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Newsletter 21st April 2023

Welcome back after the Easter break. This week, the children have begun their new topics for this term, and you should now have received the Curriculum Newsletter for this term from your child's class teacher. This will provide details of your child's learning for this term and opportunities for you to explore this topic with your child at home.

Work is now well underway on the Foundation outdoor area and an updated letter has been sent out this afternoon regarding our return to 'normal' start and end of day routine. We appreciate your continued support with this into the early part of next week. We very much look forward to sharing images of our new outdoor area once it is finished.

For the Summer Term, our School Improvement Priorities are: To improve outcomes in writing; To develop pastoral support to promote school attendance and punctuality; and To use targeted academic support to promote engagement and achievement in RWI and reading. Over the next few weeks, parents have been invited in to meet with me regarding attendance to identify how we can continue to support our school community and engagement and attendance at school. We are continuing to develop Early Reading through RWI teaching, as well as Reading teaching across KS1 and 2. Finally, our focus on developing the teaching of Writing at Weston Mill so our children are confident and enthusiastic writers when they leave us in Year 6.

As shared earlier in the year, I would like to begin to hold Termly Parent Forum meetings, to gather feedback from parents as we continue to make changes and improvements at Weston Mill. I would like to invite parents to attend on Tuesday 16th May at 9am as an opportunity to talk about our school, as well as share any suggestions or ideas. If you have anything you would like to be discussed, and you are unable to attend, please email westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk so these items can be added to the agenda for the meeting. I very much look forward to meeting with you over the coming months.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

Weekly attendance for 17th april - 21st April

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 **91%**

This week's winners are : **Nairobi**

LONDON	90.9%
NAIROBI	96.5%
MOMBASA	88.1%
CAPE TOWN	91%

and



**Class
Oslo
Class**

SAN FRANCISCO	95.6%
TOKYO	84%
SANTIAGO	92.5%
CANBERRA	92.6%
DUBAI	85.8%
OSLO	95.7%

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 residential) 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!

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.

Messages sent out this week included:

Info regarding school photos.

Info regarding cookery club. Year 1 and 2.

Info regarding Bikeability. Year 5.

**IF YOU MISSED THESE PLEASE CHECK YOUR
PARENTPAY DETAILS.**

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.

SUMMER MENU

















WEEK 01	WEEK BEGINNING: 17 th APRIL • 8 th MAY • 5 th JUNE • 26 th JUNE 17 th JULY • 11 th SEPTEMBER • 2 nd OCTOBER	
	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY	Jerk chicken with rice and peas  H/W PUDDING: Fruit salad, yoghurt v/w and fresh fruit	Vegan balls with pasta  w/v PUDDING: Real fruit ice lolly, yoghurt and fresh fruit v
TUESDAY	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread  H PUDDING: Strawberry dessert whip H/W, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Courgette burger in a brioche bun  H/V PUDDING: Yoghurt and fresh fruit v
WEDNESDAY	All day breakfast  H PUDDING: Custard biscuit and fruit H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Vegan all day breakfast  H/V/V PUDDING: Fruity flapjack H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit
THURSDAY	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes  H PUDDING: Yoghurt and fresh fruit v	Butternut squash parcel served with roast potatoes, gravy  H/V/V PUDDING: Fruit salad v/w, yoghurt and fresh fruit
FRIDAY	 Fish fingers and fresh chips  H PUDDING: Vegan orange cake H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Baked vegetable omelette with fresh chips  H/V PUDDING: Vegan chocolate brownie H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit

WEEK 02	WEEK BEGINNING: 24 th APRIL • 15 th MAY • 12 th JUNE • 3 rd JULY 24 th JULY • 18 th SEPTEMBER • 9 th OCTOBER	
	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY	Spanish chicken served with new potatoes  H PUDDING: Real fruit ice lolly, yoghurt and fresh fruit v	Vegan nuggets with pasta  w/v/v PUDDING: Yoghurt and fresh fruit v
TUESDAY	Cheese wheels served with seasoned diced potatoes  H/V PUDDING: Yoghurt and fresh fruit v	Vegetable Korma with rice and naan  H/V/V PUDDING: Spaghetti and meatballs
WEDNESDAY	Crispy Piri Piri chicken burger in a brioche bun with herb wedges  H PUDDING: Fruity flapjack H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Vegetable fritatta served with garlic bread  H/V PUDDING: Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy
THURSDAY	Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy  H PUDDING: Fruit salad v/w, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Vegetable sausage, served with roast potatoes, gravy  v/v PUDDING: Jam and coconut sponge H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit
FRIDAY	Fish croquettes and fresh chips  H PUDDING: Vegan chocolate brownie H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Cheese and tomato pizza with fresh chips  H/V PUDDING: Fruit and jelly H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit

