

# EYFS Newsletter

8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to our new families to Hempstalls who have settled in extremely well.

The children have been absolutely remarkable this week as they settle into their new classrooms and routines. They all look very smart, happy and prepared for the new academic year.

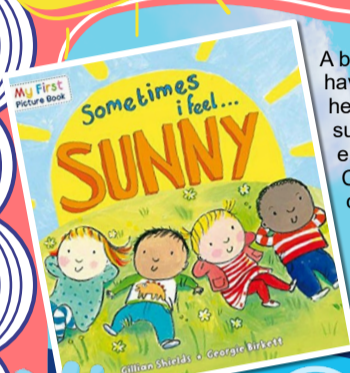
I will write to you next week about our continuing high expectations and ways in which you can support us in meeting those.

Thank you for continued your support,

Have a great weekend,

Miss A Bell

## THIS WEEK



A big welcome back to everyone, we hope you have had a wonderful summer. It has been lovely hearing all the fabulous stories from your summer break, your little ones seem to have enjoyed their time spent with family. All the Cubs team are so proud of how settled the children have been coming back. Next week we are all very excited to welcome the new children as they start their transition sessions. We are reading the story "sometimes I feel sunny", a wonderful book about emotions. This story will carry on into next week.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term Dates:

#### Autumn Term 2023:

- Autumn Term Starts**
- 6th September: Wednesday
- 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

#### Spring Term 2024:

- Spring Term Starts**
- 8th January: Monday
- School Closes for Half Term**
- 9th February: Friday
- School Reopens**
- 20th February: Tuesday
- School Closes for Easter**
- 22nd March: Friday

#### Further Information:

School Closed for Staff Training Day/s:  
Monday 19th February 2024

#### Summer Term 2024:

- Summer Term Starts**
- 8th April: Monday
- Bank Holiday**
- 6th May: Monday
- School Closes for Half Term**
- 24th May: Friday
- School Reopens**
- 4th June: Tuesday
- School Closes for Summer**
- 19th July: Friday

#### Further Information:

School Closed for Staff Training Day/s:  
Monday 3rd June 2024 & Monday 22nd July 2024

## NURSERY



The children have had a fantastic few days settling in to Nursery. We are so proud of them and we have had lots of fun getting to know all of the children. We look forward to seeing you all next week!



## RECEPTION

All of our Reception have had a fantastic few days settling in.

**New Class names**  
Mrs Mullocks Magic Stars  
Mrs Balls Busy Bees



## SWIMMING

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



Next week the Swimming pool will be closed due to maintenance

## 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.

## PE

Reception  
To be confirmed.

Children can wear black or navy shorts for PE.



## PLEASE LEAVE TOYS AND TEDDIES AT HOME



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

## 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 and a waterproof all-in-one or trousers and top LABELLED to keep in school.



### Sun hats & Sun cream

All children need a sun hat sending into school. Please give consent on Arbor for your child to have Aldi Lacura Mamina extra sensitive 50+ Sun cream applied by their class teacher. Please could we ask for £1 voluntary contribution towards the cost of purchasing the sun cream. The £1 can be given to your child's class teacher. If you prefer you can provide your own bottle of sun cream clearly labelled with your child's name.

## 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](http://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