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#### Newsletter 15th March 2024

We have had a super busy week this week with lots of brilliant things happening!

Mr Mann took our Eco Squad to the park earlier this week with the team from 'Earth Jump,' where they are developing green spaces in and around Plymouth, in conjunction with Plymouth City Council. The children designed a seating area within the local park. On Monday, they visited the park with the local press to share the wonderful work they have been doing.

On Wednesday, Year 1 went on an exciting walk to the park to explore the local area. As part of this, each children posted a letter home which should arrive in the next few days! As part of Year 5's learning this term, the children visited the Incinerator where they learned about how waste is turned into energy within the local area. On Thursday, we also enjoyed welcoming the parents of children in Year 3 for their reading session.

Today we welcomed the parents of children in Year 5 to watch their class assembly. The children shared all of the amazing things they have been learning so far! Year 1 and Year 3 have also had a delicious afternoon tea this afternoon, following them winning the 'dress a door' competition last week for World Book Day.

The children have made a brilliant effort today for Comic Relief, whether it has been dressing up, wearing Comic Relief accessories or their own clothes. We have sold lots of biscuits too and have raised lots of money for a great cause. We will share the amount when it has all been collated.

We have another busy week next week, with lots of exciting things happening!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Catherwood

Head of School.

#### NEW

Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs? Would you like to work as part of a team to review and improve our Inclusion policy. This will involve a virtual meeting (can be face to face if you would rather) and some reading at home. If you would like to be involved please email our Trust Inclusion Lead - <u>I.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk</u>.



# Deadline for submissions – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April



Attention all Mathematicians!

Following the recent request from children in KS2, we are pleased to announce the "Spring into Easter" Top of the Rock tournament on Timestable Rockstars. This competition will have several categories and run until the end of term.

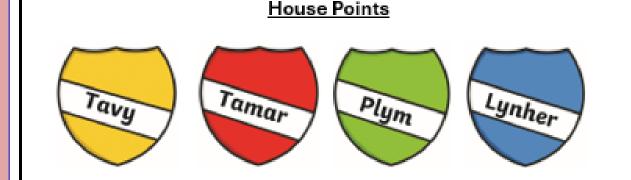
Go Weston Mill, let's make sure we beat both Oakwood and Beechwood this time.



# Early Years Come & Play Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 2pm

Join your child in our Foundation learning environment where there will be a selection of Easter arts and crafts activities for you to complete together.





Earlier this term we relaunched our House Points system with our first House Assembly. Children in Key Stage 2 have been appointed as House Captains for their team. Your child may have shared that they have been awarded house points this term. These are awarded for:

- Positive behaviour at playtime
- Being a positive role model
- Being kind and helping others
- 100% attendance each week
- 96% or higher attendance each month
- 96% of higher attendance each term

This term, our winning house is: 271 house points this term!

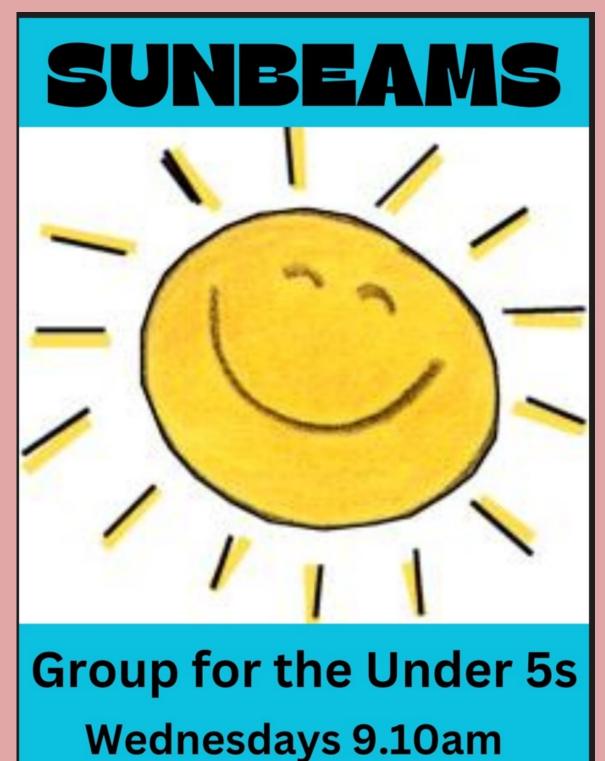


Well done, Tamar House.

