



EYFS Newsletter

21st April 2023

CHAMPION MOMENTS



Meet an Author: Jenny McLachlan



Beeston Castle Trip

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so smartly and ready for the term ahead. There have been lots of Champion Moments already this week. This week Year 3 have been to Beeston Castle to consolidate their learning based on the Stone age and Bronze age. We have also been very lucky to have an author visit from an author of one of our 100 Great Reads.

We are hoping for lots of sunny weather this term so please ensure that your child has everything they need: sun hats, sun cream and water bottles. Please ensure that all of these are clearly labelled.

Have a lovely weekend!

THIS WEEK

CUBS

Welcome back, what an amazing first week back we have had! We have welcomed our new friends into the Cubs room and they have settled so well, so a big well done to our new starters for an amazing week and a big well done to our 3 year olds who have started their transitions to Nursery we are very proud of you all. We have been looking at the story 'Dear Zoo' this week the children really engage with this story, it is so exciting to see what is behind each flap, we have been talking about big and small and deciding whether we think certain animals will fit into certain spaces. We have been making our own zoo in the small world area, the children have added different resources to create pens for the animals to live in.

W/C 24th April :

We will revisit the story dear zoo, the children love this story and get very excited when opening the flaps.

Our rhyme of the week will be 5 little monkeys.

NURSERY

We are so proud of our Nursery Care Bears for settling back into school really well after the Easter break. This week we have launched our new topic 'Down On The Farm'. We have shared the story 'Say Hello to the Animals' and have been learning farm animal names and what sounds they make. Our speech screening program has started this week, all of our Nursery children will take part in this. The results will identify those children that would benefit from Talk Boost, we will let you know if your child will be taking part. In Maths this week we have been sequencing and looking at our own daily routines at home and in school. Our sound of the week in phonics is 'b', the children have been hunting for items that begin with this sound in our Nursery, see if you can encourage them to do this at home too. We have noticed that the children are forming the letters of their name beautifully and are starting to remember to add it to their wonderful creations when mark making.

Reminder - please send to school or post on Learning Book photographs of your sunflowers that we sent home before the Easter holiday. We are very excited to see whose sunflower will grow the tallest.

RECEPTION

The children have returned to school beautifully and have amazed us with their fantastic attitude to learning. This week we have been learning about Queen Elizabeth II and how she was such an inspirational woman. We have been learning about the Islamic festival Ramadan and learning how Muslims celebrate Eid. In Maths we have been exploring number patterns to 20. In Phonics we continue to embed our phonemes.

Our topic this half term is Now & Then. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

AWARDS

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD

RB - Jack
RT - Jenson

RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Aurora R
RT - Emilia

SWIMMING

If your child has long hair, please send your child with a swimming hat.

Cubs
Swimming will be group 2. Please ensure you have brought in a swim nappy if your child requires one. Every child needs a towel and costume/shorts.

Nursery
Swimming - red and green bears this week.

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

HOMEWORK:



Cubs

If you haven't done so already we would like you to create a zoo animal. You can use anything you would like to make the animal, please bring these in on your child's first day back.

- Some ideas:
- Puppet, lolly stick prop, model
 - Cereal boxes, toilet roll tubes, picture
 - Paint, crayons, pens, glue, material

REMINDERS

The gate closes at 8:45am

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.



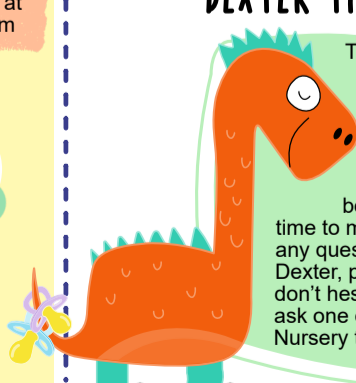
Sunhats

All children need a sunhat sending into school and permission given on Arbor for us to apply sunscreen.



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

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Sorry no crèche
available

Parenting Programme

‘From Pram to Primary School’

(Family Caring Trust)

Struggling with your child’s behaviour; mealtimes and bedtimes becoming a challenge?

If your child is aged between 0—10 years, then this programme could be for you.

Learn new skills on how to manage challenging behaviour, supporting a child’s uniqueness and identifying how choices and consequences can support positive behaviour.

(Bring with you NI number or another form of ID please)

**FREE Adult and Community Learning funded
10 week course : Newcastle District**

**Online Virtual delivery by
Microsoft Teams**

**10am—11:30am & 1pm– 2:30pm
24th April 2023— 3rd July 2023**

If you are interested in enrolling onto the course please
email: groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk

