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13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome you into our Champion assembly this week and see so many of our children receive awards for behaviour, attendance, school values and their learning.

A special shout out to Year 1 who have been great ambassadors for our school visiting the Brampton and beginning their gymnastic sessions at Balance and Beam this week. Year 2 also left school to go on a local walk as part of their geographical enquiry work.

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for parent consultations. These can be booked through Arbor and a great way to discuss how your children have settled into their new classes and how best to support them through your the academic year.

Thank you Team Hempstalls - enjoy your weekend,

Miss A Bell
Headteacher

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:

- Tuesday 17th October at 4pm
- Wednesday 15th November 9:15am
- Tuesday 21st November at 4pm

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

THIS WEEK

CUBS

Another fabulous week in Cubs, our children have been absolutely fantastic we have celebrated many caring cub awards this week and have received an ice cream treat for filling up the team reward jar. The children are really enjoying our welly walks we have visited the forest school area to practice using our listening ears in preparation for our trip next week. Please make sure you have signed up to the trip on Arbor not forgetting to click consent for your child's place on the trip. Please look out for our harvest invitations that will go out shortly for Monday 23rd October. These need to be completed and returned so that staff can prepare and stock resources for the known amount of children. Our colour focus this week has been blue, we have explored our blue playdoh and been having games to find blue items around the classroom. We have been drawing some beautiful self-portraits this week, the children have used mirrors to look at themselves and then have a go at drawing what they look like. Next week all children need to have a named puddle suit and wellies in school as we will be needing these for our trip to Westport Lake.

Cubs - On swimming days (Tuesday AM) all children need to bring in swim kit which must include a costume/shorts, towel, swimming cap (long hair), swim nappy (if your child is not toilet trained). It is compulsory that your child swims every week. We have no spare swim nappies in school now so if you do not provide one then unfortunately your child can't swim.

NURSERY

We have had a fantastic week learning about birthdays! We have shared the story 'We're going to a birthday party' by Martha Mumford and helped the animals prepare for a birthday party. We have been busy making birthday cakes, singing and playing party songs along with creating birthday cards for our friends. The children have loved taking part in roleplaying birthdays, they have had a brilliant time!

Reminders - please label all items that are being brought to school with your child's name.

RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic week continuing to read and explore the text of Oliver's vegetables. We have made and tasted our own vegetable soup, tried hard to write our own shopping list and sorted and compared groups of objects in maths.

Our phonic knowledge is improving each week and we are learning lots of new phonemes as well as practising our blending.

Please ensure you pre-book your child's Lunch on Arbor and snack if you wish your child to have a hot snack, free fruit is available, however we don't always know what type of fruit will be delivered. If your child brings in a snack from home, please can it be one healthy option. THANK YOU.

AWARDS

CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Frankie
RM - Ivy

RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Ethan
RM - Isaac

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates:

Autumn Term 2023:

School Closes for Half Term

• 27th October: Friday

School Reopens

• 7th November: Tuesday

School Closes for Christmas

• 22nd December: Friday

Further Information:

School Closed for Staff Training Day/s:
Monday 4th September 2023, Tuesday 5th September 2023 & Monday 6th November 2023

Events:

Harvest Workshops

Cubs
Monday 23rd October 9am - 9.45am

Reception
Wednesday 25th October
Mrs Ball's Busy Bees: 9am - 10am
Mrs Mullock's Magic Stars: 10.15am - 11-15am

Nursery
Thursday 26th October
Miss White's group 9am - 10am

Friday 27th October
Mrs Thompson's group 9am - 10am

PSFA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL CHILDREN TO THEIR HALLOWEEN DISCO 25TH OCTOBER

Cubs & Nursery
1:30 - 2:15pm - £1
Drink and sweet treat.

Reception
2:15 - 3:00pm - £1
Drink and sweet treat.

Children are able to wear their own clothes or a costume.

Cubs

All About Me
• 20th October: Friday

Children are to wear their favourite clothes and bring their favourite Story.

SWIMMING

Please remove earrings. If your child has long hair, please send your child in with a swimming hat. Can you please make sure your child brings a towel. All swim kit to be labelled with your child's name.

Cubs

Tuesday morning. please bring in a swim nappy if your child requires one. Every child needs a towel and costume/shorts.

Nursery

Thursday - Green, blue and red group.

Reception

Wednesday - Mrs B's Busy Bees swim.
Thursday - Mrs Mullock's Magic Stars swim.



PLEASE LEAVE TOYS AND TEDDIES AT HOME

A polite reminder that toys and teddies are to be kept at home as when they are brought into school some children are getting upset that they are getting lost, broken or used by other children.

PE

Reception

P.E is Friday. Please send your child into school in P.E kits and if your child wears earring's PLEASE REMOVE THEM.

EARRINGS

If your child wears earrings please make sure they only wear plain stud earrings in school and they should not be worn on PE and swimming days.

REMINDERS



The gate closes at 8:45am.

Please remember to close the school gate behind you.



Wellies & Waterproofs

Please can you send your child to school with a pair of wellies LABELLED to keep in school. We go to forest school weekly in ALL weathers and we get very muddy!

NO DOGS ALLOWED on the school grounds



DEXTER THE DUMMY DINOSAUR!

There's exciting news at Hempstalls! Dexter the Dummy Dinosaur is now fully hatched and ready to receive any unwanted dummies. It is a great time to start thinking about giving up our dummies and bottles. Before we know it, it will be time to move into Reception. If you have any questions about Dexter, please don't hesitate to ask one of the Nursery team.



TIPS & ADVICE
Stoke Speaks Out
www.stokespeaks.org/
parents-tips-and-advice

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

CUBS

Miss McLane

NURSERY

Miss White & Mrs Thompson

RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball

October is **Walk** **INTO** school **MONTH**

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

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Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!



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