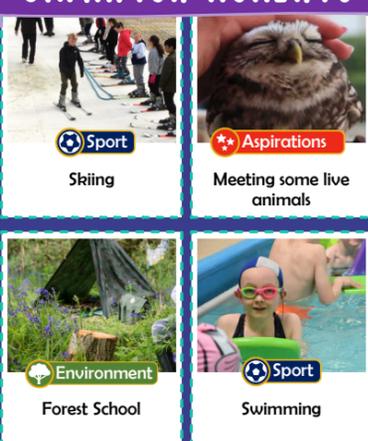




# EYFS Newsletter

24th November 2023

## CHAMPION MOMENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we delved into British Values - Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Tolerance, and Mutual Respect - showcasing how these principles shape our daily life at Hempstalls.

Our focus on essential scientific knowledge has been a highlight of our learning journey this week. A group of our Year 5s visited Newcastle College on Wednesday to partake in a STEM workshop. They had a fabulous time constructing a robot and later programming it to perform different actions. The remaining Year 5s are now extremely excited for their turn!

Commendably, our attendance remains above the national average. Consistent attendance ensures uninterrupted learning and fosters social and emotional readiness. Please kindly schedule appointments outside school hours and plan holidays during non-term time.

A big thank you for your Christmas Fayre donations. The children eagerly anticipate the post-school festivities on Wednesday. We hope to see you supporting our PSFA team.

Wishing you a delightful weekend,

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

## THIS WEEK



This week the children have been exploring boxes and having a go at making models with them, this was following the story 'the life of a cardboard box'. A wonderful book all about how a cardboard box went from a warehouse to the shop shelf, off in a truck, and to a girls house and so on. It started the children's imaginations to turn the boxes into whatever they wanted. Including rockets, boats, beds and more. They have loved making models! We have had the pom pom baskets out where the children have been strengthening their muscles using the tweezers to squeeze the pom poms. We have been counting and looking at all the colours. As you may have seen and had to use the washer more the children have loved exploring the gloop, getting extremely messy and making marks. They helped to add glitter, colour and use other tools to make marks. It has been a super week. Please can we ask for donations of boxes and recycling to add to our junk modelling station as we will carry this activity out next week with more learning outcomes.

Please look out for your Christmas workshop invitations and return them by 8th December.

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:

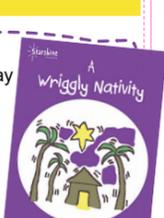
- School Closes for Christmas**
- 22nd December 2023: Friday
- School Reopens**
- 8th January 2024: Monday

### Events:

- Christmas Fayre**
- 29th November 2023, 3:30pm: Wednesday
- EYFS Open Morning for Perspective New Parents**
- 9th December 2023, 9 - 10:30am: Saturday

### Reception

- Reception Wiggly Nativity**
- 11th December 2023: Monday
- Morning Performance: 9:15am
- Afternoon Performance: 2:30pm
- 2 adults per child for each performance.
- Please book on Arbor.



## NURSERY



This week in Nursery we have been learning about Doctors. We have shared the story Doctor by Lucy George and talked about some of our experiences when visiting the doctors or hospital. We have explored what an X-Ray is and why we might need one and learned about how to use special equipment such as thermometers and stethoscopes! We have had lots of fun toasting marshmallows, having visits from Barney the therapy dog and being explorers in our forest schools making binoculars! We have finished our week by creating friendship bracelets and sharing how we can be a good friend and the importance of kindness.

Next week we are planning to create a superhero from our focus text 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson and we could do with some help from our Superhero parents! **Please could you dig out an old pair of socks for your child to use to create their superhero and bring them into Nursery by Tuesday next week?**

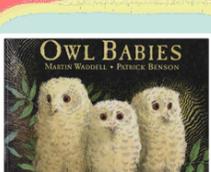


Reminders: Please send in to school every day a warm waterproof coat now the weather is colder. Any donations of spare children's woolly hats and gloves will be gratefully received.

Any spare uniform to be returned and donations are really appreciated!

## Children in Need

**Fundraising Total**  
**£308**



What a busy week we have had! We have started to practice our Nativity on the stage this week, the children have absolutely blown us away with their theatrical skills! Please keep on practicing your child's speaking part and songs at home, this does make a huge difference. This week our text has been Owl Babies and we had the most gorgeous visit from some real-life owls. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience. This week we have learnt the phonemes /z/qu/ch/. Homework sheets have been sent home. Thank you for going through the homework sheets and flash cards, it is making a huge difference.

Our Nativity this year is the Wiggly Nativity! If your child has a speaking part please can you practice as much as possible.



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.

## RECEPTION AWARDS

### CHAMPION AWARD

RB - Ethan  
RM - Austin

### RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Zaria  
RM - Maggie



## LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF A VARIETY OF MUSICAL/ WIND UP/ SMALL GADGET TOYS

The Early Years Team are looking to collect a variety of musical/ wind up/ small gadget toys to deliver their engagement and attention sessions. If you are having a sort out at home and have anything like this. We would love to have them for our sessions. Please send any donations to Mrs Mullock in Reception. Thank you for your support.



## 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 - Green, blue and red group.
- 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 earring's PLEASE REMOVE THEM.



## PLEASE LEAVE TOYS AND TEDDIES AT HOME

A polite reminder that toys and teddies are to be kept at home as when they are brought 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.



**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!



**NO DOGS ALLOWED** on the school grounds



## 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 on national offer day 16 April 2024.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

### CUBS

Miss McLane

### NURSERY

Mrs Davidson & Mrs Thompson

### RECEPTION

Mrs Mullock & Mrs Ball