



# EYFS Newsletter

15th December 2023

## CHAMPION MOMENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

The festive spirit is alive at Hempstalls! From the captivating Reception nativity to the inspiring visit to Newcastle College panto for KS1, these Champion opportunities are creating lasting memories. Nursery's Christmas outing at Cast Away was a success and our behaviour was excellent.

Well done to all our children who have excelled in their end of year assessments. We will feedback results to you in the new year.

Looking forward to the upcoming KS1 Christmas production, grandparents festive afternoon and EYFS Christmas workshops next week.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher



## THIS WEEK

This week the Cubs children have been exploring the story 'The Nutcracker' and they have created lots of wonderful sweets to go on to our land of sweets display board, from giant lollipops and giant candy canes to gingerbread houses and fairies. The children have had a great time making and creating they love to get messy. Thank you to all parents and carers who came to our Christmas workshop, it was lovely to see you all there and the children had a fantastic time.

Next week we are going to have a story of the day advent calendar, the stories are all related to Christmas and they will get the opportunity to unwrap each story. Just a little reminder to ensure you all bring in 1 set of spare clothing in-case your child gets wet or messy during messy play. If your child is toilet training please ensure you have provided plenty of spare clothing including underwear and socks.

The school is in short supply of 2 and 3 year old clothing we would appreciate any donations even if it is non uniform. Thank you

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.

## CUBS



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term Dates:

- School Closes for Christmas**
- 22nd December 2023: Friday
- School Reopens**
- 8th January 2024: Monday

### Events:

- Grandparents Festive Afternoon**
- 20th December 2023: Wednesday  
Christmas Carols, Bingo, Raffle and Refreshments), booking available in Arbor
- Christmas Party Day**
- 22nd December 2023: Friday  
(non-uniform/party clothes).

### Nursery

- Christmas Workshop**
- 19th December: Tuesday  
1:30pm - 2:30pm  
Please come to the main entrance. We hope to see you all there.

### Reception

- Reception Class party**
- 22nd December 2023: Friday  
Children can come to school in their own clothes.

## NURSERY

This week Nursery had so much fun on their trip to Castaway Play. What an amazing day we had seeing Santa, playing in the snow, digging in the sand, climbing on play equipment and even sharing a story with the Grinch! Our Nursery Caring Bears were Hempstalls champions.

In school this week we have been sharing the story The Nutcracker. We have been getting creative using mark making equipment and lots of sequins to create some wonderful art that the Sugar Plum Fairy would be proud of. We have used our phonic skills when listening to music by Tchaikovsky and explored the use of movement to match the music that we could hear. This time of year in nursery is very busy (and sparkly!) as we prepare all of our Christmas crafts and cards to send home with the children next week. We hope that you like them!

We have lots of jumpers and cardigans that keep being misplaced. Please ensure that they are labelled with your child's name so that we can put them on the correct pegs.

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

### AWARDS

#### CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Frankie  
RM - Eli

#### RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Ava-Anne  
RM - Kyra

I'm sure you will agree the children have been absolute super stars this week! We hope you have enjoyed our performance of the 'Wiggly Nativity' as much as we have enjoyed performing it. Thank you for all of your support. This week we have continued exploring the text The Nutcracker and we have been talking about Christmas traditions and how they can be different for us all. This week we have been recapping /sh/th/ng/nk/.

Please continue to review homework sheets at home. This really does make a difference.

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

## EYFS CHRISTMAS PARTY REQUEST

On Friday 22nd we would like all EYFS children to bring a paper plate filled with their favourite treats (savoury & sweet ) for the Christmas parties. Please make sure the paper plate is named underneath and wrapped in foil / film to protect the food. Please remember we are a nut free school, and the children will have had their normal lunch so the plate should only have a few items.

## DONATIONS OF SPARE SOCKS & BOYS TROUSERS

### Cubs

We need spare socks and boys trousers (they do not need to be uniform spares) this is for when children have accidents as we are getting low also if everyone can ensure there is at least one spare change of clothes in their bag, Messy play or toileting accidents.

## 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 - Yellow and purple teams

### 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 kit 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.



If you are in need of a **PUSHCHAIR** we have **two available for FREE** which have been kindly donated by member of staff. Please ask at the school office if interested. First come first served basis.

## 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.

## REMINDERS



The gate closes at 8:45am. Please remember to close the school gate behind you.

NO DOGS ALLOWED on the school grounds



### Wellies & Waterproofs

Please can you send your child with a pair of wellies LABELLED to keep in school. We go to forest school weekly in ALL weathers and we get very muddy!



Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Talking Therapies

Did you know that we provide free-of-charge bereavement counselling for adults?

If this is something you would like to access and you are registered with a GP in Stoke or Staffordshire, please call the Talking Therapies self-referral helpline on **0300 303 0923**



## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We understand that parenting is hard at times and can be overwhelming.

**FREE TO BOOK ON TEAM TIME ONLY**  
Book your place at [groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk)

10 weekly sessions. At each session you can: ask for help, get advice, share experiences, learn from others, and get support from professionals.

**STARTING MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024 VIRTUAL SESSIONS 10AM - 11:30AM 1PM - 2:30PM**

**STARTING TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2024 1:30PM - 2:30PM NEWCASTLE CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

### CUBS

Miss McLane

### NURSERY

Mrs Davidson & Mrs Thompson

### RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball