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Newsletter 18th November 2022

This week has been another extremely busy week at school. We have been thinking about the Reach Out campaign as part of Anti-bullying week and many children came to school on Monday wearing odd socks. Today we have had a very successful pyjama day in support of Children in Need. The children also enjoyed

their Children in Need biscuits, which were very kindly donated by CaterEd and baked by our wonderful kitchen team, to raise further funds. We have raised a total of £285.05 for Children in Need this year, which is a fantastic amount of money to support families here in the UK. Thank you for your generous contributions in support of this event.

As we head towards December, please keep up to date with our Christmas events on our weekly newsletter and Facebook page. We have some lovely Christmas activities planned for the whole family. We hope you enjoy your weekend and we'll see you on Monday.

Mrs Catherwood (Acting Head of School)



Weekly attendance for 14th -18th Nov 2022

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's winners are: Mombasa Class with 95.5% attendance and Santiago Class with 90.4%.

LONDON	82.6%
NAIROBI	87.5%
MOMBASA	95.5%
CAPE TOWN	92.%



SAN FRANCISCO	78.1%
TOKYO	73.8%
SANTIAGO	90.4%
CANBERRA	86.8%
DUBAI	87%
OSLO	90%

This week, in computing, Cape Town class have been experimenting with using a Paint program to make firework pictures. We can't wait for our finished pictures....Whoosh!



Tokyo class last week, used drama to explore the characters of our book **Mungo and the Dinosaur Island**. First, they made objects/dinosaurs from the story with their bodies. Then, children acted the story thinking about the characters and their feelings. We had a lot of fun and the lesson helped us with the planning and writing of our story."



Attendance and Lateness

Doors open to children each morning at 8:45am. These doors will be closed at 8:55am and a L mark will be given. Any children arriving to school after 9:10am, will be marked as U, which affected the overall attendance mark.

Over the next few weeks, we will be inviting parents into school to discuss their child's attendance. Please contact the school office if your appointment time and date are not suitable so an alternative can be arranged. We will continue to monitor attendance as we know that children who are persistently absent from school miss out on a considerable amount of learning. We looking forward to working together to support the families of our school with improving attendance and the learning and progress of all of our children.





Friday 25th November 2022—Non Pupil Day

Next Friday, our school will be closed for staff training.

Workshop for Parents: Children and Young People Autism Strategy.

On Wednesday 23rd November, Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) will be hosting a workshop for parents of Autistic children and young people. The workshop is an excellent opportunity for professionals to hear the lived experience of Plymouth parents regarding services and support for autistic children, young people, and their families.

PPCV will be bringing professionals & parent carers together to;

- Review the latest draft strategy
- Share experiences of services what's working & what's not
- Discuss priorities & improvements
- Identify any gaps and how to fill them.

The event will take place at the Lower Guildhall (PL1 2AA) from 09:30 until 14:30. FREE refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please follow this link to select the course and book your place: https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/events/

RESIDENTIALS

London - Please ensure payments are up-to-date on ParentPay.

Nethercott Farm - Please ensure payments are up-to-date on ParentPay.



School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may **not** wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."



StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

StreetSafe | Police.uk (www.police.uk)

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We all know how quickly children outgrow school uniform and that often families have items that have hardly been worn but no longer fit. It seems a real shame that these clothes either go to a recycle bank or simply get thrown away.

We have introduced a Pre-Loved school uniform system in our school. Donated items are available to families throughout the year and will, we hope, make sure that children get the best wear out of school uniform. If you have items of school uniform that your child has grown out of but are still in good condition, please send them into school clean. Coats and shoes will also be welcomed.

Thank you to those that have donated already!





November

25th November - Non-Pupil Day

29th November - Nairobi Class (Year I, Mrs Tremayne) Celebration of Learning at 2:15pm

December

2nd December - Canberra Class (Year 5, Miss Carpenter) Class assembly at 2:30pm

12th December – Stay and Code – whole school

12th December – Trust Christmas Event (more information to follow)

13th December – Plymouth and London Class Christmas Come and Play at 2:00pm

13th December – Foundation Nativity performance at 9:15am

14th December - Christingle - Christmas Carol Concert @ 4pm

15th December – Christmas Lunch

15th December – Christmas Fayre at 2:00pm

16th December - Christmas Jumper Day



KS2 CRICKET SESSIONS

Key Stage 2 will be partaking in weekly cricket sessions this term.

Please ensure all children have their kit in school each Monday.

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.





Y6 Swimming

Next week, our Y6's begin their Swimming sessions. Please ensure they come to school each morning with their swimming items and any spare clothing you feel they may need. Please also ensure they come to school wearing a coat.

Thank you

Do you like to DRAW?

The Box is thrilled to launch our new young people's drawing competition.

Submit your favourite drawing to enter.
There are three categories, primary school, secondary school and 18-25 years. The theme is simply 'For the Joy of Drawing'

Winners will receive a great prize and have their work displayed at The Box.

Scan or take a high quality photograph of your drawing (min 300dpi) and email to-

theboxlearning@plymouth.gov.uk

Label the file with your initials, the date and category entered, for example - Joe Bloggs, entered on 30th Nov, in the Primary category would be labelled JB301122P (use S for secondary and YP for 18-25)

Closing date for all entries is 5pm on 11 Dec 22 Full terms and conditions can be found at: www.theboxplymouth.com/drawing-competition









We have a range of 'lost' items in our lost property, held within the doors near our school office. Please check this area if you are missing any items.

Thank you.

