



Hempstalls Primary School
Come as you are and leave as a champion



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newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Hempstalls. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful half term break.

Here are some highlights from the past week:

Religious Education:

Our Champion children have been working diligently on their Religious Education blocks, and many classes are scheduled to visit places of worship in the upcoming weeks to reinforce their learning. A special mention to Year 5 for their insightful visit to a Mosque on Thursday.

Forest School:

Year 2 had an exciting and memorable Forest School Day this week on Tuesday.

Phonics Workshops:

A heartfelt thank you to all our Reception parents who joined us for the Little Wandle Phonics workshops on Wednesday. It was a joy to see you all and witness your children sharing their phonics lessons. We will be organising workshops for Year 1 parents in the near future.

National Memorial Arboretum:

Congratulations to our Year 6 Champions for their impressive representation of the school during their visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. They not only represented Hempstalls so well but also successfully completed their legacy lesson for their History unit.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

Miss A Bell
Headteacher

10th November 2023



STAFF SHOUT OUTS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS:

- Miss McLane, who is expecting a baby in the new year.
- Miss White, who tied the knot over Half Term and is now Mrs. Davidson.
- Miss Pearson, who will be starring in a local amateur production of "Sister Act" in the new year as the leading role.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Champion Moments



Christmas Fayre

29th November 3:30pm

Raffle, Santa's Grotto,
Games and stalls

4 TIPS FOR ENHANCING YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

ALLOW KIDS TO TALK ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS

Children need to be able to talk freely about emotions, without fear of judgement, to allow them to recognize their emotions, develop empathy, and enhance communication skills.

READ STORIES TOGETHER

Reading about fictional characters is a great way for kids to develop empathy and understanding. Ask questions about how the characters are feeling and encourage children to relate these emotions to their own experiences.

MODEL PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

When children experience negative emotions, it provides an excellent opportunity to talk about what they can do to alleviate these feelings.

TALK ABOUT YOUR OWN FEELINGS

By telling your child honestly about times when you've been angry, scared or lonely you give them permission to own their emotions.



Wellbeing corner

BALLOON BELLY

Take a deep breath in.
Breathe out a long
breath like you're
blowing up a balloon.



COMING SOON:

Diwali Workshop
The New Vic
Theatre
production of
"The Nutcracker"
Christmas Fayre

CHILDREN IN NEED
Friday 17th November



CHALLENGE YOURSELF
PUDSEY BEARPEES

£1 for non-uniform (spots encouraged), sponsorship donation and a biscuit.

Each year group will be taking part in the 'Pudsey Bearpees Challenge'.

Do you think they can take on the challenge of 1000 Bearpees?

With a SPOTacular biscuit treat waiting at the finish line, we can't wait to wait and see!



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Allergy information available on request

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Meat Feast Pizza	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Bolognese with Pasta	Fish and Chips
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Sausage and Bean Hotpot (v)	Veggie Pizza (v)	Mediterranean Gnocchi Bake (v)	Vegetable Risotto (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Chips (v)
3rd Options	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Salmon Mayo or Coleslaw
Deli					
Deli Option with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese					
Vegetables					
	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert (Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.)					
	Cake with Custard	Oat Fruit Slice	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Cinnamon Fruit Pudding	Chocolate Mousse

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily.



CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Alyssia 3P - Lucas
 RM - Miller-William 4B - Inayah
 1C - Albert 4K - Virat
 1E - Jacob 5P - Sawain
 2C - Tolgahan 5T - Harriet
 2M - Isla 6M - Alana
 3MC - Zelda 6P - Olivia



Good To Be Green & Attendance

Congratulations to all the Good to Be Green and 100% attendance winners this week

Good To be Green

Reception & KS1

RB - Ash, RM - Charlie, 1C - Devonte, Vincent

KS2

3P - Sophie, 4K - Olivia, 5P - Carter,
 5T - Ava, Llnaya-Mai, Maddie, 6P - Edward, Owen

100% Attendance

Reception & KS1: 2M - Tommy, KS2: 6P - Lily-May

Class Attendance

4K



Jackson Award

For demonstrating the school values of Respect, Resilience, Prepared, Curious, kindness.

1C - Theo 2C - Olivia 3MC - Ebony 4B - Alexander 5P - Leah 6M - Xavier
 1E - Macie 2M - Lucas 3P - Harry 4K - Isaac 5T - Noah 6P - Holly

ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through our website ([please click here](#))

The online system will ask for a UID number - please click 'No UID', this will allow you to continue with your application.

You will need to make your application by **15 January 2024** and your child will receive an offer of a reception place on national offer day 16 April 2024.