The children will continue to earn house points next term and the wining house at the end of the term will have a house reward.

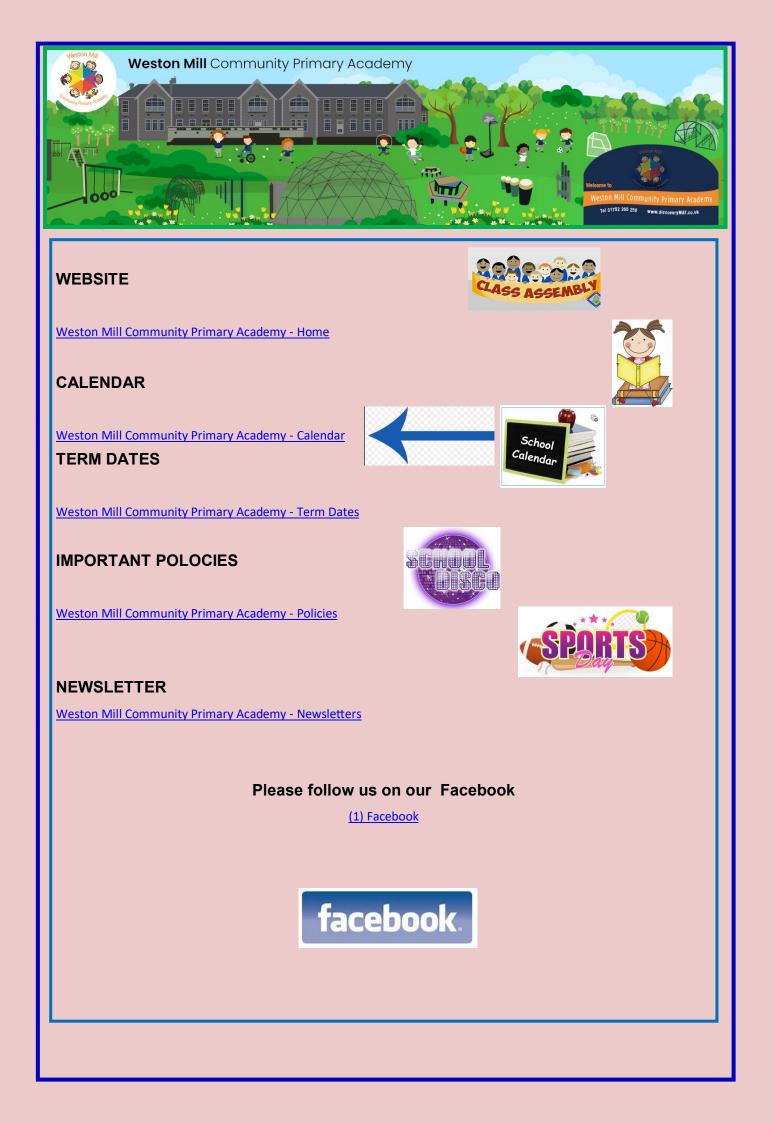
#### FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR

## **ZOE LAVERS**



In the School Library









Head to the NHS website to find out more.

## **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY & ATTENDANCE**

Our school gate leading to the playground will remain open until 9:10am every morning.

Please use this entrance only when bringing your child to school.

Reception entrance via the staff car park must not be used before this time. You will be asked to walk around, unless there has been an arrangement made with Mrs Catherwood or Mrs Powney.

In the unusual event of your child arriving extremely late for school, after 9:10am (gates closed), the reception entrance should be used **PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD IN, GIVE REASON FOR LATENESS AND ADD LUNCH CHOICE.** 

Please be aware that crossing patrol is available for children arriving to school between 8:40 and 9.10am each morning. There will be no crossing patrol after 9.10am each morning.

Important reminder: the school register is taken at 08.55am!

## **BEING LATE AFFECTS YOUR CHILD'S**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Children arriving after this time will be registered late, which has an enormous impact on attendance figures.

After 9.10am it is recorded as an unauthorized absence. By law we are required to register in this way. We must also report to the Educational Welfare Officer if your child has had over a certain amount of unauthorized absences

On average around 10% of our children are registered late everyday!

If your child is unwell please phone the school before **08.55**am every day that they are unwell. Failure to do so will also result in an Unauthorized absence.

