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Newsletter 28th April2023

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support over the last two weeks whilst the work is completed in the Foundation outdoor area. We are extremely pleased with the finish product and the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing outside over the last few days. We are looking forward to sharing it with parents on Tuesday when we return following the May Day Bank Holiday.

A gentle reminder that school is closed to all children on Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday. A letter has been sent out via ParentPay regard the Strike Day next Tuesday 2nd May. Parents will be updated on Tuesday morning if there are any further changes via email from ParentPay and on Facebook.

Information will be shared next week for the London Trip. Please ensure this is returned to school asap so that plans can be finalised for this trip. It is also important that any outstanding payments are made following the payment schedule. Mrs Powney is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the trip.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School







Weekly attendance for 24th April - 28th April

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 88.9%

This week's winners are : Mombasa Class and Oslo Class

LONDON	85%
NAIROBI	80.5%
MOMBASA	91.9%
CAPE TOWN	90.5%



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SAN FRANCISCO	92.5%
ΤΟΚΥΟ	82%
SANTIAGO	85.4%
CANBERRA	94.8%
DUBAI	82.3%
OSLO	96.3%

Communication and Reminders



We use **ParentPay** as our main method to communicate **important messages**, send weekly newsletters, book breakfast and after school club, payments for school dinners, clubs, educational visits (including residentials) and discos.

As a school, 20% of our ParentPay accounts have **not** been activated. If you do not currently have access to your ParentPay account, **PLEASE** speak to Mrs Searle or Mrs Powney in the school office.

We kindly ask that all parents sign into their ParentPay account and ensure that their personal details are correct.

We ask that you ensure a mobile number and email address has been added to your account, so all future information is received.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR DETAILS ARE ALWAYS KEPT UP TO DATE!

You may already have an account but we would like to highlight the

importance of adding all your children.

If a message is sent for a specific child, in a specific class and you have not

added that child, you will not receive those messages.

If you need support with adding children or activating an account for the first time, please ask Mrs Powney or Mrs Searle.

Messages sent out this week included:

Info regarding .the Foundation area

Info regarding Strike Days

Info regarding the London Trip

IF YOU MISSED THESE PLEASE CHECK YOUR PARENTPAY DETAILS.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

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 to ensure that your child is registered and their lunch choice has been taken.

Please be aware that crossing patrol is available for children arriving to school between 8:30 and 9am each morning. There will be **no** crossing patrol after 9am each morning.

Important reminder: the school register is taken at 08:55am!

Children arriving after this time will be registered late, which has an enormous impact on attendance figures. By law we are required to register in this way. On average around 10% of our children are registered late everyday!

If your child is unwell please phone the school before 08.55am every day that they are unwell.

Let's work on improving our attendance together!

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



Oak Villa Car Park

Following an incident, 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.



May

1st May - Bank Holiday-School Closed

4th May-London Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm

5th May- King Charles III Coronation Celebration all children invited to wear Red, White and Blue non uniform/mufti.

8th May-King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday-School Closed.

9th May-Tokyo Class Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

- 18th May-San Francisco Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm
- 19th May-Cape Town Class Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 19th May-PTFA Summer Disco (details to follow)
- 23rd May-London Class Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm
- 25th May-Dubai Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm
- 26th May- Last Day of Term 5

June

- 5th June Start of Term 6
- 6th June-Dubai Class Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm
- 8th June-Oslo Class Assembly @ 2:30pm
- 15th June-Santiago Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm
- 20th June-Foundation Parent's Meeting (3:15pm 5:15pm)
- 22nd June-Dubai Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm
- 22nd June-Mombasa Class Assembly @ 2:30pm
- 26th June Year 6 London Trip
- 30th June-London Class Assembly @ 2:30pm



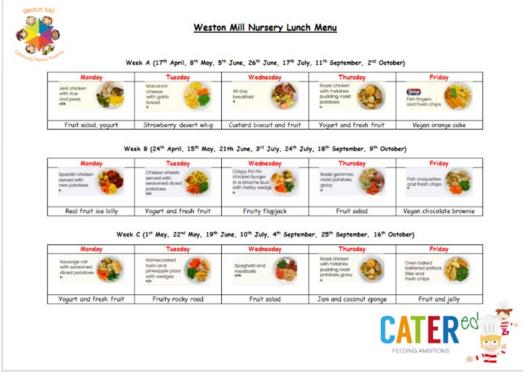


SUMMER MENU



children can choose a hot meal from the above menu or a sandwich. Ham, cheese or tuna.







TOYS IN SCHOOL

There has been an increase in children brining toys to school over the last few weeks, including Pokemon cards. Please ensure your child is not brining toys into school unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school INCO Mrs O'Brien, to support SEND needs or for a class event.





WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Please follow us on our Facebook page - Weston Mill Community Primary

You can also check our website for latest news, dates and letters.



The following link provides ideas for mark making, art, and early writing activities. Before letter, numbers or pictures come simple marks. Markmaking is a great start to writing and art. Marks are how children learn to express themselves and portray the world around them. So, get mark making and have some fun along the way. Use hands, fingers and feet. Squishing dough, swirling colours together – there are lots of ways to experiment with marks.

Make-a-mark,-make-a-start.pdf (pacey.org.uk)

PACEY is the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years. Formed in 1977. PACEY is a charity dedicated to supporting everyone involved in childcare and early years to provide high quality services, information and advice to children, their families and carers. Further information regarding school readiness can be found here:

https://www.pacey.org.uk/partners/school-ready/preparation/

FREE NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers



The NSPCC is running a series of free Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers.

Core Content - The workshops are 1 hour and will help parents and carers to find out about:

- What children and young people are doing online
- Parental concerns
- What the risks are for young people in terms of what they see, do, and who they meet online
- How to manage these risks as a parent/carer
- Sources of help and support

Each workshop will also focus on a combination of the following topics:

- Gaming
- Social Media
- Online Bullying
- Parental controls
- Mental health and well being
- Modelling good behaviour
- Online challenges, hoaxes and scams
- Persuasive design and screen time vs screen use

We would encourage that a lead professional from your setting is present on the training, so that you are aware of any concerns and can follow up appropriately. You will also benefit from hearing the same key messages as your parent/carer community. However, this isn't mandatory.

For more information and to request joining details please email parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk

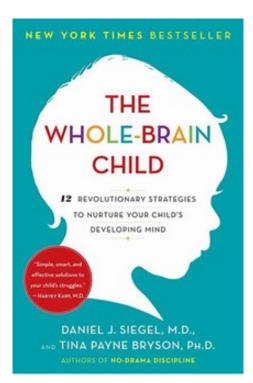
Date	Time	Content
22	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Mental Wellbeing + Online Bullying
March		
28	6-7pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Online Friendships
March		
5 April	4-5pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Bullying + Parental Controls
11	7-8pm	Core + Online bulling, social media +modelling good behaviour
April		
19	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Parental Controls
April		
	4-5pm	Core + gaming, parental controls & bullying
April		

STRATEGY #11 INSTEAD OF COMMAND AND DEMAND ...



... TRY PLAYFUL PARENTING





Some of the teachers across have been reading this book and are keen to share some of the strategies with you. These are things that we will be using in our classrooms and HUTs but also things that the group have used to support their own children and families at home. If you would like further information or ideas to support your child's behaviour please contact your schools Family Support Worker.

Beechwood – Larmstrong@discoverymat.co.uk

Oakwood- m.horne@discoverymat.co.uk

Weston Mill - m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk



WESTON MILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

On Friday 5th May we invite all children to come to school wearing red, white and blue mufti.



Parent and Toddler Group

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy will be starting a Parent and Toddler Group. This group will be run by Maggie Antell, our Family Support Worker, and Emma Palmer, one of our Mealtime assistants.

The group will be held every Wednesday between 9-10am and will start on the 25th January 2023.

Our Parent and Toddler Group will be held in the additional HUT room. Please arrive through the main reception door from the school playground. A member of staff will be at the door to greet you.

Refreshments will be available.

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

NURSERY

Spaces are currently available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds within our Nursery.

We offer 15 funded hours per child, opening during term time only. Me2 funding now accepted.

Please see the contact details below to express an interest in applying for a nursery place.



For more information, please contact the school on 01752 365250 or email westomill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk.



Medication at School Including Inhalers

At the end of each academic year all medication including inhalers in school should be sent home.

This enables us to ensure new consent is obtained at the start of an academic year.

Unfortunately, many of our consents are out of date. Recently, letters were sent home to parents/carers of children with out of date consent. A few have come back, but many are outstanding. Without consent your child's medication **cannot** be administered. If you are unsure if this affects your child please see Mrs Powney at the school reception/desk.

