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Newsletter 8th December 2023

Hello,

This week we have been getting into the Christmas Spirit. Our Reception and Year 1 children visited the residents of The Vicarage Residential Home this week to sing Christmas Carols, share juice and cupcakes and complete some Christmas colouring. The children had the best time and it was lovely to spread some Christmas cheer.

Mr Kombostiotis and Mrs O'Brien took some children from Year to the Life Centre on Wednesday to take part in a city-wide Dodgeball event. The children had a great time learning to play Dodgeball and playing against other school from across the city. The children did fantastically well and won most of their games. It was lovely to see the children enjoying representing and being excellent ambassadors for our school.

Next week, we are very excited for our Christmas activities. On Wednesday, we have our Christmas Lunch. If you have not ordered your child's lunch for this day, please email Mrs Powney in the school office today, via westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any lunch requests after this time as the kitchen require our final numbers. We are looking forward to our Christmas Fayre on Thursday starting from 2pm. Please ensure you have returned your slips to confirm when you will be collecting your child so their class teacher is aware. Next Friday, some of our children will be going to Oakwood for our Trust Christmas Carol Concert. Consent forms have been sent home with the children taking part and we ask that these are returned by Monday 11th December. A reminder that we have postponed our Christmas Carol service to Tuesday 19th December at 2pm and hope that you can join us to celebrate the end of term and the festive season. If you require any further information about our events next week, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher at the start or end of the school day.

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood
Head of School

Discovery MAT is keen to further our practice regarding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). As part of this we are currently working towards

an EDI Quality Mark and would appreciate some parental engagement. If you would like to be part of this process please email our Trust Inclusion Lead

L.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk.

FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR

ZOE LAVERS

FSW Weekly Round Up.

Wrap Up warm this weekend and look at some Christmas lights .

Lost Property

We are getting a collection of jumpers and cardigans, please check and see if you have any items missing. It may be on the rail inside the door from the playground

Have you taken part in one of the Discovery list activities. We would love to see what you have done.

As we head to wetter and colder weeks. **Please make sure your child has a coat** to wear at Playtimes and lunchtimes. We encourage them to be out on the playground unless the weather is extremely bad.

If you need spare uniform please email Zoe Lavers. We have lots that might be of use to you

General Information:

As family support Worker – I am available to help and support you – not just for school issues I can also signpost you to other places and agencies.

To make an appointment for a chat email me

Z.lavers@discoverymat.co.uk, or catch me on the playground in the mornings from 8.45am.

Coming soon: NEXT WEEK is Road Safety Week, We will be encouraging everyone to be Safe Pedestrians.

Take care on the roads and in the car parks before and after school.

Remember to like our Facebook page and keep up to date with lots of things we have been doing in school

Lost Property

Misplaced a lunchbox or water bottle?

Have a look at the rail of lost property. Just inside the Playground door to Main Reception Area.



Have you forgotten to take home a jumper or cardigan?

We try our best to return any property that is named to its owner. Please try to name everything that might get misplaced.


TRAVELLING ON CITY BUS PLYMOUTH

From Christmas Light switch on – to festive nights out PLYMOUTH CITY BUS can take you there for just £2

ALL ADULT SINGLE FARES are £2.

FOR EVERY WEEKEND from SATURDAY 18th November kids under 16 can travel free with a fare paying adult.

UNDER 16s up to 3 children can travel with 1 Fare paying adult.



Group for Under Fives.
Wednesday Mornings 9-10 am
Sign in at Reception and come
along to the Library.

**THERE WILL BE NO GROUP
FOR THE REST OF THIS
TERM, BUT WILL RESUME**



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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.

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 **08.55am 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](#)

Weekly attendance for 4th-8th December

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
WHITLOCK Class

DALEY	100%
BOLT	92.5%
EVERSON	90.7%



WHITLOCK	94.9%
AINSLIE	89.6%
ADAMS	91.5%
BROWN	91.2%



Oak Villa Car Park

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.

Christmas Dates at Weston Mill

Monday 11th December – Argyle Mufti & Assembly

Tuesday 12th December – EYFS Nativity at 9:30am (parents welcome)

Wednesday 13th December – Festive Mufti – Bring a coloured item as shared
– Christmas Lunch
– EYFS Nativity at 2pm (parents welcome)

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Fayre at 2pm (parents welcome)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper day
– Trust Christmas Concert at Oakwood at 10:30am
(parents welcome)
– EYFS Christmas Come and Play at 2pm
(parents welcome)

Monday 18th December – EYFS & KS1 Stay and Play Hub Visit at 10am

Tuesday 19th December – Class Christmas Parties
– Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm (parents welcome)

Argyle Project 35 Mufti Day Monday 11th December

Please come to school in Mufti with a food donation to support Argyle's Project 35 charity!

With a very special guest...





Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Wednesday 13th December

FESTIVE MUFTI

EYFS: Chocolates and
Biscuits

Year 1: Blue

Year 2: Green

Year 3: Yellow

Year 4: Purple

Year 5: Orange

Year 6: Red





Early Years Come & Play

Friday 15th December - 2pm



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

Open to all our Nursery children and families, please come even if it isn't your session. Younger siblings welcome!

ed's
SUPER FANTASTIC SCHOOL MEALS
January 2024 - March 2024

CATERed
WEEK 1
W/C - MONDAY: 1ST JAN, 22ND JAN, 19TH FEB, 11TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H V Cheese & tomato pizza with seasoned wedges Allergens: (wh), (so), (M/C), M/C (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Lasagne with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), (M), M/C (Bar, E, VE)	CHOICE 1 - H All day breakfast Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Coated pollock served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (E), M/C (Bar)
CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan bolognaisse pasta bake Allergens: (wh), (so)	CHOICE 2 - V VE Vegan sausages served with mash Allergens: (so)	CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegan all day breakfast Allergens: (wh)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan mince and onion pie (sliced potato top) & gravy Allergens: (wh), (Bar), (so)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Cheese and tomato quiche Allergens: (wh), (M), (M), (E)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M)	DESSERT - H V Fruity flapjack Allergens: (O), M/C (Bar, wh)	DESSERT - H V Creamy rice pudding Allergens: (M)	DESSERT - VE Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M)	DESSERT - H W V VE Spiced pear cake with custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Children able to have hot and cold drinks upon request. See menu for day.
H = HOME-MADE OR FRESH, M = READY-MADE PRODUCTS, VE = VEGETARIAN, V = VEGETARIAN, 2 = THE VEGETARIAN, 3 = THE VEGETARIAN.
Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Dairy (Dai), Wheat (Wht), Eggs (Eg), Soy (So), Sesame (Ses), Sulphites (Su), Serrano (Ser), Peanuts (Pe), Mustard (Mus), Molluscs (Mol), Milk (Mil), Nuts (Nu), Sugar (Su), Custardians (Cu), Celery (Cel), Fish (Fis), Lupin (Lu), M/C May Contain
Allergens and ingredient information correct at the time of menu production but subject to change due to stock availability. Please speak to your catering manager for the most up to date information.

CATERed
WEEK 2
W/C - MONDAY: 8TH JAN, 29TH JAN, 26TH FEB, 18TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H W Chicken & vegetable pasta bake served with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), M/C (so)	CHOICE 1 - H Sausage & bean plait served with creamy mash Allergens: (wh), (E), (M)	CHOICE 1 - H Dig down cottage pie Allergens: M/C (wh, Bar)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon with roast potatoes & gravy	CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (F)
CHOICE 2 - W V VE Quorn nuggets with savoury rice Allergens: (wh), (M)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegetable pasta bake Allergens: (wh), (M)	CHOICE 2 - H V VE Bean & rice burrito Allergens: (wh)	CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegan shepherds pie Allergens: (so)	CHOICE 2 - H V Savoury cheesy muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (M), (E), M/C (O, Bar)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M)	DESSERT - H W V Fruity Cookie Allergens: (wh), (O), (E), M/C (Bar)	DESSERT - H V Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M)	DESSERT - H W V Chocolate MALTED cake Allergens: (wh), (Bar), (M), (E)	DESSERT - H W V Toffee apple sponge with custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)
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WEEK 3
W/C - MONDAY: 15TH JAN, 5TH FEB, 4TH MARCH, 25TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce Allergens: (wh)	CHOICE 1 Beefburger in a brioche roll with wedges Allergens: (wh), (M), (E), (su), M/C (So, Ses, Mls, R, Bar)	CHOICE 1 - H V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), M/C (so)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Homemade fish croquettes served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (F), (E)
CHOICE 2 - V VE Quorn dippers with seasoned wedges & tomato dip Allergens: (wh)	CHOICE 2 - H V Courgette sausages, mash & gravy Allergens: (wh), (Bar), (M), (E)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan sausage savoury rice Allergens: (so)	CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegetable bubble and squeak	CHOICE 2 - H V Pizza wheels Allergens: (wh), (M), (M), M/C (E)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M)	DESSERT - H W V Chocolate brownie Allergens: (wh), (E)	DESSERT - H V Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M)	DESSERT - H W V VE Banana bread Allergens: (wh)	DESSERT - H V Jam sponge & custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (Su), (E)
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				

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VEGANUARY

A MONTH OF MIGHTY MEAT FREE MEALS
 JANUARY 2024

SCHOOL

WK 2 MAIN CHOICES

- > QUORN NUGGETS WITH SAVOURY RICE VEGETABLE PASTA BAKE
- > BEAN & RICE BURRITO
- > VEGAN SHEPHERDS PIE

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VEGANUARY

A MONTH OF MIGHTY MEAT FREE MEALS
 JANUARY 2024

SCHOOL

WK 1 MAIN CHOICES

- > VEGAN BOLOGNAISE PASTA BAKE
- > VEGAN BALLS WITH MIXED VEGETABLE RICE VEGAN ALL DAY BREAKFAST
- > VEGAN MINCE AND ONION PIE (SLICED POTATO TOP) & GRAVY

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A MONTH OF MIGHTY MEAT FREE MEALS
 JANUARY 2024

SCHOOL

WK 3 MAIN CHOICES

- > QUORN DIPPERS WITH SEASONED WEDGES & TOMATO DIP
- > VEGAN SAUSAGE SAVOURY RICE
- > VEGETABLE BUBBLE AND SQUEAK

ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS



JANUARY VEGANUARY (ALL MONTH)

We will be focusing on the dishes on the menu that are vegetarian.



FEBRUARY CHINESE NEW YEAR (FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY)

Year of the dragon!



MARCH WORLD BOOK DAY (THURSDAY 7TH MARCH)

Dishes that celebrate the wonderful world of literature.



STAY UP TO DATE:



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At CATER^{ed}, 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 Mackerel
- 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

UFSM: 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 CATER^{ed} 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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