



Hempstalls Primary School

Come as you are and leave as a champion



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newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy week at Hempstalls and have been working especially hard on our Maths, English and Geography.

A special shout out to Cubs who have gone on one of their first trips to Westport Lake this week - they were a credit to the school. On Wednesday we hosted Cross Country at Hempstalls - we were proud to be the host school and well done Team Hempstalls for competing.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents face to face/phone calls this week. We hope that you found it valuable. It was a pleasure to talk to you about how well your children have settled into their year groups.

There are as always some special Champion opportunities and events happening next week; spooky reading day, spooky lunch, spooky disco and not forgetting Harvest celebrations in church.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss A Bell
Headteacher



20th October 2023

Harvest Celebrations

Tuesday
24th October

St Michaels Church

Years 3 & 4
9:30am - 10am

Years 1 & 2
10:30am - 11:00am

A maximum of 2 parents each please because of seating.

Please bring in a tin of something eg. beans, soup etc which will go towards stocking up Hempstalls food bank and supporting the church and wider community.



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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

Term Dates

School Closes
for Half Term

Friday 27th October 2023

School Reopens

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Wellbeing corner

7 things to say to your anxious child

1 You are safe

2 Do you want to have a dance or run around to get rid of your worried feeling?

3 Match your breathing with mine

4 What do you want to say to your worry?

5 Shall we draw your worry?

6 Where do you feel the worry in your body? Is it big or little?

7 Lets think of some ending situations to your worry. Anxious ones, funny ones & real ones



Build Their Bounce

Every day is a chance to build protective factors that promote resilience in children.

Build Attachments and Relationships by:

- Really listening
- Playing together
- Being there

Build Initiative by:

- Celebrating strengths
- Exploring new things
- Offering challenges

Build Self-Regulation by:

- Naming feelings
- Teaching coping skills
- Offering choices



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PSFA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL CHILDREN TO THEIR HALLOWEEN DISCO 25TH OCTOBER



Cubs & Nursery - 1:30 - 2:15pm - £1 drink and sweet treat.

Reception - 2:15 - 3:00pm - £1 drink and sweet treat.

Children will enter via main entrance and exit via KS2 playground. No mobile phones in the school please.

Costumes welcome but not necessary

Year 1 and 2 - 4:30-5:15pm - £2:50 Drink, sweet treat and glow stick.

Year 3 and 4 - 5:30-6:15pm - £2:50 Drink, sweet treat and glow stick.

Year 5 and 6 - 6:30-7:15pm - £2:50 Drink, sweet treat and glow stick.

Allergy information available on request

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	HALLOWEEN FRIDAY
Main	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Butter Chicken Curry with Brown Rice	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Mummy Hot Dog with Dripping Blood
Vegetarian	Sweet Potato and Bean Chilli with Jacket Wedges (v)	Veggie Enchilada (v)	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Tray Bake with Rice (v)	Gory Guts Tomato Pasta Spooky Spuds with Blood Flavoured Beans
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	Witches Finger Chips Zombie Sweetcorn Teeth
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	Hot Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert (Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.)					
Summer Cake	Fruit Jelly	Fruit Flapjack	Vegan Chocolate Kale Brownie	Spider Web Iced Sponge	

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily.



CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Hunter 3P - Laurena
RM - Sami 4B - Cameron
1C - Ava 4K - McCauley
1E - Quinn 5P - Mavy
2C - Lily 5T - Mollie
2M - Tommy 6M - Leah
3MC - Xander 6P - James



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

RM - Eleanor, 2M - Jacob, Lele, Teddy

KS2

3MC - Xander, 3P - Ella W, Harry, 4B - Millie, 4K - Jasper, 5P - Maksym, 6P - Dennison, Holly

100% Attendance

Reception & KS1: 1E - Azlan, KS2: 6M - Isaac

Class Attendance

5T



Jackson Award

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

1C - Mario 2C - Iris 3MC - Joni 4B - Rayan 5P - Kourtney 6M - Everleigh
1E - Alice 2M - Teddy 3P - Ruby & Laurena 4K - Lucas 5T - Cathryn 6P - Lacey-May

ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through our website **from 1st November 2023** ([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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Halloween Spooky Drama Day

TUESDAY 31st October 10am - 4pm



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Join us for an awesome Fancy Dress Halloween party. A spooky day of fun, drama, games and movement. For children aged 5 - 15 years old.

VENUE- Thistley Hough Academy, Newcastle Lane, ST4 5JJ

DATES/ COST- 31st October, 10am - 4pm. £25 per person, £40 per siblings. Payable by cash on the day, or bank transfer before the session to Victoria Gotham (personal account). 41120883. Sort code: 40-30-21.

BOOKING- Simply reply to this email or text to book your child's place. Fancy dress optional but highly encouraged. Please provide a packed lunch and plenty of drinks. Tuck shop on the day (which is most children's highlight!)

Best wishes,

Vicky and Cathy

Vicky (07808 473588)

Young Musician 2024

Stoke-on-Trent Young Musician of the Year

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 citymusic@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:

1. Strings (orchestral)
2. Woodwind (orchestral and band)
3. Brass (orchestral and band)
4. Piano
5. Voice
6. Open (percussion, keyboard, guitar, recorder etc.)

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 citymusic@stoke.gov.uk

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

October is walk into school MONTH

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

Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!

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staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel

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