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## Newsletter 2nd February 2024

As we head towards the half term break, I wanted to share the feedback with parents from our recent parent questionnaire - please see below. We always welcome your feedback and would like to remind parents of our Parent Forum meeting next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. Here we will discuss what we are doing to develop our school from the feedback you have shared. Come along for a tea, coffee and an opportunity to discuss our next steps as a school.

Next week, we welcome parents of Bolt Class for our class reading session in the school library. We are very excited to announce that next term we will have a new library space fitted. Keep an eye out on our Facebook Page and newsletters over the coming weeks. Next week is also Children's Mental Health week. Each year group will be completing activities to promote awareness of our mental health and how we can support each other. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, the children will have a mufti day, called Express Yourself. This is an opportunity for children to celebrate their individuality.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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](mailto:L.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk).

# Parent Feedback



Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Questionnaire earlier in the term. We received 59 responses, which represented 40% of our school community. We will be discussing this feedback in more detail next week at our Parent Forum meeting in the school library on Tuesday 6th February at 2pm. It would be great to see more families next week.

## What is going well...

93% of parents shared that their child is happy at Weston Mill and 92% of parents shared that their child feels safe at school.

96% of parents felt they were informed about what their child was learning at Weston Mill and 93% shared that they were informed as to how their child was doing at school.

82% of parents communicated that any concerns raised had been dealt with effectively.

84% of SEND parents felt that their child was supported to be successful at Weston Mill.

94% of parents shared that Weston Mill had high expectations of their child and 97% of parents felt that there was a good range of subjects taught through the curriculum.

95% of parents felt that their child achieved well at Weston Mill and that the school supported their wider personal development.

77% of parents shared that they would recommend Weston Mill to another parent.

## Our next steps...

45% shared concerns over the behaviour of the pupils at Weston Mill.

18% of respondents shared concerns related to incidents of bullying.

23% of parents shared that there weren't enough extra curricular activities on offer for their child.

## FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR

ZOE LAVERS

### Lost Property

Misplaced a lunchbox or water bottle?

Have you forgotten to take home a jumper or cardigan?

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

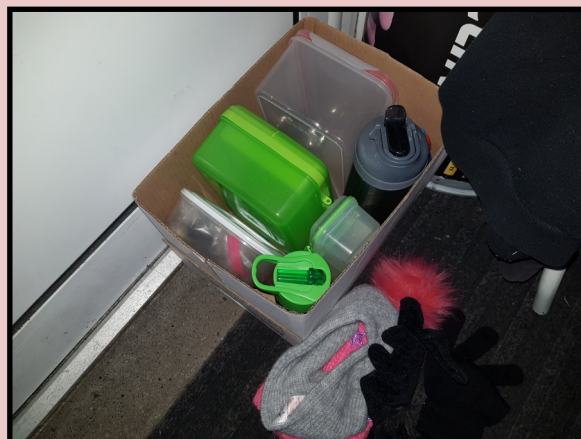
We try our best to return any property that is named to its owner. Please try to name everything that might get misplaced.



DO YOU RECOGNISE ANY OF THIS LOST PROPERTY?

IF SO PLEASE CLAIM BEFORE THE 9TH FEBRUARY AS WE WILL BE DONATING ANY UNCLAIMED ITEMS TO CHARITY/ FAMILIES IN NEED.

THE ITEMS IN THE GREEN TRAY ARE FROM YEAR 4, ALL OTHER ITEMS WERE FOUND IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER LUNCH..



# **SUNBEAMS**



**Group for the Under 5s**

**Wednesdays 9.10am**

**In the School Library**





# Weston Mill Community Primary Academy



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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](mailto: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](#)

## **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 school 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
- ✚ It's your child's or someone else's birthday
- ✚ 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 29th January-2nd February

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 **90.6%**

This week's winners are : **BOLT Class** and  
**WHITLOCK Class**

DALEY	93.1%
<b>BOLT</b>	95%
EVERSON	87.1%



WHITLOCK	96.5%
AINSLIE	89.6%
ADAMS	88.9%
BROWN	83.2%



### 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.

# Space Day!

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February



Murray & Daley classes are having a space themed WOW day.

As part of this, the children can come to school dressed as something linked to space. There will be lots of fun activities and we will be tasting real space food!



FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Mufti/Non Uniform

Day EXPRESS YOURSELF





## Girls Turn Up & Play Free Sessions

Argyle Community Trust are holding free taster sessions, for the next 3 weeks, for their Turn Up and Play sessions for Girls in school years Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3.



Sat 27th Jan, 3rd Feb & 10th Feb



Harpers Football Centre



10am - 11am

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

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1 - H V</b> Cheese & tomato pizza with seasoned wedges Allergens: (wh), (so), (m), (c), M/C (E)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Lasagne with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (m), (c), M/C (Bar, E, SE)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> All day breakfast Allergens: (wh), (m), (E)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (wh), (m), (E)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Coated pollock served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (f), M/C (Bar)
<b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Vegan bolognaise pasta bake Allergens: (wh), (so)	<b>CHOICE 2 - V VE</b> Vegan sausages served with mash Allergens: (so)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Vegan all day breakfast Allergens: (wh)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Vegan mince and onion pie (sliced potato top) & gravy Allergens: (wh), (bar), (so)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Cheese and tomato quiche Allergens: (wh), (m), (c), (E)

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW

DESSERT - V VE	DESSERT - H V	DESSERT - H V	DESSERT - VE	DESSERT - H W V VE
Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (m)	Fruity flapjack Allergens: (c), M/C (Bar, wh)	Creamy rice pudding Allergens: (m)	Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M)	Spiced pear cake with custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Did you know? You can find a list of allergens in the ingredients list for each recipe. For more information visit [www.ed-school.co.uk/allergens](https://www.ed-school.co.uk/allergens)

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1 - H W</b> Chicken & vegetable pasta bake served with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), M/C (so)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Sausage & bean plait served with creamy mash Allergens: (wh), (E), (M)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Dig down cottage pie Allergens: M/C (wh, Bar)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast gammon with roast potatoes & gravy	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (f)
<b>CHOICE 2 - W V VE</b> Quorn nuggets with savoury rice Allergens: (wh), (M)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Vegetable pasta bake Allergens: (wh), (M)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Bean & rice burrito Allergens: (wh)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Vegan shepherds pie Allergens: (so)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V</b> Savoury cheesy muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (M), (E), M/C (c, bar)

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW

DESSERT - V VE	DESSERT - H W V	DESSERT - H V	DESSERT - H W V	DESSERT - H W V
Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M)	Fruity Cookie Allergens: (wh), (c), (E), M/C (Bar)	Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M)	Chocolate MALTED cake Allergens: (wh), (bar), (M), (E)	Toffee apple sponge with custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

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**WEEK 3**  
W/C - MONDAY: 15TH JAN, 5TH FEB, 4TH MARCH, 25TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce Allergens: (wh)	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Beefburger in a brioche roll with wedges Allergens: (wh), (M), (E), (su), M/C (So, Sea, Mu, R, Bar)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H V</b> Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), (M) M/C (so)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Homemade fish croquettes served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (f), (E)
<b>CHOICE 2 - V VE</b> Quorn dippers with seasoned wedges & tomato dip Allergens: (wh)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V</b> Courgette sausages, mash & gravy Allergens: (wh), (M), (E)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Vegan sausage savoury rice Allergens: (so)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Vegetable bubble and squeak	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V</b> Pizza wheels Allergens: (wh), (M), (su), M/C (E)

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW

DESSERT - V VE	DESSERT - H W V	DESSERT - H V	DESSERT - H W V VE	DESSERT - H V
Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M)	Chocolate brownie Allergens: (wh), (E)	Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M)	Banana bread Allergens: (wh)	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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EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY

# CHINESE NEW YEAR

CELEBRATE WITH A TASTE OF THE ORIENT  
**FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024**

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN OR  
VEGETABLE STIR FRY WITH  
VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS  
AND EGG FRIED RICE

CUSTARD TART SLICE



# 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.



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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 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](http://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 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](mailto: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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### Tell Ed!

We want to know what you think about our food so if you have any questions, comments or want to send us some recipe ideas contact us on 01752 977166 or by email [catering@catered.org.uk](mailto:catering@catered.org.uk)