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# Newsletter 31st March 2023

This week has been a very busy end to our Spring Term. Children in Nursery and Foundation visited Crownhill Garden Centre as part of their 'Things that Grow' topic. The children looked at all the different plants they had for sale. All of the children also had the opportunity to plant their very own sunflower seed to bring home. We are looking forward to seeing lots of photos of the sunflowers as they grow in your gardens!

Children in Year 3 and 4 completed their Egyptian topic this week with a fashion show to share their final destination - Egyptian Collars. The children had a WOW Day, and thoroughly enjoyed coming to school dressed in Egyptian costumes. They used their creativity and enquiry skills to design and make their own Egyptian collars and used their sowing skills to create their final pieces. The finished product looked great and it was lovely to see so many parents join us for their fashion show.

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we celebrated children who have attendance of 96% or more with an afternoon movie in the school hall this afternoon. We also recognised the achievements of the children whose attendance has improved over the term too. Well done to everyone who received an attendance certificate today.

I hope you all have a relaxing Easter Break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 17th April 2023.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

#### Weekly attendance for 27th March - 31st March

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 88.5%

This week's winners are : Cape Town Class and Canberra Class

LONDON	87.4
NAIROBI	80.5
MOMBASA	89.1
CAPE TOWN	93.8



SAN FRANCISCO	90.0
ΤΟΚΥΟ	81.3
SANTIAGO	85.4
CANBERRA	93.9
DUBAI	85.0
OSLO	92.5

# **Communication and Reminders**



We use **ParentPay** as our main method to communicate **important messages**, send weekly newsletters, book breakfast and after school club, payments for school dinners, clubs, educational visits (including residentials) and discos.

As a school, 20% of our ParentPay accounts have **not** been activated. If you do not currently have access to your ParentPay account, **PLEASE** speak to Mrs Searle or Mrs Powney in the school office.

We kindly ask that all parents sign into their ParentPay account and ensure that their personal details are correct.

We ask that you ensure a mobile number and email address has been added to your account, so all future information is received.

# IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR DETAILS ARE ALWAYS KEPT UP TO DATE!

Some of you may have received an activation letter for ParentPay this week.

You may already have an account but we would like to highlight the

importance of adding all your children.

If a message is sent for a specific child, in a specific class and you have not added that child, you will not receive those messages.

If you need support with adding children or activating an account for the first time, please ask Mrs Powney or Mrs Searle.

#### START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

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 to ensure that your child is registered and their lunch choice has been taken.

Please be aware that crossing patrol is available for children arriving to school between 8:30 and 9am each morning. There will be **no** crossing patrol after 9am each morning.

Important reminder: the school register is taken at 08:55am!

Children arriving after this time will be registered late, which has an enormous impact on attendance figures. By law we are required to register in this way. 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.

Let's work on improving our attendance together!

If you need support with this, please let us know.



### Oak Villa Car Park

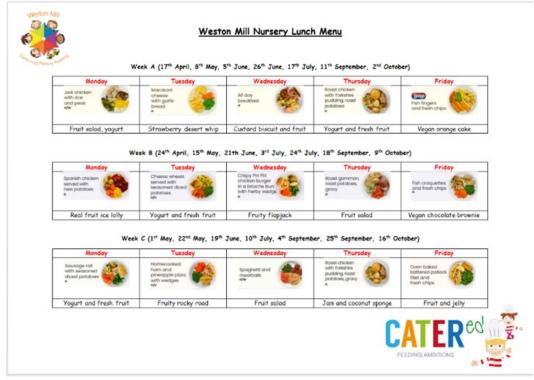
Following an incident, please ensure any parents using the Oak Villa Car Park take care when driving and parking, and hold your child's hand, if appropriate, when walking through the car park. This is to ensure that all children remain safe whilst arriving and leaving school each day. We appreciate your continued support with this to support our school community.

# **NEW MENU STARTING FROM 17TH APRIL**



After the Easter break, children can choose a hot meal from the above menu or a sandwich. Ham, cheese or tuna.







# **Medication at School Including Inhalers**

At the end of each academic year all medication including inhalers in school should be sent home.

This enables us to ensure new consent is obtained at the start of an academic year.

Unfortunately, many of our consents are out of date. Recently, letters were sent home to parents/carers of children with out of date consent. A few have come back, but many are outstanding. Without consent your child's medication **cannot** be administered. If you are unsure if this affects your child please see Mrs Powney at the school reception/desk.

After Easter any inhalers that are not in their original boxes with a prescription label will be sent home along with any that are out of date. Therefore, it may be a perfect opportunity to ensure that inhalers are obtained from your GP over the Easter break for those who are asthmatic, ready for your child's return to school. Asthma is a very serious condition and none of us want to risk an incident where an asthmatics inhaler is unavailable.

For further information on the school's policy on Administering Medication please see below. (Full version of the document and our Health and Safety Policy can be found on our website).



# SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY

Approved and signed by the Board of Trustees

26.09.22

Renewal Date: May 2024

### Managing medicines on school premises and record keeping

At Discovery Multi Academy Trust the following procedures are to be followed:

- Medicines should only be administered at school or nursery when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so;
- No child under 16 should be given prescription medicines without their parents written consent (see template B) - except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parents. In such cases, every effort should be made to encourage the child or young person to involve their parents while respecting their right to confidentiality;
- It is trust policy to not administer non-prescription medication on school premises
- Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours;
- The trust academies and nursery will only accept prescribed medicines, with written permission from parent/carer that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin which must be in-date, but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather that its original container;
- All medicines will be stored safely in a locked first aid cupboard/fridge. Children should know where their medicines are at all times. Where relevant, they should know who holds the key to the storage facility.
- Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens should be always readily available state where and not locked away. Asthma inhalers should be marked with the child's name.
- During trips the first aid trained member of staff will carry all medical devices and medicines required;
- We will keep all controlled drugs that have been prescribed for a pupil securely stored in a non-portable container and only named staff will have access. Controlled drugs should be easily accessible in an emergency. A record should be kept of any doses used and the amount of the controlled drug held in the school;
- Staff administering medicines should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions. The trust's academies and nursery will keep a record (see template C and D) of all medicines administered to individual children, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects of the medication to be administer at school should be noted. Written records are kept of all medicines administered to children. These records offer protection to staff and children and provide evidence that agreed procedures have been followed;



#### April

- 17th April Start of Summer Term
- 20th April Santiago Class Assembly @ 2.30pm-3pm

### 20th April– New Date School Photographs

- 24th April Bedtime Story Reading Session @5pm
- 24th April-Paediatric First Aid Course for Parents 12.45pm-2.45pm.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April Bikeability for Year 5.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April Bikebalance for Foundation.
- 27th April London Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm

#### May

- 1st May Bank Holiday-School Closed
- 4<sup>th</sup> May-London Class Reading Session @ 2.15pm-2.45pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> May-Mombasa Class Assembly @ 2.30pm-3pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> May-Tokyo Class Celebration of Learning @ 2.15pm-2.45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> May-Year 6 to 7 Transition to UTC
- 18<sup>th</sup> May-San Francisco Class Reading Session @ 2.15pm-2.45pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> May-Cape Town Class Assembly @ 9.15 am-9.45am
- 19<sup>th</sup> May-PTFA Summer Disco (details to follow)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May-London Class Celebration of Learning @ 2.15pm-2.45pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> May-Dubai Class Reading Session @ 2.15pm-2.45pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> May- Last Day of Term 5

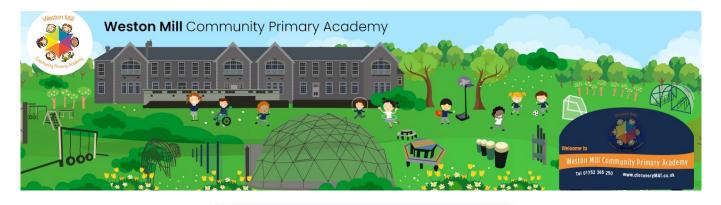






## TOYS IN SCHOOL

There has been an increase in children brining toys to school over the last few weeks, including Pokemon cards. Please ensure your child is not brining toys into school unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school INCO Mrs O'Brien, to support SEND needs or for a class event.