Let's work on improving our attendance together!

If you need support with this, please let us know.

Please see our Attendance Policy

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?



# There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

#### Did you know?

- The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.
- It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

#### Some Gains for Your Child

Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COOL!

### HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?



#### Are these some reasons why your child does not

#### get to *s*chool on time?

- 🖶 Your child won't go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
- Your child can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag....
- The school lunches are not ready
- 📥 Homework's not done
- Your child is slow to eat breakfast
- Your child is watching TV late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- 4 It's your child's or someone else's birthday
- 4 There is a test or presentation at school today
- ¥ Your child is screaming or not letting go of you.

#### Things to Try

Here are some suggestions based on setting regular routines:

- 🖊 Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have set time for starting and ending breakfast.
- Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with the TV off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished.
- Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate.
- Be firm that children must go to school.
- Give your child lots of positive encouragement and acknowledge they are organized and get to school on time.
- Be firm; a birthday does not equal a holiday.
- On arrival look for some of your child's friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends.
- Once settled leave quickly.

#### **REGULAR ROUTINES ARE IMPORTANT**

# Why does attendance matter?

- You fall behind in work and lessons.
- You have lower motivation to be here at all.
- > Your enjoyment of learning is less.
- > You have less chance of achieving GCSEs.
- You're more likely to show poor behaviour
- You miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences.
- It effects your ability to have or keep friendships,

### LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL



When your child arrives late at school, he/ she misses the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

## Weekly attendance for 11th March - 15th March

The UK Government expectation is **96%**. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

This week, our whole school attendance is 93.1%

This week's winners are : BOLT Class and

## **ADAMS Class**

DALEY	94.9%
BOLT	98.3%
EVERSON	91.5%



WHITLOCK	91%
AINSLIE	94.4%
ADAMS	96.2%
BROWN	85.8%



#### <u>Oak Villa Car Park</u>

Please ensure any parents using the Oak Villa Car Park take care when driving and parking, and hold your child's hand, if appropriate, when walking through the car park. This is to ensure that all children remain safe whilst arriving and leaving school each day. We appreciate your continued support with this to support our school community.

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# Incredible Years Autistic Spectrum and Language Delay

This 10-week programme is designed for parents/carers of children who *have* or *may have* special educational needs and/or disability. The programme will help you understand why your child behaves the way they do and give you tips and tricks to manage it. Our programme is delivered as part of Plymouth Family Hubs and in partnership with the Edison Nurture Provision, Barnardo's and Plymouth Information, advice, and support for SEND.

> RUNNING FACE TO FACE WHO: Parents of children with SEND WHERE: Beechwood Primary school WHEN: Thursday 25/04/24- 11/07/24 9.30-11.30am

> www.plymouthias.org.uk/parenting-programmes

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At CATERed, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesome! Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingredients we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.

We use

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackeral
  Free range eggs (including in our mayonnaise)
- Westcountry milk
- Westcountry yoghurts Organic herbs
- No fried food
- Fairtrade sugar Wholemeal flour
- Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

Please visit our pages at www.catered.org.uk

UIFSM: All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a FREE school meal every day regardless of household circumstances. This is called universal infant free school meals. So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing!

#### We encourage everyone to take up this free offer!

FSM: If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child under aged 7 and for older children, information about free school meals can be found by following the link to Free School Meals within the CATERed webpages or by calling the FSM team on 01752 307410. Eligibility for FSM also provides schools with additional income via the Pupil Premium.

#### We encourage everyone one who's eligible to take up this free offer!

If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals including a drink currently costs £2.80. For a full allergen breakdown please contact us at catering@catered.org.uk, let us know what school your child attends so we can talk through the menu offer currently at that school.

Mandatory Food Standards apply to all school lunches details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/



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## EDIQM

"Congratulations to you and your team at Discovery Multi Academy Trust, your work towards addressing inequality has been formally recognised and you have been awarded the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Quality Mark.

It is noted that;

• EDI is championed throughout the schools.

• There is a strong team which supports an inclusive approach for all pupils.

• Discovery Multi Academy Trust is promoting multiculturalism by celebrating differences through planning lessons that reflect the diversity of the community.

• Staff feel safe to have open and transparent conversations on EDI."

A **special thank you** to the parents who were involved in this project.