This term any inhalers that are not in their original boxes with a prescription label will be sent home along with any that are out of date.

Asthma is a very serious condition and none of us want to risk an incident where an asthmatics inhaler is unavailable.

For further information on the school's policy on Administering Medication please see below. (Full version of the document and our Health and Safety Policy can be found on our website).



Renewal Date: May 2024

Managing medicines on school premises and record keeping

At Discovery Multi Academy Trust the following procedures are to be followed:

- Medicines should only be administered at school or nursery when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so;
- No child under 16 should be given prescription medicines without their parents written consent (see template B) - except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parents. In such cases, every effort should be made to encourage the child or young person to involve their parents while respecting their right to confidentiality;
- It is trust policy to not administer non-prescription medication on school premises
- Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours;
- The trust academies and nursery will only accept prescribed medicines, with written permission from parent/carer that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin which must be in-date, but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather that its original container;
- All medicines will be stored safely in a locked first aid cupboard/fridge. Children should know where their medicines are at all times. Where relevant, they should know who holds the key to the storage facility.
- Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens should be always readily available state where and not locked away. Asthma inhalers should be marked with the child's name.
- During trips the first aid trained member of staff will carry all medical devices and medicines required;
- We will keep all controlled drugs that have been prescribed for a pupil securely stored in a non-portable container and only named staff will have access. Controlled drugs should be easily accessible in an emergency. A record should be kept of any doses used and the amount of the controlled drug held in the school;
- Staff administering medicines should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions. The trust's academies and nursery will keep a record (see template C and D) of all medicines administered to individual children, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects of the medication to be administer at school should be noted. Written records are kept of all medicines administered to children. These records offer protection to staff and children and provide evidence that agreed procedures have been followed;



The online guide offers information and resources for the following:

Introduction to infection control in all education and childcare settings

Prevention and control

Outbreak management

Immunisation

Staff health, pet and animal contact

Cleaning the environment

Managing specific infections

Exclusion table

Diarrhoea and vomiting outbreak action list



Advice and guidance

To find out more, visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/ health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities or bit.ly/2xiJpPZ.





UK Health Security Agency

Should I keep my Child Off School?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least a days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diamhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to atlend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swe ling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Føver	24 nours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsiiitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek
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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://grco.de/minfec.

School Uniform.

Over the last few weeks we have noticed children coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform. As part of our home-school agreement, we ask that our children come to school dressed in their school uniform and with the correct PE kit. Your child's class teacher will have notified you of PE days, but we recommend having a PE kit in school each day. Please see details of the our school uniform below.

School uniform at Weston Mill is as follows:

Navy jumper or sweatshirt White or light blue shirt or polo shirt Grey trousers or skirt Black school shoes





PE kit:

White t-shirt Plain Black/Navy shorts or jogging bottoms Trainers



Spare Underwear Appeal

Please could we make an appeal for clean pants , socks, tights and vests for those little accidents for children of all ages.

If your child has needed any spare clothes please ensure they are washed and returned.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!



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Holiday Club

Enjoy a happy and healthy unique holiday experience at Plymouth Life Centre!



Our vibrant and varied holiday club provides a safe and fun environment where children can experience a wide range of activities.

Morning 8am to 9am - £2.50 | Core 9am to 3pm - £30.00Afternoon 3pm to 5pm - £5.00 | Food Lunch & Snack - £4.00

Book Now

www.plymouthactive.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities

Fit and Fed funded places

We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Fit and Fed programme which offers children on benefit-related free school meals funded places to our holiday club. For more information contact us on **fitandfed@plymouth.gov.uk**

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@plymouthactive



Plymouth Active manages these facilities in partnership with Plymouth City Council



FREE FUNDED HOLIDAY CLUB PLACES AVAILABLE ACROSS THE CITY!

O: When do the Holiday Clubs run?

A: Funded Holiday Clubs operate Easter, Summer and Christmas.

Q: What age?

A: Fit and Fed is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive).

Q: Who is it for?

A: Fit and Fed is primarily for children who receive benefit-related free school meals. We are also able to fund places for Looked After Children, Children with Education Health Care Plans, Children under Child Protection Plans, Young Carers and Children of Recognised Refugees or Children from Asylum Seeking and Ukrainian families.



Inflatable Fun





TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE VISIT WWW.PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK/FITANDFED

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL SPORTSDEV@PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK



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