## 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.

# Solution of the second second

# **Holiday Club**

Enjoy a happy and healthy unique holiday experience at Plymouth Life Centre!



Our vibrant and varied holiday club provides a safe and fun environment where children can experience a wide range of activities.

Morning 8am to 9am -  $\pounds$ 2.50 | Core 9am to 3pm -  $\pounds$ 30.00 Afternoon 3pm to 5pm -  $\pounds$ 5.00 | Food Lunch & Snack -  $\pounds$ 4.00

## **Book Now**

www.plymouthactive.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities

# Fit and Fed funded places

We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Fit and Fed programme which offers children on benefit-related free school meals funded places to our holiday club. For more information contact us on **fitandfed@plymouth.gov.uk** 

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Plymouth Active manages these facilities in partnership with Plymouth City Council



# FREE FUNDED HOLIDAY CLUB PLACES AVAILABLE ACROSS THE CITY!

# O: When do the Holiday Clubs run?

- A: Funded Holiday Clubs operate Easter, Summer and Christmas.
- Q: What age?
- A: Fit and Fed is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive).

# Q: Who is it for?

A: Fit and Fed is primarily for children who receive benefit-related free school meals. We are also able to fund places for Looked After Children, Children with Education Health Care Plans, Children under Child Protection Plans, Young Carers and Children of Recognised Refugees or Children from Asylum Seeking and Ukrainian families.



Inflatable Fun





# TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE VISIT WWW.PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK/FITANDFED

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL SPORTSDEV@PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK



Department for Education Fit and Fed



ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

#### Weston Mill Primary School Fit & Fed Programme 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Argyle Community Trust are delighted to be working in partnership with Plymouth City Council County Council Sports Development unit by holding the Fit & Fed project during the Easter Period for 4 days from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

You can book for individual dates and do not have to sign up to the whole week at Weston Mill Primary School. We have strict criteria for those who are eligible to attend our programme. To attend you must receive <u>Benefit Related</u> Free School Meals. Upon signing up you must provide us with your unique Fit and Fed code, which your school will provide for you, alternatively head to the Plymouth City Council website and search for the <u>Fit and Fed</u> Eligibility Checker.

Children are only able to attend for a maximum of 4 days across the 2 weeks of Easter. That includes booking onto different venues across the half term, a maximum of 4 days for all venues combined.

The days will run from **9am until 3pm** and will consist of a variety of different sporting activities and will include some nutritional activities where the children will spend some time learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Children who attend the course will be provided with lunch each day, however, it is recommended that children bring plenty of fluids with them which can be taken outside when participating in the sporting activities.

Spaces are strictly limited to 24 spaces per day and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Please could we ask parents to only book onto the days in which the children will be attending to allow us to offer these spaces out to other children who are eligible.

Please be warned if your child is not eligible for this programme their booking will be cancelled.

If you would like your child/children to take part in the day/days, please book by visiting the following link: <a href="https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/are/e/courses.html">https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/are/e/courses.html</a>



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Spaces are first come first serve basis and please be aware if you are not eligible for this programme you would be taken off the programme.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April -High View -Prince Rock -Knowle Primary School -Mary Dean Primary School

<u>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</u> -Mountwise Primary -Lipson Vale Primary -Austin Farm Primary -Weston Mill Primary

To book on please use the link provided below https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html?price=0.00-0.00

If you are not eligible for this programme you can book onto our Easter Holiday Roadshows which run every day 9.30-3.30pm and can book on with the link provided below.

https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html?price=12.00-60.00

Any questions, please feel free to ask Kind regards Charlie Hardcastle Charlie.hardcastle@pafc.co.uk



## FREE NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers



The NSPCC is running a series of free Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers.

