



# Hempstalls Primary School

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# EVFS NEWSLETTER



## 4TH OCTOBER 2024

Dear families and friends of Hempstalls,

October marks Black History Month, and we are proud to be celebrating this important time through special assemblies and classroom learning.

The children are nearing the end of their science block and will soon be moving on to Geography in the afternoons. It's been an exciting time for learning, and we look forward to diving into another subject.

A big well done to our cross-country team, who performed brilliantly this week at Newcastle-under-Lyme School. Special congratulations to Cameron for coming in 2nd place and Carter for finishing 4th! Well done to the entire team for beating their personal best scores—we are proud of your resilience.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us by completing the eligibility forms. If you haven't yet filled one out, please do so by Monday next week. Don't forget, we have four new scooters and helmets up for grabs in a prize draw for those who submit their forms! Please complete through the link in Arbor or a paper based form which can be collected from the office if you have not received one.

Please also look out for our Parent Involvement Academic Planner for the year. We encourage all parents to attend these important sessions. The planner includes dates throughout the year when you'll have the chance to meet with teachers, join workshops, and learn more about our curriculum.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best regards,  
Miss A. Bell  
Headteacher



### Prospective New Parents

School Visits - Come and visit  
our wonderful school

Wednesday 9th October 5pm  
Friday 18th October 9:30am +  
2pm

### RECEPTION LUNCH TIME AWARDS



RB - RAJ  
RMC - JASPER



## CATERPILLARS



This week our story has been You Choose.. the children have enjoyed creating their own collages using cutouts from magazines. We have been challenging the children by practicing some of our sounds.

This week the children have also enjoyed making some delicious pasta.

As the weather is changing, please can we ask all children to bring in a pair of slippers, clearly labeled to be kept at school.

Polite reminder - please book toast snack  
Asm, baking, rhythm time on Arbor.

Reminder of session times  
Am 8.45-11.45  
Pm 12- 2.45/3.00

We have noticed a few parents are regularly collecting early, we don't want the children to miss out on the rhyme and stories of the week at dismissal time.  
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

This week we have enjoyed sharing the story 'Who's In My Family?' We have been talking about our families and creating our own family pictures.

Our forest school session went really well, we had so much fun in our puddle suits! The Blossoming Butterflies loved to explore the area and have a go at balancing and climbing on the big logs.

Reminders - please check Family for any updates and reminders.  
If you have a puddle suit at home, please bring it into school, we have a limited supply of school ones. Reading diaries will now be stamped on a Monday, remember to bring them to school in your child's bag.

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## RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic week. We have been reading the story of Funny Bones and joining in with the repeated sentences in the story. We have been learning about our different body parts and what we need to do to keep our bodies healthy. We also learnt the funny bones dance which was lots of fun! In phonics, we have learnt the graphemes ck/e/u/r we are also working really hard on our blending skills. Please see this week's homework to practice this! In maths, we have learnt all about size and capacity using key vocabulary to describe.

Next week we are starting our 3 x reading sessions in small groups. We are concentrating on book-handling skills and sitting in small groups. Very soon your child will bring home a reading book in their reading file to share at home, this will be alongside their library book which is to read for pleasure.

Please make sure ALL uniforms are clearly named. We do our best every afternoon to ensure all children go home with their belongings however as you can appreciate for 60 children this can be difficult at times.

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

# Wellbeing corner

**WEAR A YELLOW ACCESSORY WITH YOUR UNIFORM TO SUPPORT YOUNG MINDS IN RAISING AWARENESS OF YOUNG PEOPLES MENTAL HEALTH ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER.**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DONATE USING LINK -**

**[HTTPS://WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/SUPPORT-US/DONATE/MAKE-A-DONATION/](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/make-a-donation/)**



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**Hello Yellow**  
THURS 10 OCT

**I'm saying yes to yellow...  
at school for young people's mental health**

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**Wear it loud.  
Wear it proud.**

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