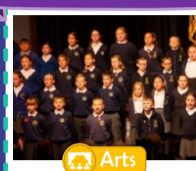




# EYFS Newsletter

31st March 2023

## CHAMPION MOMENTS



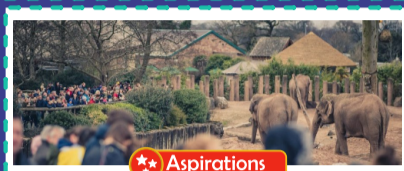
Arts

Easter Performance



Community

Police Cadets



Aspirations

Chester Zoo

Dear Parents/Carers

Hempstalls has been very busy this week and there has been many Champion opportunities taking place throughout the school. Here are a few highlights:

Year 2 have been excellent role models for the school as they visited Chester Zoo and their behaviour was exceptional.

A special well done to 5P who have completed their Staffordshire Police Cadets programme with Neil Moffatt - our local PCSO.

Again Science workshops went very very well this week. The children always look forward to you coming into school and sharing their skills and knowledge with you.

Key Stage 2 performed a very polished Easter Performance this week. We are all very proud of you and I know they are already looking forward to the summer term where they will be rehearsing for our summer production of, 'The Lion King'.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break. We cannot wait to hear what the children have been up to.

Miss A Bell  
Headteacher

## THIS WEEK

### CUBS

This week we have had a fantastic time celebrating Easter. We have enjoyed doing lots of Easter crafts including bunny and chick masks, egg collages and a beautiful Easter egg pattern card. The children have colour matched the pom poms to the correct baskets using their fine motor skills with pegs and tweezers.

We have had an Easter egg hunt in forest school and spoke about the different patterns each egg had.

Due to the children filling our team reward box we have enjoyed a special treat off Mrs Buckley as Biscuit the puppy has joined us in a welly walk.

First week back after the Easter holidays will be 17th April:

- Our story of the week will be Dear Zoo
- Our rhyme of the week will be Hickory Dickory Dock

We will also be welcoming some new children to our caring cubs room.



BISCUIT

### NURSERY

Our week in Nursery has been filled with Easter fun. Our story We're Going On An Egg hunt sparked our interest in playing our own hide and seek games. We have been exploring numbers one to five and beyond and using our counting skills during provision.

The children remember the fun that they had during our Easter Eggstravaganza and have continued to talk about it with their friends. They all hope that Dexter the Dummy Dinosaur will return to Nursery soon. Outside this week we have been using our imagination with materials and role play props.

We have also been mixing the sand and water to explore textures and finding the best to use to build the biggest sandcastles. During phonics this week we have been extending our story telling skills using the Where's Lenny? book.

After the Easter holiday our topic will be 'Down On The Farm'. If you have any resources at home that you think may be useful please bring them into school.

### RECEPTION

#### AWARDS

##### GOLDEN BOOK AWARD

RB - Douglas and RT - Henry

##### RECEPTION LUNCHTIME AWARD WINNERS

RB - Jacob and RT - Lily

We cannot believe that we are the end of the Spring term! How quickly has that gone?! The children have amazed us with their learning and continue to make so all so proud. We have had a busy week learning about the Easter story and making Easter biscuits and cards, we hope you enjoy them! In phonics we have been exploring words in the /ing/ ending and in maths we have been learning about 3D shapes.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Term Dates:

- **School Closes**  
Friday 31st March
- **School Opens**  
Monday 17th April

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA



### SWIMMING

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

#### Cubs

Swimming will be group 1. Please ensure you have brought in a swim nappy if your child is not toilet trained.

#### Nursery

Swimming groups to be confirmed when we return after the holiday.

#### Reception

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

### HOMWORK:

#### Cubs

Over the Easter holidays 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

#### Reception

Go on a spring welly walk with your spring spotter sheet (which has gone home in bags) and see how many signs of spring you can find. Please send pictures to your class teacher so we can share in class after the Easter break. Also please fill in the Easter holiday snap shot sheet. Above all have a lovely rest ready for fantastic learning when we return.

#### 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.

#### WANTED!

Wanted for Reception: Please can we have any old plant pots, old white bed sheets and pillow cases. Thank you!

Any donations will be gratefully received.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk)

