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NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and Friends of Hempstalls,

Welcome back to the new half-term! It's fantastic to see the children return with such focus and excitement for their learning and champion opportunities ahead. This half term is filled with enriching experiences, including visits to places of worship, theatre trips, Christmas productions, and carol services. Additionally, Year 2 will be paying respects at the Newcastle Cenotaph, while Year 6 will be visiting the National Arboretum next week.

Hempstalls Primary School

A huge shoutout this week goes to Team EYFS! Reception hosted a wonderful phonics workshop centered around Bonfire Night, followed by our Nursery and Reception children returning back to school for their first Bedtime Story evening on Wednesday. Children arrived in their pyjamas to enjoy hot chocolate, biscuits, and some favourite bedtime stories led by our EYFS staff. The sensory storyteller will also be visiting all our EYFS rooms next week as we celebrate National Nursery Rhyme Week.

Next week, we will become young theologians as we launch into our Religious Education week and also all children will be taking part in some whole school assessments in Reading and Maths. We will update you at the beginning of December during our parent consultations to let you know how the children have got on.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Miss A Bell Headteacher



8TH NOVEMBER 2024



AUTUMNN TERM 2024

Friday 20th December 2024 - School closes for **Christmas Tuesday 7th January 2025** - School reopens

Attendance and punctuality

Be at school every day and on time!



- Parent Protect Internet Safety
- Keeping children safe online -NSPCC
- Keep Children Safe Online -Internet Matters

Some useful parent links to help keep our children safe online.



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HELP NEEDED!

Hempstalls is holding an exciting career fair for Years 5 and 6 on May

19th, 2025.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in sharing an exciting career pathway please contact Miss Potts.



WHATSAPP

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp.

WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages, voice notes, photos and videos.

What should I be aware of?

Group chats: One of the key features is the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can

still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Location sharing: you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

Blocking/Reporting: Show your child how to block and report other users or inappropriate content. You can find out how to do it based on your child's device here:

https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/



Further information

NSPCC provide further advice and tips to help keep your child safe:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/online-safety/onlinesafety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsappsafe-for-

my-child/

