



# EYFS Newsletter

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a wonderful week this week but missed our Year 6s as they have been on residential at PGL, Shrewsbury making the most of their Champion opportunities. We are so proud of them all.

As we come to the end of our History block children will reflect upon the knowledge they have learnt as they move to their Science blocks next week.

Our swimming pool is back up and running and even our smallest children aged 2 years old have been swimming. Please remember your full swimming kits every week.

We welcomed some of our parents into our Champion Assembly yesterday to share some of the awards we have given in school and also celebrate the awards and achievements outside of school.

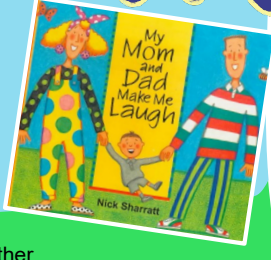
Thank you for your continued support,

Miss A Bell



## THIS WEEK

A big welcome to the caring sharing Cubs, our new friends have had an amazing first week in their new class, we are so proud. They are all settling really well into the routine and are starting to learn our class charter. This week we have been exploring our classroom enjoying the activities on offer and starting to build relationships with our friends and teachers. Next week we are going to be looking at the story 'my mum and dad make me laugh.' Talking about colours, patterns and our families. Please could you return your homework from the summer which is a paper plate self-portrait. Thank you to those who have done so already your work is already on our display board. If you could also bring in a family photo, we can add this to our family wall too. This is a place where the children can reflect, calm themselves and share experiences with other children. Next week we would love to start our welly walks, please bring to school a pair of wellies clearly named.



## 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

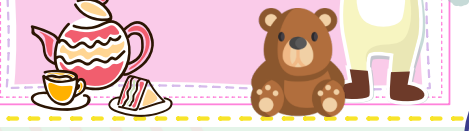
#### Further Information:

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

### Nursery

- Launch Day - 'My favourite...'**
- 6th October: Friday

Children are to wear their favourite clothes and bring their favourite teddy for a tea party.



Nursery have had a great week! This week we have shared the story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We have been talking about how the Colour Monster is feeling and showing feelings through colours. We have had such a fun week from flying kites in the wind to exploring instruments in Rhythm time! We've been very busy!



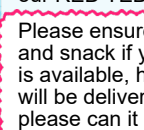
What a fantastic week Reception have had! We have been so busy exploring this week's text Funny bones, using our fine motor skills to cut out some amazing skeletons and making an x-ray of our very own arm! We have been practicing the skeleton dance too! The children have blown our socks off in phonics! This week we have learnt the phonemes /i/n/m/d. Each Friday a review homework sheet will be sent out please spend time working through this with you child, the extra support makes a HUGE difference to you child's learning. You will be invited to a phonic workshop soon, more info to follow. 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 see attached information of our RED TED scheme.



**AWARDS**

**CHAMPION AWARD**  
RB - Meelah  
RM - Miller

**RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS**  
RB - Jannat  
RM - Maila



**BRILLIANT BRUSHERS**

We will be starting our Brilliant Brushes next week, please ensure permissions have been given on Arbour. Thank you.



### 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.
- 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 a 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.



## 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.

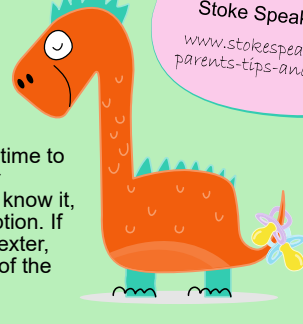
### Wellies & Waterproofs

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



## 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