



# EYFS Newsletter

22nd December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hempstalls festivities continued this week with our KS1 performance of "Lights, Camel, Action." The children excelled and relished their performances. Thank you to everyone who attended and showed support.

Our school opened its doors to grandparents and the community on Wednesday for a Christmas afternoon filled with music, bingo, and festive refreshments. A heartfelt thanks to our Y6 children for their attentive involvement.

Santa came to visit today and enjoyed joining in with our Christmas party games, which was a lovely end to another year at Hempstalls.

Wishing you all a delightful Christmas, and we eagerly anticipate welcoming you back to school on Monday, January 8th.

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

## THIS WEEK

### CUBS

This week the cubs have been working hard to win the chance of unwrapping the Christmas story of the day. It was very exciting to see which book was hiding beneath the paper. The Cubs have been making lots of Christmas crafts which have been coming home with them this week. You have all also received a reindeer food cone. The children have really enjoyed colouring the Christmas pictures, with lots of practise keeping in the lines. The first week back after the Christmas holidays every child on Tuesday morning will swim. After this you will alternate in 2 groups swimming once a fortnight. This is due to having another intake of children.

Merry Christmas from Team Cubs

Swim nappy reminder please and to pre-book meals on Arbor, if you fail to pre-book then your child will be provided with a jacket potato and fruit.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term Dates:

- School Closes for Christmas**
- 22nd December 2023: Friday
- School Reopens**
- 8th January 2024: Monday

If you are in need of a **PUSHCHAIR** we have **two available for FREE** which have been kindly donated by member of staff. Please ask at the school office if interested. First come first served basis.

## 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 11th January - Mrs Thompson's class  
Blue and green 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 earrings PLEASE REMOVE THEM.

## NURSERY

This week Nursery have been having so much festive fun. Each morning our class elves have kindly given us a gift, a new Christmas story. We've enjoyed getting cosy to share the stories and have used our Christmas themed puppets to role play. Nursery has been full of sparkle again this week, we hope that you like the Christmas crafts the children have worked so hard to create. In maths this week we have been recapping our prior learning of colour and sorting, have a go at sharing the colours of everyday objects with your children at home.

We are busy thinking ahead to our new topic after Christmas which will be Once Upon A Time. We have started to look at some familiar traditional tales, The Gingerbread Man is definitely a favourite so we will look at this during our first week back.

Our Christmas workshop was a great success, thank you to those that came along to join in the festive fun.

After Christmas can we kindly ask that all Nursery children are dropped off at our nursery door. We have noticed an increasing number of adults entering our setting. To keep everyone safe and to promote independence we will be thankful of your support.

Reminders: Please send in to school every day a warm waterproof coat now the weather is colder. Any donations of spare children's woolly hats and gloves will be gratefully received.

## RECEPTION

### AWARDS

#### CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Nevaeh  
RM - Mailla

#### RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Isabell  
RM - Andrew

## PLEASE LEAVE TOYS AND TEDDIES AT HOME

A polite reminder that toys and teddies are to be kept at home as when they are bought into school some children are getting upset that they are getting lost, broken or used by other children.

## DONATIONS OF SPARE SOCKS & BOYS TROUSERS

### Cubs

We need spare socks and boys trousers (they do not need to be uniform spares) this is for when children have accidents as we are getting low also if everyone can ensure there is at least one spare change of clothes in their bag, Messy play or toileting accidents.

## 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

## ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through our website ([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 application 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

Mrs Davidson & Mrs Thompson

### RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball