

## **Hempstalls Primary School** Come as you are and leave as a champion













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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

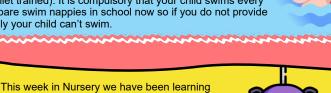
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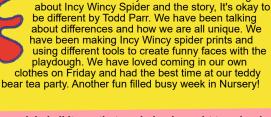
# THIS WEEK

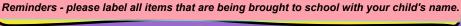
We have enjoyed exploring our outdoor areas this week taking visits to forest school, the field and our other early years areas. The children get really excited when it is time to put on their wellies to go on an adventure. We have sent home the proud clouds and are really looking forward to seeing what your children have been achieving at home. Friday the 20th 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.







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

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?!

This week we have learnt the phonemes /ck/e/u/r. Review

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

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term Dates:

- School Closes for Half Term 27th October: Friday School Reopens
- 7th November: Tuesday School Closes for Christmas
- 22nd December: Friday

10th October: Tuesday

Further Information:

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

#HelloYellow Young People's Mental Health Day

We are showing our support for Young People's Mental Health Day. If children would like to take part we will be wearing yellow to school (or something with yellow in it or bright clothing). Parents can donate on-line if they choose to do so.

Halloween Disco 25th October: Wednesday More information to follow



RECEPTION

**CHAMPION AWARD** 

RECEPTION LUNCHTIME

AWARD WINNERS

RB - Nevaeh RM - Amelia

RB - Indhi RM - Riley

All About Me 20th October: Friday



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



Please check your child's hair regularly as we have been informed that there are cases of head lice in school. If your child has long hair please tie it back



# **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



### 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.

### 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.

### Reception

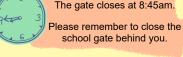
P.E is Friday. Please

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



on the school grounds





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!

Follow us on our social networks:

# 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.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

CUBS

NURSERY Miss White & Mrs Thompson

RECEPTION Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball

Miss McLane

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



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staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel





