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## Newsletter 27th January 2023

This week, we have enjoyed San Francisco's class assembly - thank you to the parents who attended this event. Some year groups also participated in Curling this week through the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Next week, we are looking forward to our PTFA Disco, please see information below to book this event. If you require any assistance, please speak to Mrs Searle in the school office. We are always looking for volunteers to join the PTFA. If you would like more information, please speak to Mrs Seaman or Mrs Triscott.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Mrs Catherwood

Head of School

### PTFA DISCO - Friday 3rd February 2023

Please see timings below for the school disco.

Foundation and Nursery (3- and 4-year olds only) - 3:15pm - 4pm

Years 1, 2 and 3 - 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Years 4, 5 and 6 - 5:45 - 6:45pm

Cost - £4.00 per child or £10 for family of 3 or more children.

**Tickets must be purchased on ParentPay by Monday 30th January.**



### Weekly attendance for 23rd - 27th January

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 **93.2%**

This week's winners are : **Mombasa and Cape Town Class** and **San Francisco Class**

LONDON	93.9
NAIROBI	91
MOMBASA	96
CAPE TOWN	96



SAN FRANCISCO	96.9
TOKYO	93.1
SANTIAGO	93.2
CANBERRA	94.2
DUBAI	81.5
OSLO	96.3

# This Week's Learning

As part of our space topic, the nursery children have started to learn about the planet we live on. They found out that our planet is called Earth! They have learnt that the earth is round and that it is mostly made up of water. They also knew that we can see the sun and moon from earth. The children then explored colour mixing with paints to create the perfect colours for our own earth, sun and moon for the classroom. Well done Plymouth class!



## Wanted Small Boxes

Next week, Year 1 and 2 will be making moving vehicles as part of their Toys topic. If you have any small cereal boxes or child's shoe boxes (see pictures below for suggested size), we would be very grateful for your donations.

Please leave any donations at the school office or send in with your KSI child. Many thanks, Key Stage 1 Team.



## PSHE Books

Before Christmas, Roborough Rotary Club kindly donated PSHE books to children in KS2 at our school. We were so grateful for this generous donation. Here is some of their responses after reading the book.

Year 6 boy Weston Mill

"It helps children to stay safe.  
It looks nice because it is colourful and joyful"

Year 3 girl Weston Mill

"It is good it shows you  
anyone can do anything"

Weston Mill Head of School

"I know this book is already being used in our  
KSI classrooms. We think it is a brilliant resource"

Year 4 girl Weston Mill

"It is very good it tells you  
what is good and bad for  
you"

Year 5 girl Weston Mill

"I need to try to respect my  
body" (Looking at the page  
about hand washing and hygiene)





## Supporting Pupils at Home with their Maths Learning

At Weston Mill, we use White Rose Maths resources to inform our teaching of Maths. The entire curriculum has been broken down into 'small steps' that we use as steps to success in the pupils' learning journey. If you would like to support your child with their Maths learning, a good place to start is the White Rose Maths website: <https://whiterosemaths.com/>

Here you will find a variety of **FREE** resources to support your child including:

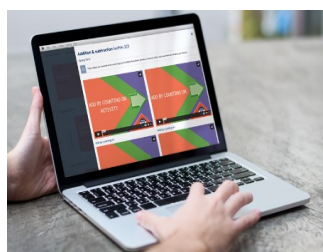
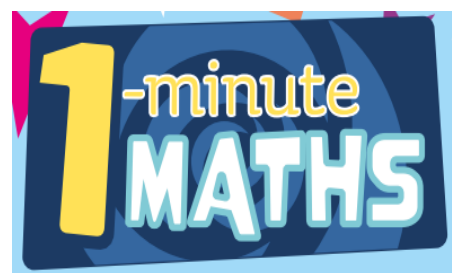


**Practice booklets:** <https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources#download>

These are fantastic downloadable and printable booklets that cover the entire Maths curriculum. If you want to know which ones would best support your child, just ask their class teacher.

**1-minute maths app:** <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

This app is free to download and supports fluency of the core maths skills of Subitising, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. It helps children build greater number confidence and is all about target practice in engaging, one-minute chunks.



**Home learning videos:** <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-1>

These home learning videos show clearly and simply the learning for each 'small step' of your child's maths learning. Select your child's year group, then click on the area of maths they are currently learning e.g. Fractions, then select the video lesson that they need extra support with.

Free Games and Resources		
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> <a href="https://ttrockstars.com/">https://ttrockstars.com/</a> An interactive rock-themed game/app, designed to help pupils master their times tables and division facts. Ask your child's class teacher for their login details.	<b>Topmarks</b> <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/</a> An extensive selection of engaging maths games. 'Hit The Button' is a favourite in many classrooms.	<b>BBC Bitesize</b> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> This site is full of fun videos and activities that give a creative perspective on lots of topics.
<b>Numbots</b> <a href="https://numbots.com/">https://numbots.com/</a> An interactive game/app, designed to help pupils master addition and subtraction. Ask your child's class teacher for their login details.	<b>Maths Frame</b> <a href="https://mathsframe.co.uk/">https://mathsframe.co.uk/</a> Select 'Free Popular Maths Games' to access these engaging tablet-enabled games that put maths in arcade-style games.	<b>Times Table Poster</b> A must-have in all homes. There are lots of places online to find free, printable times table posters. We have provided a copy of one on the back of this page.

# Times Table Poster

1x table	2x table	3x table	4x table	5x table	6x table
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# Café Connect



10:00am - 2:00pm Wednesday  
The Barn, Kit Hill Crescent, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ

Join us for a midweek Starbucks coffee and help us tackle food waste by taking away donated food from M&S, Lidl and Tesco.

Upcycle clothing - bringing something you no longer need or take something you could use.

Safe and friendly environment where all ages are welcome.  
Plus children's activities in the mornings

Plymouth Barnardo's Children's Centres

Citywide Spring Timetable 9th Jan -31st Mar 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Latch on</b> Rees - 1 - 2.30pm  <b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> 9.30-11 Southway Church of the Holy Spirit, Cliffatford Rd, PL6 6EJ  <b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> Rees 1 - 2.30  <b>Step by step</b> The Barn 9.30-10.30 & 10.45-11.45 PLEASE BOOK  <b>Bookstart</b> Nomony - 9.30-10.30 16th Jan - 6th Feb 27th Feb - 20th March  <b>Lets get cooking</b> The Barn 12.30-2 (with creche) - PLEASE BOOK	<b>Latch on</b> High View - 10.00 - 11.30 (Term time ONLY)  <b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> 10 - 11.30 - The Barn  <b>Chatterbox</b> with baby weigh Plymstock - 10 - 11.30  <b>Baby &amp; Me</b> Fourwoods - 10-11 Rees - 10-11  <b>Step by Step</b> Support drop in Starts 3rd Jan every other week Central Methodist Church 1.45 - 3  <b>Step by step</b> Nomony 9.30 - 10.30 & 10.45-11.45 PLEASE BOOK  <b>School readiness</b> Nomony - 1.30 - 2.30 17th January PLEASE BOOK  <b>Young Parents Cafe</b> Hendwell Centre, Southway - 12.30 - 2.30  <b>Baby 1st Aid</b> Venues across the city 10 - 12 PLEASE BOOK	<b>Latch on</b> Nomony - 1 - 2.30pm  <b>Breastfeeding support</b> cafe Southway Community Centre 9.30 - 11.30 (term time) with Latch On 10-11.30  <b>Chatterbox</b> with baby weigh Honicknowle - 1 - 2.30 Compton Church 1 - 2.30  <b>Twins Group</b> Rees Well Being Hub 10-11.30 2nd & 4th Wed of the month  <b>Step by step</b> High View 12.30 - 1.30 & 1.45 - 2.45 PLEASE BOOK  <b>School readiness</b> 10 - 11 Crownlands - 25th Jan The Barn - 22nd Feb Whiteleigh - 8th March PLEASE BOOK  <b>Cafe Connect</b> The Barn - 10 - 2	<b>Latch On</b> Plymbridge - 1 - 2.30  <b>Baby &amp; Toddler</b> Mainstone - 9.30 - 11  <b>Chatterbox</b> with baby weigh High View - 9.30 - 11  <b>Baby &amp; Me</b> Plymbridge - 1.30 - 2.30 ★ Crownlands - 1.30 - 2.30 (please book for Crownlands)  <b>Step by step</b> Whiteleigh 9.30-10.30 & 10.45-11.45 PLEASE BOOK  <b>Multicultural Group</b> Onward House - 9.30 - 11  <b>Buggy walking</b> 1st Thursday each month Mannamead Wellbeing Hub - 9.30 - 10.30 2nd Thursday each month Nomony - 9.30 - 10.30 3rd Thursday each month Plymstock - 9.30-10.30  <b>Service Family Group</b> Plymstock - St Marys Church Hall 1 - 2.30 - Term time only	<b>Latch On</b> Fourwoods - 10-11:30  <b>Chatterbox</b> with baby weigh Tothill Community Centre 10 - 11.30  <b>Introduction to solid</b> foods 10 - 11 Rees - 13th Jan - Crownlands - 20th Jan Further dates & venues to follow PLEASE BOOK  <b>ALL THESE ARE</b> <b>BOOKABLE</b>  <b>Believe in</b> <b>children</b> Barnardo's



# 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.



## 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.**





# HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



Government help with childcare costs for parents.  
Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.

## Tax Free Childcare

We are now registered for Tax Free Childcare. This scheme can be used to pay towards breakfast club and after school club. Please use the following link to APPLY or your Tax Free Childcare Account.

Apply at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare)

[Watch this video](#) to find out more about how to apply.

Please use the 'How to use Tax-Free Childcare' guide on the next page to set up your Tax Free Childcare account.

Once you have registered for your Tax-Free Childcare account, and have selected Weston Mill as your childcare provider, you will be issued with a reference code. Please email this code to [westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk). You can then set up regular or one-off payments to school from your Tax-Free Childcare account. To support the administration team, we kindly ask that these payments are made on **1st day of each month**. Your ParentPay account will then be credited with the payment amount.

If you need any further support, please speak to Mrs Searle or Mrs Catherwood.



From Monday 16th January, Breakfast Club session times will be changing. The sessions will now be bookable for the following timings:

7:00am — 7:45am at £2.65

7:45 — 8:45am at £3.50

Parent Pay has been updated to reflect these changes.





# HOW TO USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

For every £8 you pay in, the government will automatically add £2, up to the value of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children)

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## CHECK YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

Find out more about eligibility on [www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

You **can't** use Tax-Free  
Childcare together with:

- ✗ Tax Credits
- ✗ Universal Credit
- ✗ Childcare Vouchers

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## APPLY FOR TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Apply at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare)

If eligible, you'll get an online  
childcare account.

[Watch this video](#) to find out more  
about how to apply.

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## PAY MONEY INTO YOUR CHILDCARE ACCOUNT

You can deposit money into your  
childcare account using a debit card,  
but it's quicker by standing order or  
bank transfer. We'll add the  
government top up automatically  
and you can use this money when it  
shows as 'available'.

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## SELECT YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Your childcare provider(s)  
must sign up to receive Tax-Free  
Childcare payments.

5

## PAY YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Use the money in your childcare  
account, including the government  
top up, to make one off or regular  
payments to your childcare  
provider(s).

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## RECONFIRM

To continue getting the government  
top-up, you'll need to confirm your  
details are up to date every 3  
months. We'll send a reminder when  
you need to do this.



If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please contact the school office on 01752 365250 or email

[westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) for more information.

We are always looking for more volunteers to support us with events for the children and bring our school community together. Our PTFA usually meet once a month to discuss and plan for school events, but we are grateful of any time that you could spare to support us at school.



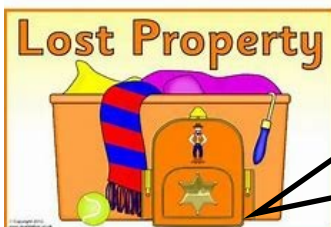
### **Healthy Snacks**

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack into school to eat during their breaktime.

As a Healthy School, snacks should be either: a piece of fruit, a yoghurt or a cereal bar.

Snacks must not contain crisps, nuts, cinnamon or chocolate.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### **Lost Property**

We have a wide range of lost property items available in our Office area. Please come and have a look if you have recently lost an item.

Many Thanks.

# Dates for your



## February

3rd February - PTFA Spring Disco Timings TBC  
7th February - Nethercott Farm Parent's Meeting @ 3pm or 4pm  
9th February - Santiago Class Assembly @ 2:30pm  
20th February - NPD - School Closed to all pupils  
23rd February - Canberra Class Parent Reading Session @ 2:15pm  
28th February - Cape Town Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

## March

7th March - Mombasa Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm (New date)  
9th March - Oslo Class Assembly @ 2:30pm  
14th March - Dubai Class Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm  
23rd March - Nairobi Class Assembly @ 2:30pm  
28th March - Canberra Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm  
31st March - Reports sent home  
31st March - Spring Term ends

## April

17th April - Start of Summer Term

## Have you considered teaching?



**WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY?**

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TEACHING?**

Devon Primary SCITT has helped hundreds of people begin rewarding careers as Primary School Teachers.

Join our Taster Day at Elburton Primary School in Plymouth to find out about teaching, and training with DPSCITT.

**The session is designed to provide opportunities for you to:**

- See a Partnership School in action & speak to staff
- Observe teaching and learning in different year groups
- Chat to Trainees about their experiences
- Meet the Course Director and ask individual questions
- Find out how our course works and how trainees are supported by school-based and centre-based staff.

For more details or to book your place,  
please visit [www.dpscitt.ac.uk](http://www.dpscitt.ac.uk)  
or call 01392 790 164.



**Teaching 'Taster' Day**  
**Elburton Primary School, Plymouth**

Wednesday 8th February 2023  
9.15 - 12.30