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EYFS Newsletter

29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a great week here at Hempstalls.

Children have been super scientists this week as they have been immersed in Scientific enquiry. Please remember you can follow your children's curriculum journey by looking at our ambitious curriculum on our website under the Curriculum tab. In particular each subject has, 'knowledge organisers' for each year group so you can follow and support what the children will be learning.

Well done to Year 1C this week who visited the Brompton Museum and took part in a History workshop about old and new toys and explored other areas of the museum and the grounds. They were amazing!

It is school census day next Thursday, we have a yummy menu and we would encourage as many children as possible to have a hot school dinner with us.

We have had some lovely feedback as we have introduced our new Champion Award Assemblies and it is really lovely to see so many children receive awards in and outside of school.

From all of Team Hempstalls, enjoy your weekend with your wonderful children,

Miss A Bell

NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS



If you are interested in a Nursery or Reception place at Hempstalls Primary School, (start date September 2024), we would like to invite you to one of our open mornings/afternoons on the following dates:

- Wednesday 11th October at 9:15am
- Tuesday 17th October at 4pm
- Wednesday 15th November 9:15am
- Tuesday 21st November at 4pm

To book a space or for more information please phone the school office on 01782 950082

THIS WEEK

What a wonderful week in Cubs, we have been making friends, learning the routine and having lots and lots of fun. Last week the children enjoyed making and tasting pizza faces as we explored our topic 'all about me'. This week we made a cake and decorated it with spots and stripes as we have been exploring the story 'my mum and dad make me laugh.' We are going to introduce the proud cloud board, this is our achievements from home board. Please look in your child's bag for a sheet of blank clouds. When you see your child do something which you are proud of please write it on your cloud and bring it back to school to share with the teachers and children, we can then put it onto our display board. Ideas of proud moments could be manners, slept in own bed, given up dummy, counting, speech etc.

On swimming days (Tuesday AM) all children need to bring in swim kit which must include a costume/shorts, towel, swimming cap (long hair), swim nappy (if your child is not toilet trained). It is compulsory that your child swims every week. We have no spare swim nappies in school now so if you do not provide one then unfortunately your child can't swim.

CUBS

NURSERY

Nursery have enjoyed sharing the story 'This is Me' this week. We have been looking closely at our facial features and exploring different malleable materials to design our own funny faces. We will be celebrating British National Food Fortnight by talking about being healthy, making healthy food choices and discovering where our food comes from. Our Caring Bears have had a wonderful time exploring our great outdoor areas, we have been trying our best to take off our own shoes and put our wellies on.

Reminders - please label all items that are being brought to school with your child's name.

RECEPTION

Another amazing week for Reception! We have been so busy exploring this week's text, Super Duper You, we have talked about what makes us special, what sort of jobs we would like to do when we are older and what things we like doing, we have learnt so much about each other! We have made some fantastic pictures cutting out different features strengthening the muscles in our fingers using scissors and we have been drawing pictures of who lives in our home. This week we have learnt the phonemes /g/o/c/k/. Review homework sheets have been sent out today. Please spend time working through this with your child, the extra support makes a HUGE difference to your child's learning. You will be invited to a phonic workshop soon, more info to follow. Please keep this safe and review them as much as you can! Library books will be changed every Friday, this is a book for you to enjoy together with your child. Please see attached information of our RED TED scheme. (Letters have been sent out this week too).

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. THANK YOU

AWARDS

CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Ava-Anne
RM - Eleanor

RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Katie
RM - Austin



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

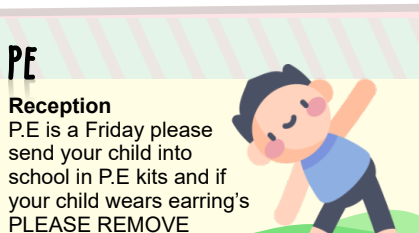
Thursday - Green, Blue and Red group.

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 brought into school some children are getting upset that they are getting lost, broken or used by other children.



PE

Reception

P.E is a Friday please send your child into school in P.E kits and if your child wears earring's PLEASE REMOVE THEM.

EARRINGS

If your child wears earrings please make sure they only wear plain stud earrings in school and they should not be worn on PE and swimming days.

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



DEXTER THE DUMMY DINOSAUR!

There's exciting news at Hempstalls! Dexter the Dummy Dinosaur is now fully hatched and ready to receive any unwanted dummies. It is a great time to start thinking about giving up our dummies and bottles. Before we know it, it will be time to move into Reception. If you have any questions about Dexter, please don't hesitate to ask one of the Nursery team.



TIPS & ADVICE
Stoke Speaks Out
www.stokespeaks.org/parents-tips-and-advice

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

CUBS

Miss McLane

NURSERY

Miss White & Mrs Thompson

RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball

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October ^{is} **Walk** **INTO** school **MONTH**

Get involved
and get
active by
pledging
to walk to
school at
least once
a week
throughout
October.

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