



EYFS Newsletter

15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

This week the children have been really getting to grips with their new timetables. From Reception beginning their phonics to all of our classes beginning their new class reader texts, and having fabulous launch days - the children have all been Champions!

Yesterday we had a great showcase of class charters. These have been drawn up by all the individual classes based on our school values. The children and staff have signed up to them and will do their very best to follow them all year.

Thank you for all your support. Have a great weekend,

Miss A Bell

THIS WEEK

CUBS

It has been a fabulous week in the Cubs room. We have been getting to know our routine all over again. The children have all been super stars and have made so much progression over the holidays which is wonderful to see. We have been welcoming our new children for a few taster sessions and they have been super sharing and caring Cubs by being big role models to our new friends. We have met Barney, our schools therapy dog, he was so cute and fluffy. We can't wait to see him again next week. We introduced our new friends to Miss Cat, the rhythm time lady and created lots of wonderful music. Thank you to those who have provided slippers for their child, please can we make sure all children have a pair of slippers to stay in school, this is to help protect our new carpet and keep it hygienic.

W/C 18th September:

Bring wellies and puddle suits. Clearly named.

Bring in your "all about me" homework:

- Paper plate face
- Family photo
- Child interest collage

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

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.

NURSERY

A huge well done to our Nursery Caring Bears for another fantastic week. We have been learning all about our class charter and winning lots of stickers. To follow our class charter, we encourage the children to be kind, use their manners, share our toys, help to tidy up and always try their best.

Our rhyme of the week has been 'I'm a Little Teapot'. We have had so much fun making cups of tea and pouring from different sized teapots. Cool Cats was a huge hit on Wednesday, we had so much fun learning how to negotiate space and move in a variety of ways.

Next week we will be continuing to learn our daily routine with the help of our visual timetable and we will start to earn our Caring Nursery Bear stickers. When the children earn five Caring Bears on their chart, they can choose a prize from the box.

Information about key person groups and swimming will follow. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name.



RECEPTION

Reception had a great visit from Barney the therapy dog Monday afternoon.

Reception teachers are beginning to administer the RBA - Please click the following link: [Information for parents: Reception baseline assessment](#) if you would like find out more.

There was confusion about puddle suits. School have provided a set that will stay in school and be used when needed. Children need a pair of wellies to keep in school.



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.



Cubs
To be confirmed.

Nursery
To be confirmed.

Reception
Mrs Ball's Busy Bees on a Wednesday.
Mrs Mullock's Magic Stars on a Thursday.

PE

Reception
PE will be Friday.

Children can wear black or navy shorts for PE.



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.

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

REMINDERS

Wellies & Waterproofs

Please can you send your child to school with a pair of wellies LABELLED to keep in school.



The gate closes at 8:45am

Please remember to close the school gate behind you.



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

CUBS

Miss McLane

NURSERY

Miss White & Mrs Thompson

RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball