



# EYFS Newsletter

2nd February 2024

## CHAMPION MOMENTS



Sport

Arts

Skiing

Ford Green Hall Visit



Environment

Forest School

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy February!

All the children have begun our Art blocks this week in school. What creative pupils we have here at Hempstalls!

Next week we have our Valentines Disco in school. Thank you to the PSFA for organising the event.

A shout out to Year 5 who visited Ford Green Hall this week to continue to embed their knowledge in History.

Wishing you a great weekend,

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

## THIS WEEK



What a muddy week we have had lots of fun exploring forest school. This is a wonderful experience for all our Cubs. They enjoy being close to nature hunting for bugs and worms. We have enjoyed snack in the bird watching shelter and have collected lots of sticks for our classroom. Please bring wellies and puddle suits as we haven't got enough spares for all children. The children are getting really confident in the swimming pool, each week they get really excited to go up to the pool. Our targets are dressing and undressing it is really important that they are having a go at being independent as this will help their personal, social and emotional development. Please remember we are trying to encourage healthy eating, we are noticing more and more children arriving to school with unhealthy snacks.

Wednesday 7th February we are having a disco in KS2 hall it is £1 entry per child and they will receive a drink and sweets. IF your child does not attend this session then a parent or carer is allowed to bring them back but you will need to stay with your child due to staff ratios. Your child can come to school in red or pink for the disco.



Homework - to bring in family photos for our display in the home corner.



Please remember to put child's name on their water-bottle

## NURSERY

Another busy week in Nursery. Our story this week has been Hansel and Gretel. We have enjoyed lots of story themed activities, baking and tasting bread was definitely one of our favourites. We have been busy creating our own gingerbread houses, they looked good enough to eat! Our new water area has been popular this week, the children have been trying their best to put on their own puddle suit. Please continue to encourage self care skills such as dressing at home. The Caring Bears are continuing to earn their Caring Bear stickers, we have given out lots of certificates and prizes this week. A big thank you to Miss Maisie for adding extra special treats in the prize box such as hot chocolate or a visit to the reception playground.

Our phonics song this week has been The Grand Old Duke of York. We have been using our superb listening skills to differentiate between sounds and to identify words that begin with the sound 't'.



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

What a fantastic week we have had in Reception. Our text this week has been 'Princess Daisy, the dragon and the Nincompoop Knights' written by Steven Lenton. The children have enjoyed engaging with the princess and knight themed activities as well as exploring our new stage area in our outdoor classroom. We have also been taking part in 'The big birdwatch' and made our own birdfeeders to hang in the forest school area. The children are spotting different types of birds and it is great to see them excited about this fantastic nature project. This week in phonics we have been learning the new phonemes, /air/ as in chair, /er/ as in bigger. The tricky words this week are are, sure, pure. Homework sheets have been sent home today.

## READING

We expect parents to share books with their children frequently and listen to their child read **AT LEAST 3 times a week**. Please fill in your child's reading diary to say you have read together. If you read any more books from home, please fill them in your diary too. Books read at home will receive a **REDTED** (read everyday, talk everyday) stamp. The more stamps you get, the more prizes you will receive.

**PLEASE CAN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BE RETURNED. WE HAVE MANY MISSING. LIBRARY BOOKS ARE CHANGED ON A THURSDAY. THESE BOOKS SHOULD BE SHARED WITH YOUR CHILD SO THEY CAN ENJOY STORIES AND PRACTICE THEIR BOOK HANDLING SKILLS.**

### AWARDS

Award winners theme: **Making good choices**

#### CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Lovie  
RM - Mailla

#### RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Zeldi  
RM - Eleanor



## TEN TOWN

In Reception we are now using a package called 'ten town' to support with number recognition and formation.

please see offer below if you would like to access at home.

### DISCOUNTED AT HOME ACCESS

Ten Town is a great way to introduce basic numeracy concepts to children as young as 3 years old, right through their early years.

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## 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. (Cubs - swim nappy if your child is not toilet trained). 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.

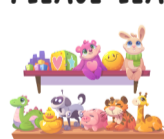
### Nursery

Thursday - Mrs Thompson's Class: Green and blue team.

### Reception

Wednesday - Mrs B's Busy Bees swim.  
Thursday - Mrs Mullock's Magic Stars swim.

## 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.

## 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.



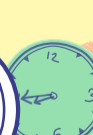
## COMING SOON! NEW PARENT COMMUNICATION APP



We are very excited to soon be launching our new parent communication app. This app will be used by staff in school to give you an insight into the school day by posting photos, sharing updates and reminding you about upcoming events.

We will be organising a parent information evening after the half term.

## 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!



## CUBS WRAPAROUND CARE\*

In order to help and support parents/carers we are providing an affordable and convenient wraparound care club. This new service provides Breakfast and After School Care for children aged 2 years old allowing you (parents/carers) more flexibility with your working hours.

8am - 8:45am £5

3pm - 4:00pm £5

3pm - 5:00pm £8

For more information please contact our school office.

\*For 2 year olds only - 3 year olds can access the other care club.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

### CUBS

Miss McLane

### NURSERY

Mrs Davidson & Mrs Thompson

### RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball