



# 2YFS Newsletter

27th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to share the wonderful achievements and highlights of this first half term at Hempstalls Primary School.

## Settled and Thriving

Our children have seamlessly settled into their new classes, and their dedication and hard work have been truly impressive. It is a testament to their commitment to want to learn and grow. Throughout this half term, our children have had the privilege of participating in a wide range of **Champion opportunities**, enriching their learning and experiences. These include exciting endeavours such as swimming lessons, Y6 Residential, educational trips to the Brampton museum and Westport Lake, engaging interactions with the Staffordshire police cadets, Balance and Beam activities, skiing adventures, the musical wonders of Rhythm Time, and a physical development programme from ASM and lots more.

## Champion Assembly

We introduced our new Champion assembly, where children have been recognised and celebrated for their exemplary behaviour, outstanding academic success, excellent attendance, and their embodiment of our school values. Congratulations to all our deserving champions!

## Harvest Workshops and Gatherings

This week was especially meaningful as we welcomed you into our school and church for our harvest workshops and gatherings. Your presence and participation were greatly appreciated, and we hope you enjoyed these special events.

## Year 6 Team Roles

We proudly announced the roles and responsibilities of our Year 6 team for this academic year. We have full confidence that they will serve as fantastic role models and provide valuable support to the younger children throughout the year.

## Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PSFA for organising the immensely popular Halloween disco this week. The event was a resounding success, creating lasting memories for our children.

Additionally, a special mention goes to Miss Potts for her exceptional work in organising our "Spooktacular Spooky Reads Day." This day offered our children a fantastic opportunity to dress up and embrace the joys of reading with a spooky twist.

## Wishing You a Wonderful Half Term

As we approach the half-term break, Team Hempstalls would like to extend our warmest wishes for a fantastic time with your Champion children. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 7th November.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Warm regards,

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

## THIS WEEK

### CUBS

It's been a spooktacular last week in Cubs, we have enjoyed our Halloween disco and lots of spooky stories this week, we have seen some very scary outfits thank you for taking part. A big thank you for everybody who turned up to our harvest festival it was a great turn out and the children had a fabulous time sharing activities with their grown ups. We had a spooky rhythm Time this week singing Halloween songs and Miss Kat dressed as a cat. We have loved exploring the pumpkins making pumpkin soup and cakes in our tuff tray. The children have been feeling the different textures of our autumn resources and learning the names of conkers, acorns, pine cones and leaves. This has been really exciting for the children. We hope everyone has a wonderful half term we will look forward to making instruments and doing lots of craft after the holidays.

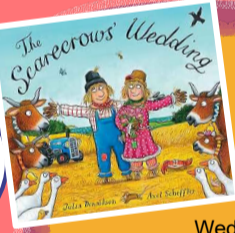
### NURSERY

Nursery this week have enjoyed sharing spooky stories and getting ready for our Halloween disco and harvest celebrations. We have been busy exploring our forest school area and collecting natural resources. We have enjoyed getting messy this week when printing and exploring what happens when we mix together different coloured paint.

This week we have helped to prepare vegetables to make tasty soup for our grownups. Thank you for coming and joining us for our harvest workshops, we hope you had fun!

After half term we will become superheroes ourselves for our topic 'What Is Your Superpower?'

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



How fast has this half term gone?! We can't believe we have already completed Autumn One! The children have been absolute superstars and made us all so proud. This week we have been exploring the text The Scarecrows Wedding and learning all about Harvest. It was so lovely to see so many parents this week, the children loved singing you their Harvest song and showing you the activities in their classrooms. This week we have been reviewing the phonemes that we have already taught. Your child has come home with a phonics pack, including name cards and flash card for their individual gaps, please spend time working through this with you child in preparation for their first reading book after the half term. The extra support makes a HUGE difference to your child's learning. Please keep the pack safe and review it as much as you can!

**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.

## RECEPTION

### AWARDS

**CHAMPION AWARD**  
RB - Layton  
RM - Amelia

**RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS**  
RB - Lovie  
RM - Isla-Rose



## 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:  
Monday 6th November 2023

### Reception

- Phonics Workshop**
- 8th November: Wednesday  
9am - 10am
- Diwali**
- 10th November: Friday

Children can come to school in their sparkly, colourful clothes as we celebrate Diwali.

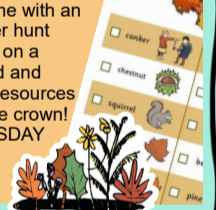


### COMING SOON...

- Wildlife Workshop**
- After half term we are having a wildlife workshop, owls will be visiting us! We have asked for a £2 donation on Arbor.

### RECEPTION HALF TERM CHALLENGE

Your child has come home with an Autumn crown scavenger hunt sheet. Over half term go on a welly walk with your child and collect as many natural resources you can to make a nature crown! Come to school on TUESDAY 7th November wearing your crown!



## 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 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

## 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 bears.

### 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.



## WANTED

Wanted for Reception:

OLD CD's for your child to up-cycle into a tea light.

Any donations will be gratefully received.



## 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.

## 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 weekly in ALL weathers and we get very muddy!

**NO DOGS ALLOWED** on the school grounds



## ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through our website from **1st November 2023** ([please click here](#))

The online system will ask for a UID number - please click 'No UID', this will allow you to continue with your application.

You will need to make your by **15 January 2024** and your child will receive an offer of a reception on national offer day 16 April 2024.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

### CUBS

Miss McLane

### NURSERY

Miss White & Mrs Thompson

### RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball