



# EYFS Newsletter

8th December 2023

## CHAMPION MOMENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a wonderful week at Hempstalls beginning the week with talking about children's snow fun filled weekends.

Please look at the website's curriculum page for details on the latest foundation blocks in Art, Design, Technology, and ICT which children have started this week.

Y5 and Y6 were delightful beginning our first of our festive performances- performing at the Christingle event at St Michael's church this week. More festive performances await - Reception in the Wriggly Nativity and KS1 in Lights, Camel, Action. Secure your tickets through Arbor.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

## THIS WEEK

This time of year is very exciting especially if you are 2. We have kick started our Christmas making wish lists for Santa, reindeer food and have had lots of other winter activities too. We have a special visitor called Jingle who is helping us to make the classroom Christmassy. He brought us a tree and some decorations for the children to place on, they did a wonderful job. Jingle has designed us an elf workshop and the children are having lots of fun dressing up as elves making wish lists and wrapping the toys. It is going to be a busy few weeks full of Christmas fun. Next week we are joining the whole school to read the nutcracker Miss McHugh has found us a musical book which we are excited to share with the children. We are going to make a winter wonderland, land of sweets display board. Meaning the children will be able to access lots of craft and glitter to create the sweets for the display. Next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> we have our Christmas workshop if you are able to attend please bring in your signed form or speak to a member of staff at the door, we really need to know how many to expect. Please look out for the swimming changes this will come out towards the end of the term. In January we have some new starters therefore we will need to alternate the swimming meaning your child will swim once a fortnight.

As I know a few have been asking for Christmas card lists, we now have some printed in the classroom so please ask a member of staff if you would like one.

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

### Cubs:

- Christmas Workshop**
- 14th December 2023: Thursday
- If you are able to attend please bring in your signed form or speak to a member of staff at the door

### Nursery

- Castaway Play**
- 11<sup>th</sup> December: Monday
- Yellow, purple bears
- 12<sup>th</sup> December: Tuesday
- Green, blue and red bears

- Christmas Workshop**
- 19<sup>th</sup> December: Tuesday
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm enter via main entrance

### Reception

- Reception Wriggly Nativity**
- 11th December 2023: Monday
- Morning Performance: 9:15am
- Afternoon Performance: 2:30pm
- 2 adults per child for each performance.
- Please book on Arbor.



## EYFS Open Morning for Perspective New Parents

- 9th December 2023, 9 - 10:30am: Saturday

## NURSERY

This week we have been helping Supertato to save the day from the Evil Pea! We have been rescuing the veggies from being frozen in blocks of ice and all sorts of traps! We have loved doing races with Supertato and Evil Pea and have been very competitive! This week we have started our Christmas festivities! We have had a fantastic time eating Christmas dinners, wearing Christmas jumpers, creating Christmas biscuits and starting to prepare for our Christmas workshop! We look forward to going on our Christmas trip to Castaway play and can't wait to share our Christmas crafts with you at our workshops.

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.

Any spare uniform to be returned and donations are really appreciated!

## RECEPTION

### AWARDS

**CHAMPION AWARD**  
RB - Daisy  
RM - Chester

**RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS**  
RB - Alyssia  
RM - Riley

## SPUD THE OWL NET RECEPTION

Spud the Owl came to visit Reception. The children loved finding out about the Owl and what makes him special.



## 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 - Green, blue and red 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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.

## 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

## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We understand that parenting is hard at times and can be overwhelming. FREE TO BOOK ON TERM TIME ONLY. Book your place at: groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk

10 weekly sessions. A face to face course, available to help you support your children's development including: Individuality and Self by Family Grouping Trail

STARTING MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024 VIRTUAL SESSIONS 10AM - 11:30AM 1PM - 2:30PM

STARTING TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024 11:30PM - 2:00PM NEWCASTLE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

For professionals - please complete the groupwork referral form and send to the above email.



Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Talking Therapies

Did you know that we provide free-of-charge bereavement counselling for adults?

If this is something you would like to access and you are registered with a GP in Stoke or Staffordshire, please call the Talking Therapies self-referral helpline on 0300 303 0923



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

## CUBS

Miss McLane

## NURSERY

Mrs Davidson & Mrs Thompson

## RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball