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## Newsletter 12th January 2024

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school this week for our Parents' Evening appointments. Thank you to the parents who have already completed our Parent Questionnaire. I really appreciate you taking the time to share your views so that we can continue to support children and families at our school. Please see the link below to submit your responses.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F832JFdOpU6VSvFGTtnRUPU\\_jLCo7JluDzKGRip5eRUM0IWMDkzRLY3MEJHT1I5RzhXMkJITIZaNi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F832JFdOpU6VSvFGTtnRUPU_jLCo7JluDzKGRip5eRUM0IWMDkzRLY3MEJHT1I5RzhXMkJITIZaNi4u)

Our next Parent Forum meeting will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm if you are interested in coming along. The minutes from our previous meeting can be found on our school website.

This week, we welcomed parents in from Everson Class for their reading session. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for this session. I know the children love sharing this time with you at school too. Keep an eye on our school calendar and Facebook for more events coming up this term in your child's class.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out letters regarding residential trips for Year 4 and 6. Please ensure that payments are made on time for these trips. There are still spaces available on the Year 4 and 5 trip to Nethercott Farm for March this year. If your child would be interested in attending this residential, please speak to Mrs Powney in the school office for more information.

A gentle reminder that children should be wearing the appropriate uniform and PE kit to school each day. Details of which can be found on our school website: [Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - School Uniform](#). Please also ensure that children are not wearing earrings to school on PE days. If your child is wearing earrings to school, they will need to know how to remove them for their PE lessons and put them on again after this time. Earrings should also be studs only. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

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).

**FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR**

**ZOE LAVERS**

# **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.

# **SUNBEAMS**



**Group for the Under 5s**  
**Wednesdays 9.10am**  
**In the School Library**



# Weston Mill Community Primary Academy



## WEBSITE

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## CALENDAR

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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 8th-12th 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 **89.2%**

This week's winners are : **DALEY Class** and  
**AINSLIE Class**



DALEY	94.8%
BOLT	91.1%
EVERSON	84.1%

WHITLOCK	88.6%
AINSLIE	91.4%
ADAMS	88.9%
BROWN	90.9%



### 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.

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

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## 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), (M), M/C (Bar, E, VE)	<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), (E), M/C (Bar)
<b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Vegan bolognese 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), (M), (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: (O), 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?**  
We have a range of products that are suitable for children with allergies.

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 heat and give up request. See table for day. \* = HOME-MADE BY CATERED, \*\* = HOME-MADE BY RESTAURANT, VE = VEGETARIAN, V = VEGETARIAN, + = VEGETARIAN, + = VEGETARIAN, + = VEGETARIAN. Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Dairy (Dai), Wheat (Wht), Eggs (Eg), Soy (So), Sesame (Ses), Sulphites (Su), Nuts (Nu), Peanuts (Pe), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (M), Rice (R), Sugar (S), Custard (Cu), Celery (Ce), Fish (Fi), Lupin (L), 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.

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## 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), (E)
<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 (O, Bar)

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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), (O), (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)

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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, Ses, Mu, R, Bar)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H V</b> Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (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), (E), (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), (Bar), (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), (M), 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)

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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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# VEGANUARY

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.



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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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