

EYFS Newsletter

7th July 2023

CHAMPION MOMENTS



Environment
Care for a Living Thing



Arts
Year 4 took part in their first LAMDA examination



Sport **Myself**
Be Part of a Team
Take Part in a Sporting Event

Dear Parents/Carers

Another fantastic week comes to an end at Hempstalls.

All of our children enjoyed their transition sessions with their new class teachers this week and we welcome you all to a, 'Meet the new class teacher evening' on Wednesday 19th July. Even if you know your child's class teacher already we encourage you all to attend as there will be lots of exciting information about the year ahead.

Our production of the Lion King begins next week. The whole school will be watching a dress rehearsal on Monday followed by performances for parents/carers later in the week. You are in for such a treat and will be amazed at the talent of our Champion children.

Year 4 enjoyed their adventure day at Kibblestone Camp. Please keep checking our Facebook page for photos.

We feel very fortunate that we can offer so many Champion opportunities for all our wonderful children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Bell & Mrs Hemmings

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates:

- School Closes For Summer**
- 21st July: Friday
- Autumn Term Starts**
- 6th September: Wednesday

Cubs

- Picnic Day**
- 13th July: Thursday

Nursery

- Nursery Graduation**
- 18th July: Tuesday 1:30pm
- 19th July: Wednesday 1:30pm

Invitations have been sent home this week.

THIS WEEK

What a super week, the Cubs have been 'go for it gorillas' drawing their very own self-portraits. They have used mirrors to look at what features are on their face, noticing similarities and differences between themselves, their friends and teachers. It is fantastic seeing the progression the children have made with their self-portraits throughout the year. We will be sending home your child's self-portrait progression before the summer break. This week we have been enjoying the book 'the teddy bears picnic', the children have had a toast snack picnic on a rainy day with the teddy bears in the classroom. Next week we would love for everyone to bring in a teddy bear on Thursday 13th July ready for our teddy bears picnic which we are hoping to have on the field, providing the weather is dry. A big wow moment for all of the Cubs who joined us on move up day on Wednesday, everyone had a fantastic morning in Nursery. They were all so happy and excited to explore the setting. Please do not worry if your child didn't attend as we have been visiting Nursery lots and lots since the start of June and we will carry on doing this until the end of term.

Thank you Team Cubs

Please bring your library books to school in order for your child to win prizes for reading.

W/C 10th July:

We will be looking at the story Teddy Bears Picnic.

Our rhyme of the week will be Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around.

CUBS

NURSERY

Nursery have enjoyed another very busy week in school. Our story of the week Octopants has made us all laugh; the children are fantastic at identifying the front cover, blurb and full stops in our books. We have been getting ready for our move to reception and have been sharing ideas about what we are looking forward to. The children that are staying at Hempstalls have started to visit reception in small groups.



HEADLICE

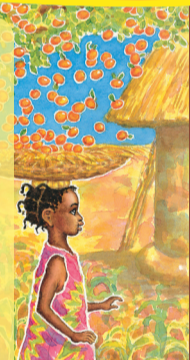
Please check your child's hair regularly as we have been informed that there are cases of head lice in school. If your child has long hair please tie it back.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM NURSERY

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our parents and carers that came along to our Sports Day this week, our children did so well.

RECEPTION

What another busy week at Hempstalls! What a fantastic day we had transitioning to year one! The children are so excited about the move. We have explored our new classrooms and met our new teachers. We have explored our feelings about the change and talked about how we might feel worries and excitement. We will continue to visit year one and talk about the transition. In phonics we have been reading much longer words and remembering to chunk them if we need too! In math's we have explored odd and even numbers making some fantastic odd and even monsters. In our understanding the world sessions we have explored Kenya where our story Handa's Surprise is set, looking at similarities and differences.



AWARDS

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD

RB - Sarah & RT - Kasey

RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Mario & RT - Elsie

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.

SWIMMING

Please remove earrings. If your child has long hair, please send your child in with a swimming hat. All swim kit to be labelled with your child's name.

Cubs
Swimming will be group 2. Please bring in a swim nappy if your child requires one, (there are no swim nappies in school, if your child is not toilet trained they must bring in a swim nappy). Every child needs a towel and costume/shorts.

Nursery
Swimming - yellow and blue.

Reception
Busy Bees on a Monday.
Timmis Titans on a Thursday.

EARRINGS



If your child wears earrings please make sure they only wear plain stud earrings in school and they should not be worn on PE and swimming days.

HOMWORK:

Cubs

Bring in 1 teddy for our picnic day on Thursday 13th July.

Reception

Home work sheets have been sent home in bags. Thank you for your support.

PE

Children can wear black or navy shorts for PE.

REMINDERS



The gate closes at 8:45am

Please remember to close the school gate behind you.

Sun hats & Sun cream

All children need a sun hat sending into school. Please give consent on Arbor for your child to have Aldi Lacura Mami extra sensitive 50+ Sun cream applied by their class teacher. Please could we ask for £1 voluntary contribution towards the cost of purchasing the sun cream. The £1 can be given to your child's class teacher. If you prefer you can provide your own bottle of sun cream clearly labelled with your child's name.

Wellies & Waterproofs

Please can you send your child to school with a pair of wellies and a waterproof all-in-one or trousers and top LABELLED to keep in school.



DEXTER THE DUMMY DINOSAUR!

There's exciting news at Hempstalls! Dexter the Dummy Dinosaur is now fully hatched and ready to receive any unwanted dummies. It is a great time to start thinking about giving up our dummies and bottles. Before we know it, it will be time to move into Reception. If you have any questions about Dexter, please don't hesitate to ask one of the Nursery team.



TIPS & ADVICE
Stoke Speaks Out
www.stokespeaks.org/
parents-tips-and-advice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NIVEA SUN CREAM

Dear Parents, we have been notified about a recent ingredient change to 'Nivea' sun cream.

It is apparent that certain creams are made using Almond Oil - as we are a nut-free school due to children/staff with known allergies, we must advise you to avoid using this sun cream where possible. There are many other brands of cream that do not contain this ingredient so we would be grateful if you could check before sending it into school.

It is important that all children are using sun cream during this weather therefore if any parents are struggling to purchase a suitable sun cream, please let us know.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

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