Core Content - The workshops are 1 hour and will help parents and carers to find out about:

- What children and young people are doing online
- Parental concerns
- What the risks are for young people in terms of what they see, do, and who they meet online
- How to manage these risks as a parent/carer
- Sources of help and support

Each workshop will also focus on a combination of the following topics:

- Gaming
- Social Media
- Online Bullying
- Parental controls
- Mental health and well being
- Modelling good behaviour
- Online challenges, hoaxes and scams
- Persuasive design and screen time vs screen use

We would encourage that a lead professional from your setting is present on the training, so that you are aware of any concerns and can follow up appropriately. You will also benefit from hearing the same key messages as your parent/carer community. However, this isn't mandatory.

#### For more information and to request joining details please email parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk

Date	Time	Content
22	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Mental Wellbeing + Online Bullying
March		
28	6-7pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Online Friendships
March		
5 April	4-5pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Bullying + Parental Controls
11	7-8pm	Core + Online bulling, social media +modelling good behaviour
April		
19	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Parental Controls
April		
25	4-5pm	Core + gaming, parental controls & bullying
April		



Some of the teachers across have been reading this book and are keen to share some of the strategies with you. These are things that we will be using in our classrooms and HUTs but also things that the group have used to support their own children and families at home. If you would like further information or ideas to support your child's behaviour please contact your schools Family Support Worker.

Weston Mill – <u>m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk</u>

# 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.

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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.

It was really lovely to invite Nursery and Reception parents into school for our "come and play" session. Everyone had a wonderful time completing the Easter craft activities.















# School Uniform.

Over the last few weeks we have noticed children coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform. As part of our home-school agreement, we ask that our children come to school dressed in their school uniform and with the correct PE kit. Your child's class teacher will have notified you of PE days, but we recommend having a PE kit in school each day. Please see details of the our school uniform below.

### School uniform at Weston Mill is as follows:

Navy jumper or sweatshirt White or light blue shirt or polo shirt Grey trousers or skirt Black school shoes

### **PE** kit:

White t-shirt





# Paediatric First Aid

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy will be hosting a paediatric first aid course. This will be held in the library and the course will be held by On Course South West.

The course will be on **Monday 24th April at 12.45pm** and will run for 2 hours. Please use the link on our Facebook page to book your place.

If you have any questions or would like a link emailed, please email Maggie at m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk.



# Eggsplorer Trail

1st April to 16th April Chocolate Rewards!

£3.00 per child to participate. Trail available at Visitor Reception. *Mini chocolate egg and a free Easter Biscuit in our cafe included with each trail. Also plant a free sunflower and see how tall it will grow!* 

Garden entry is required for non-members. (Under 5s FREE) Entry for Members includes up to 3 children or grand-children for FREE.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10.30am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm) OPEN Easter Monday

www.thegardenhouse.org.uk. Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton PL20 7LQ

# Gifted Women Employability Programme What can I expect?

Over 12 group work sessions we will spend time together as a group of women who are all there to support each other through this exciting new chapter. The group is lots of fun and sessions are always interactive and (hopefully) never boring!

#### We will:

- · work on our self confidence together.
- · work on our communication skills.
- · think about how we look after ourselves and stay well.
- · have fun and make new friends who will be cheering us on.
- · think about our goals and plan for the future.
- · look at how we manage our money and making sure we're on the right benefits etc.
- look at what kind of jobs we could do.
- · start thinking about how we could find a job if we wanted one, and prepare for that.
- · learn about what would be expected of us in workplace.
- have the option to do a work experience placement in a local business.

#### We will not:

- · be made to find work.
- · have our benefits messed up.
- · have to do anything we aren't comfortable to do.

THE GROUP RUNS ON WEDNESDAYS FOR 12 WEEKS, ON MUTLEY PLAIN

Email: info@giftedwomen.co.uk Website: www.giftedwomen.co.uk



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