

AVFS NEWSLETTER

25TH OCTOBER 2024

Dear Friends and Families of Hempstalls,
We have had such a wonderful start to the school year, and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in making it so special.

A big thank you to all who attended the Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church—the children were brilliant! We also appreciate the parents and carers who joined us for the Year 1 phonics workshop and performances.

Well done to our cross-country team this week, and a special congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team for winning the Newcastle Schools Tournament! What an achievement!

Thank you for supporting the PSFA disco this week. Today, we celebrated a Spooktacular day as a post-Ofsted treat, and the children all had a fantastic time.

Wishing everyone a lovely half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 5th November.

Best wishes,
Miss A Bell



AUTUMN TERM 2024

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024
– SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF
TERM **TUESDAY 5TH**
NOVEMBER 2024 – SCHOOL
REOPENS FRIDAY 20TH
DECEMBER 2024 – SCHOOL
CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS
TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2025
– SCHOOL REOPENS



CATERpillars



This week the children have really enjoyed messy play, exploring pumpkins, and making and tasting pumpkin soup. The children had a wonderful time at our Halloween disco too. After half term, we will announce our prize winners for those with the most reading stamps and they will receive their reward when we return.

Swimming groups will start W/C 11th of November, swim slips will be sent out prior to your child's dates.

We hope you have a wonderful half-term.
Thank you Team Caterpillars.

On Wednesday 13th of November, we will all be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. One of our activities will be a visit from 'the Sensory storyteller.' The cost of this session is £3.50 for each child and will soon be on arbor for you to pay. Please keep your eye out.

BUTTERFLIES

Our Blossoming Butterflies have had a spooktacular week! This week we have shared the story 'We're Going On A Pumpkin Hunt'. We have had so much fun this week scooping and carving the pumpkins, making delicious chocolate apples, and exploring with paint when creating bubbles for our own cauldrons. Our spooky disco was great, we showed off our fabulous dance moves.

In Nursery we have started to put together a family photograph album, thank you for your photos so far. The children have enjoyed sharing these with their friends. If you haven't sent in your photographs, please send them through Family.

Reminders: Please return any of our spare clothes, we are running very low. Remember to choose a book to take home from our library trolley and record any reading at home in your child's yellow diary.

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RECEPTION

Our first half term done! Hasn't that gone quick?! We have had a fantastic spooky week! The children absolutely loved the 'Spooky Disco'. In phonics, we have been embedding, embedding, and embedding what we have learned so far. Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 5th November.

Homework:

We have sent flash cards and tricky words. Please can you cut these up and practice as much as possible. Please see the link for the pronunciation of the pure sounds https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZijFlvA_fs

Please read and fill in your child's diary.

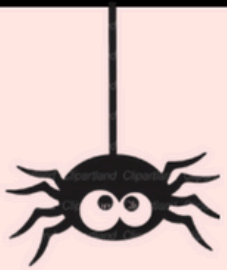
Practice, practice, practice name writing. You have a laminated sheet in your child's book bag you need to buy a wipeboard pen.
Thank you.

Phonics Bonfire-themed Workshop Tuesday 5th, 9-10:30 am One adult per child.
Arrive at the reception gate as normal.

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Please download the app and set up an account to view your child's profile and your personalised news feed.



PSFA DISCO



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO
CAME ALONG TO THE DISCO, WE HOPE
EVERYONE ENJOYED IT. THE TOTAL
RAISED WAS £565. THIS WILL BE USED
TO SUPPORT THE RUNNING OF THE
SCHOOL MINIBUS, THIS HELPS ALL OUR
CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE LOTS OF
ACTIVITIES AND TAKE PART IN TRIPS
OUTSIDE SCHOOL.**



HALLOWEEN DRAMA DAY

Monday 28th October - 10am - 4pm

Penkhull Village Hall £25 Per Child
(£20 each Sibling)



A DAY OF
CREATIVE/
SPOOKY FUN



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DEAN LANZAK'S MUSICAL WORKSHOPS



SONGS AND MUSIC ARE FOR EVERYONE!

Our bespoke program allows children to learn about a diverse range of musical genres. Delivery is tailored to the needs of each school with an adaptable syllabus across all ages and capabilities. Alongside academic benefits, we encourage children to display creativity, develop leadership qualities and enhance decision making skills.



RHYTHM WORKS

An introduction to percussion and drumming, alongside rhythms and sounds from all over the world, whilst accompanied by some of your most popular songs.



DRAMA

An insight into singing, choreography and the staging of different types of performances through using musical theatre to construct mini performances and Pop to create music videos.



CHOIR

Learn songs and use harmonies to explore other melodies in your favourite songs. Investigates different styles of music, from Sea Shanties to Stage Shows, giving children exposure to new music.

Above all, pupils receive a positive experience, regardless off whether your school has a strong history of music participation. Allow us to create an inclusive environment where everyone is encouraged, engaged and challenged.

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Wellbeing corner

Staffordshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service
Emotional Wellbeing Day! 

Feeling low?
Worried or anxious?
Angry?
Struggling with low self-esteem or confidence?
Would like more help understanding and managing your emotions?

Come and take part in our wellbeing drop in sessions this October Half Term!

Fun activities for all ages
Lots of practical tips and advice
Wellbeing freebies
Refreshments

JOIN US!

Tuesday 29th October
10am – 3pm
Brampton Park, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1JH

If you're between the ages of 5 and 18 years old, come along and learn more about your feelings and emotions in a fun and interactive way! This is a great opportunity to explore how to take care of your emotional wellbeing in a safe space for all.

*We ask that all children are accompanied by a parent or carer when attending

Child Protection Concerns

Are you concerned about a child?

If you are concerned about a child:
Make a formal record of your concern
(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)
You must share your concerns without delay

Miss A Bell
Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer

Miss C McDonald
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs R Mullock
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs J Hemmings
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer

Mrs E Kirham
Safeguarding Lead

Or Contact Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service
0800 111 8007

NHS
Midlands Partnership University
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Family Voice Forum

For parents, carers and families in Staffordshire

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

A free webinar for parents and carers

- SPOTTING RISKS ONLINE
- PARENTAL LOCKS
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- CYBERSECURITY

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