientific activities during our afternoon sessions.

We are also thrilled to announce that we have achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark—an incredible accreditation that reflects all the hard work Miss Potts and the team have put into Science.

Today, we held our monthly retrieval day, and it was wonderful to see and hear the children recalling and discussing their previous knowledge with confidence.

A big thank you to the Year 3 team for organising a fantastic trip to Middleport Pottery this week, which beautifully complemented our history curriculum. The children were highly knowledgeable and enjoyed every minute of the experience.

Another exciting achievement—well done to Year 6, who have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly skiing lessons so far!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,  
Miss A. Bell  
Headteacher



## Prospective New Parents

School Visits - Come and visit our wonderful school.

Friday 27th September 9:30am + 2pm

Wednesday 9th October 5pm

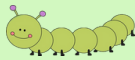
Friday 18th October 9:30am + 2pm

## RECEPTION LUNCH TIME AWARDS

RB - SHEKINAH  
RMC - AMAYA



## CATERPILLARS



This week in caterpillars we have been practicing our pen control, focusing on early marks - lines and circles. Well done to our new children who swam for the first time this week.

Reminder - please book your child's snack on arbor and any extra activities, baking / Asm / Rhythm time.

Please continue to bring in your family photos and any other item or photo which holds a significant event for your child.

Thank you for your support.

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

In nursery this week we have talked about what makes us different. We have really enjoyed the playdough this week trying to add facial features onto the playdough mat faces. Nursery has also started rhyme time joining in with the nursery rhyme 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. Why not enjoy this song together at home adding actions to the song.

Remember to change your reading book with your child at the end of the day if they need a new one.

For each daily read, we have given a stamp in your reading diary. Please remember to note each time you read a story together in your reading diary.

A message went out on family today about head lice. Please remember to check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

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## RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic week looking at the story of 'Super Duper You'. We have been thinking about being different and being individuals. We have talked about job roles and what we would like to be when we grow up. In maths we have been copying and continuing patterns and in phonics we have learnt the graphemes g/o/c/k. Homework is in your child's Reading folder.

Please be reminded the reading folders need to come to school every day. Any letters, reading books, bump notes will be placed in these files.

Library books will be changed every Thursday! It is important that you share this story with your child and talk about the characters, events and pictures.

Children will come home with a decodable reading book that they can read themselves after October half term if they are ready.

Dismissal - please ensure you walk around the play equipment when collecting children at the end of the day. It is difficult for staff to dismiss the children when there are a lot of adults around the door area. Please be patient with us as we are still getting to know our families and your faces. If you would like to speak to a teacher, please wait until all children have been dismissed safely. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Reminder's :

- PE day is Friday (earrings out please)
- Wellies for forest schools if you haven't already
- Water bottles named every day please
- A warm coat is needed now it is getting colder

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Please download the app and set up an account to view your child's profile and your personalised news feed.

# Wellbeing corner

For anyone who needs some support right now, you're not alone.

Anxiety UK - 03444775774

CALM - 0800585858

Mind - 03001233393

No Panic - 08449674848

Bereavement - 08088081677

PAPYRUS - 08000684141

Samaritans - 116 123

SHOUT - 85258

Abuse - 080820005000

Refuge - 08082000247

## School drop off Separation anxiety tips

### Keep calm

School mornings can be a rush. Try and organise as much as you can the evening before, so that you and your child can be as relaxed as possible before you leave for school. Keep positive about your child's day at school.



### Practice

Go over and practice what will happen at school drop off. Be positive and let your child know what an exciting time they will have at school. Remind them about funny and happy experiences at school.

### Keep it short

When you get to the point of dropping your child into the classroom, keep the goodbye short and walk away. This can be hard when you know your child is feeling anxious, BUT if you are consistent, it will pay off.

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**Wear it loud.  
Wear it proud.**

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October, and donate to YoungMinds to support young people's mental health.

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### 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 Kirham**  
Safeguarding Lead

Or Contact Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service  
0800 111 8007