WATER BOTTLES

Only water please in your child's water bottle



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Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Top Tip:

Visual timetables support a child with processing information, provides picture representations and reduces anxiety related to change.



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 15th November 9:15am

Tuesday 21st November 4pm

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

HOT MEALS:

Please remember to pre-order your children's meals on Arbor. Pre-ordering is essential to ensure we can prepare and cook enough food for all children. Children without pre-orders will receive a jacket potato and fruit. Thank you for your cooperation.



We have a selection of pre-loved uniform available - please call in to see what we have available.

THE PSFA ARE LOOKING FOR BUSINESS DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

If you know of anyone who works for/have contacts with local businesses that would like to donate, for example, tickets to a ski centre, vouchers, etc. we would be very grateful, thank you.

Young Musician 2024

Stoke-on-Trent Young Musician of the Year 2024

The Stoke-on-Trent Young Musician of the Year 2024 is organised by the City Music Service. We have listed some questions and answers below, which we hope will encourage you to take part. Young Musician events in Staffordshire and Telford take place later in 2024 with details to follow in future editions.



When is it?

- Application forms must be received by Fri 1 Dec 2023.
- The preliminary rounds will be held at The Bridge Centre Mon 29, Tues 30 and Weds 31 Jan 2024.
- The final will be held on Fri 19 Apr 2024.

What do I have to do?

Ask your teachers advice about taking part and plan what you would like to play or sing. You will need to complete the online entry form and email a copy of your music and any accompaniment (for example the piano part) to citymusicsservice@stoke.gov.uk

Am I eligible to take part?

Yes, if you meet at least one of the following categories:

- You are a resident of Stoke-on-Trent
- You are in full time education within the City boundaries
- You are a member of one of the City Music Service ensembles

What preliminary rounds are there?

There are six classes split into junior and senior:

- Strings (orchestral)
- Woodwind (orchestral and band)
- Brass (orchestral and band)
- Piano
- Voice
- Open (percussion, keyboard, guitar, recorder etc.)

How old do I have to be?

There are two age categories for the preliminary rounds and the final:

- Junior – up to and including Year 8 in the 2023/24 academic year
- Senior – Year 9 to Year 13 in the 2023/24 academic year

What should I play?

Ask your teacher to suggest something that you will feel comfortable performing in public and that will show off your musicianship. Consider a piece you are currently preparing for an important exam; it could be a good opportunity to perform it for an adjudicator. The maximum performance time is five minutes for the preliminary rounds.

What is the prize for the final?

- Invitation to perform at the Victoria Hall in Summer 2024
- Music Token
- Certificate of Achievement
- Individual Trophy
- All entrants will receive a certificate for taking part

Why should I enter?

- To improve your self confidence
- An opportunity to hear other pupils perform
- A chance to "try out" an examination piece

How to apply

Decide with your teacher what to play and discuss whether you will use a backing track, an accompanist or whether you will play/sing alone. Any of these options are acceptable. Complete the online entry form [here](#) or scan the QR code and email a clear copy of your music and any accompaniment or MP3 backing track to citymusicsservice@stoke.gov.uk



Newcastle Music Centre

Venue: St John Fisher Catholic College, ST5 2SJ
When: Saturday fortnightly rehearsals

Music Centre Manager: Janine Golds (janine.golds@entrust-ed.co.uk)

Newcastle Training Wind Band

Time: 09:30-11:30
Level: Level 1 to Grade 3
Tutor: Mr Leighton/Mr Foxall

Newcastle Stringsters

Time: 09:30-11:30
Level: Grade 1 to Grade 3
Tutor: Miss West/Mrs Hickman

Newcastle String Orchestra

Time: 09:30-11:30
Level: Grade 4 and above
Tutor: Mrs Hollingshurst

Newcastle Wind Band

Time: 09:30-12:00
Level: Grade 4 and above
Tutor: Mr Farrington/Mr Leighton

Unplugged (Guitar Group)

Time: 09:30-10:30
Level: Grade 1 and above
Tutor: Mr Oxborrow

'Vox Fortis' Choir

Time: 10:30-11:45
Level: All voices/ages/ability
Tutor: Mrs Golds

Rock Group

Time: 10:30-11:30
Level: Beginners and above
Tutor: Mr Oxborrow

Newcastle Blast Off

Time: 09:00-10:00
Level: Beginners to Grade 1
Tutor: Mr Foxall/Mrs Hickman

Dates

September 23 October 7, 14 November 18 December 2 (+ Concert)
January 20 February 3 March 2, 16 April 13, 27 May 11 June 15, 29 (+ Concert)



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