



# EYFS Newsletter

6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a great week at Hempstalls.

Please keep checking our Curriculum page on our website for lots of information about what your child is learning about. If children want to bring in learning or awards from home, we would love the opportunity to champion these moments in school as well.

We have lots of places in our after school clubs that you can sign up for on Arbor. After half term we will be launching a few more different clubs suggested by our active school council. Please watch this space.

Parent Consultations will be week beg 16th October (more information will follow). This is a great opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new year and how best to support your child throughout the academic year.

We also have began our Harvest preparations in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Y3/Y4, which are to take place in school or at St Michaels Church.

Wishing you a lovely 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:

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:15am
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 4pm

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

## THIS WEEK

We have enjoyed exploring our outdoor areas this week taking visits to forest school, the field and our other years areas. The children get really excited when it is time to put on their wellies to go on an adventure. We have sent home the proud clouds and are really looking forward to seeing what your children have been achieving at home. Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> October we are celebrating our 'All about me topic'. On this day we ask your child to come in whatever clothes they want to, this could be their favourite outfit or something they just wanted to wear on the day. It may also be a fancy dress costume. Please can you also bring in your child's favourite story which we can share during circle times and story times throughout the day.

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

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Incy Wincy Spider and the story, it's okay to be different by Todd Parr. We have been talking about differences and how we are all unique. We have been making Incy Wincy spider prints and using different tools to create funny faces with the playdough. We have loved coming in our own clothes on Friday and had the best time at our teddy bear tea party. Another fun filled busy week in Nursery!

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

## RECEPTION

What a fantastic week Reception have had, our text this week has been Oliver's Vegetables. We have explored and tasted lots of different vegetables including corn, pumpkins, turnips, cabbage and sweet potatoes. We have cut the vegetables open to see what's inside and have collected the seeds so we can grow our own vegetables. The children have loved tapping golf tees into huge pumpkins to make patterns using their fantastic fine motor skills! We have been talking about different foods and what foods are healthy and what foods aren't so healthy, they have packed their own healthy and unhealthy lunch boxes too!

This week we have learnt the phonemes /ck/e/u/r. Review homework sheets have been sent out today. Please spend time working through this with your child, the extra support makes a HUGE difference to your child's learning. Please keep this safe and review them as much as you can! Library books will be changed every Friday, this is a book for you to enjoy together with your child) Please note down in your child's reading diary when you have read with your child so they can get their Red Ted stamps - Red Teds are stamped each Friday. We have learnt two tricky words so far 'I' and 'is' can your child spot the tricky word in the text?!

**PLEASE BRING IN A PICTURE OF A GRANDPARENT FOR MONDAY**

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 - Indhi  
RM - Riley

### RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Nevaeh  
RM - Amelia



## 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 - Yellow and Purple group.

### Reception

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

## 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.



## 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.



## 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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