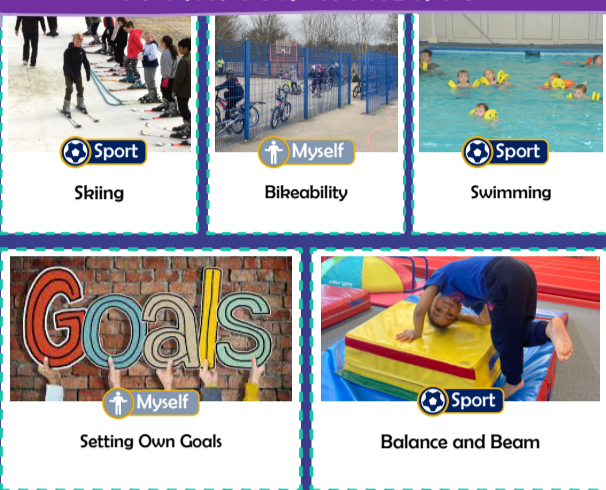




EYFS Newsletter

12th January 2024

CHAMPION MOMENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all Team Hempstalls! I hope you have all had a lovely break. As we begin the new year, all children thought about some of the goals that they personally want to achieve and the school values they want to really work on.

As you know we prioritise reading at Hempstalls and we would really appreciate your help with reading with your children at home. The more children are reading, the fluent they become and this helps with their comprehension skills.

A shout out to some of our Y4 children this week who started their bike ability course this week. We are very proud of you.

We welcome some new children into our 2 year old room this week. I am sure they will settle really well and we look forward to see them flourish.

We have our grab bags of food, pre loved uniform, coats and shoes in the school entrance- feel free to come and help yourself. For any additional support please speak to Miss Kirkham.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss A Bell
Headteacher

THIS WEEK

CUBS

The Cubs have settled back into the school routine super since Christmas, we have all missed them over the holidays. This week we have welcomed our new children for transition visits and the children will get to meet them and form new friendships next week. We have welcomed our new member of the team Miss Woollam she has settled and the children love having cuddles with her already. This week our focus is Goldilocks and the Three Bears this will carry through to next week also. If your child attends swimming please look out for their dates on a small slip in their bag. your child will swim once every 2 weeks.

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.

NURSERY

This week Nursery have been learning about The Gingerbread Man. We have absolutely loved this traditional tale and enjoyed retelling it using puppets and small world characters. We have been building bridges to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river safely and we have been designing the Gingerbread man a kind friend. We have been baking and tasting Gingerbread which was a bit tangy for some of us but most of us enjoyed it. We have been in forest schools exploring the frost and ice which was really fun and we have also had a fantastic time with Cat at Rhythm time. What a fantastic first week back!

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

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term! It was so lovely welcoming the children back into school, we have enjoyed listening to all the adventures that they have been up to and finding out what Santa has delivered.

Our learning this term is linked to the theme, 'Once upon a time'. This week our text has been Zog and the Flying Doctors the children have enjoyed learning about castles and making some fantastic dragons in our junk modelling area. Thank you for practicing the children's flash cards and tricky words over the holidays, it really has made a difference and please keep it up! This week in phonics we have been learning the new phonemes, /ai/ as in rain, /ee/ as in feet, /igh/ as in light and /oa/ as in goat. Homework sheets have been sent home today.

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. If you child has not got a hot dinner ordered the option is jacket potato and fruit. THANK YOU.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates:

- School Closes for Half Term: 9th February 2024: Friday
- School Reopens: 20th February 2024: Tuesday

Reception:

Chinese New Year 'Wow' Day: 8th February 2024: Thursday
Please send your child to school wearing red.

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.

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
If your child attends swimming please look out for their dates on a small slip in their bag. your child will swim once every 2 weeks.

Nursery
Thursday - Purple and yellow 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.

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
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