



Hempstalls Primary School

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EYFS Newsletter

9th February 2024

CHAMPION MOMENTS



Sport
Compete in a sporting event
Netball



Arts
Perform at an Arena

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic last week we have had at Hempstalls.

I had the absolute pleasure of taking some of our KS2 children to Manchester AO Arena to perform in the Young Voices. Miss Pearson ensured that all the children performed brilliantly. What a Champion opportunity for them all. Thank you to the mums who can with us as well- we couldn't have done it without you.

Well done to the Netball team who played at Keele University this week and competed against a number of different schools.

What a success our Valentines disco was also this week. Thank you to the PSFA for all their behind the scenes and on the night hard work. All the children had a wonderful evening.

We have been reflecting on our, Good to be Green behaviour system during the past few months and after half term will be launching an extra layer to our system, 'Good to be Gold' - awarding exceptional Gold behaviour. There will be more information that follows soon.

Wishing you a great half term and looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 20th February.

Miss A Bell
Headteacher

THIS WEEK

CUBS

This week the Cubs have been experiencing the story The 3 Billy Goats Gruff. We have made big bridges, small bridges and trip trapped over them all. The children have been pretending to be trolls jumping out at each other. We have explored the water tray adding glitter and colouring. They have been filling and emptying containers using funnels. The children have been hunting in the sand tray finding familiar logos and recognising them.

Reminder to bring in swimming kits in on their day everyone who swims has had a slip with dates if you are unsure please ask a member of staff. Also provide swim nappies if your child is not toilet trained. We have been donated a 3 wheeled pushchair, if anyone would like it please speak to a member of our team. This is first come first served.

Have an amazing half term spending time with your little ones we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 20th February

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates:

- School Closes for Half Term**
 - 9th February 2024: Friday
- School Reopens**
 - 20th February 2024: Tuesday



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** when packing your child's lunch/snack box

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

NURSERY

Nursery have had a fun filled week. Our story of the week has been one of our favourites, The Gruffalo. We have been using Gruffalo characters to retell the story and make up our own stories too. We have been using our wonderful pencil control to create our own terrible creatures and have been printing animal footprints with paint. For Tasty Tuesday this week we've been getting ready for Shrove Tuesday; we shared the story The Big Pancake and worked together to make our own delicious pancakes.

In maths we have continued our learning about repeating patterns, ask your super stars to show you a repeating pattern using body movements.

Our song of the week in phonics has been Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and we have been learning about the sound P.

HALF TERM CHALLENGE

Discover items around the home that begin with the sounds s,a,t and p. Perhaps take photographs of these items to display on our phonics wall. Visit your local library - you can become a member of your local library for free. Children are given their very own library card and can borrow up to ten books at a time. What a great way to promote a love of reading at home.

RECEPTION

Kung Hei Fat Choi! We have had a fantastic week celebrating Chinese New Year! We have learnt all about traditions and how people celebrate.

The Children really enjoyed their 'wow' day making colourful lanterns and making a Chinese feast, the children enjoyed tasting, spring rolls, noodles and prawn crackers! We shared a fortune cookie too. The Children were excited to bring their lucky red envelopes home. In forest school we hung up our bird feeders which the children enjoyed making.

In phonics we have been learning to read longer words using the 'chunking' method for example sunset - s-u-n/s-e-t sun first then set and then blending sun and set together to say 'sunset'.

We have now taught all the phonemes in phase 2 and 3, phase 4 is embedding this knowledge to become fluent readers.

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: Art

CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Jannat
RM - Nancy

RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Miller
RM - Ehan



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 Davidson's Class: purple and yellow team

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 kits and if your child wears earrings PLEASE REMOVE THEM.



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.

Hats, Gloves, & Scarves

Please ensure your child's NAME is in them. Thank you!

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG



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.

NO DOGS ALLOWED on the school grounds



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!

NEW FOR 2024



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