WEEK 03	WEEK BEGINNING: 1 st MAY • 22 nd MAY • 19 th JUNE • 10 th JULY 4 th SEPTEMBER • 25 th SEPTEMBER • 16 th OCTOBER	
	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY	Sausage roll with seasoned diced potatoes  H PUDDING: Yoghurt and fresh fruit v	Mexican bean quesadilla with rice  H/V PUDDING: Homecooked ham and pineapple pizza with wedges
TUESDAY	Homecooked ham and pineapple pizza with wedges  H/V PUDDING: Fruity rocky road H/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Vegetable and tofu Chow mein  H/V/V PUDDING: Spaghetti and meatballs
WEDNESDAY	Spaghetti and meatballs  H/W PUDDING: Fruit salad v/w, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Vegan chilli and rice  H/W/V/V PUDDING: Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy
THURSDAY	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy  H PUDDING: Jam and coconut sponge H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Broccoli and potato cheese bake with roast potatoes, gravy  H/V PUDDING: Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips
FRIDAY	Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips  H/V PUDDING: Fruit and jelly H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips  H/W/V PUDDING: Fruit and jelly H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit

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

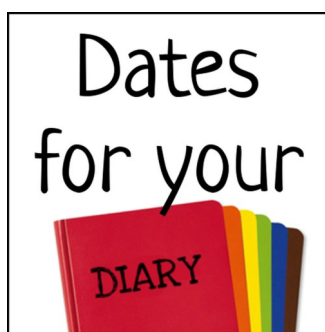


Weston Mill Nursery Lunch Menu					
Week A (17 th April, 8 th May, 5 th June, 26 th June, 17 th July, 11 th September, 2 nd October)					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Jerk chicken with rice and peas  w/v Fruit salad, yogurt	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread  H Strawberry desert whip	All day breakfast  H Custard biscuit and fruit	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes  H Yoghurt and fresh fruit	 Fish fingers and fresh chips  H Vegan orange cake	
Week B (24 th April, 15 th May, 21 st June, 3 rd July, 24 th July, 18 th September, 9 th October)					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Spanish chicken served with new potatoes  H Real fruit ice lolly	Cheese wheels served with seasoned diced potatoes  H/V Yoghurt and fresh fruit	Crispy Piri Piri chicken burger in a brioche bun with herb wedges  H Fruity flapjack	Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy  H Fruit salad	Fish croquettes and fresh chips  H Vegan chocolate brownie	
Week C (1 st May, 22 nd May, 19 th June, 10 th July, 4 th September, 25 th September, 16 th October)					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Sausage roll with seasoned diced potatoes  H Yoghurt and fresh fruit	Homecooked ham and pineapple pizza with wedges  H/V Fruity rocky road	Spaghetti and meatballs  H/W Fruit salad	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy  H Jam and coconut sponge	Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips  H/V Fruit and jelly	



WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME PHOTOS OF THE DELICIOUS MEALS ENJOYED THIS WEEK.





April

24th April - Bedtime Story Reading Session @5pm

24th April-Paediatric First Aid Course for Parents 12.45pm-2.45pm.

24th April Bikeability for Year 5.

24th April Bikebalance for Foundation.

27th April - London Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm

May

1st May - Bank Holiday-School Closed

4th May-London Class Reading Session @ 2.15pm-2.45pm

4th May-Mombasa Class Assembly @ 2.30pm-3pm

9th May-Tokyo Class Celebration of Learning @ 2.15pm-2.45pm

15th May-Year 6 to 7 Transition to UTC

18th May-San Francisco Class Reading Session @ 2.15pm-2.45pm

19th May-Cape Town Class Assembly @ 9.15 am-9.45am

19th May-PTFA Summer Disco (details to follow)

23rd May-London Class Celebration of Learning @ 2.15pm-2.45pm

25th May-Dubai Class Reading Session @ 2.15pm-2.45pm

26th May- Last Day of Term 5





TOYS IN SCHOOL

There has been an increase in children bringing toys to school over the last few weeks, including Pokemon cards. Please ensure your child is not bringing 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.

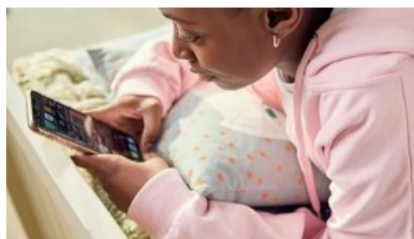


WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Please follow us on our
Facebook page - Weston Mill
Community Primary

**You can also check our website for
latest news, dates and letters.**

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.

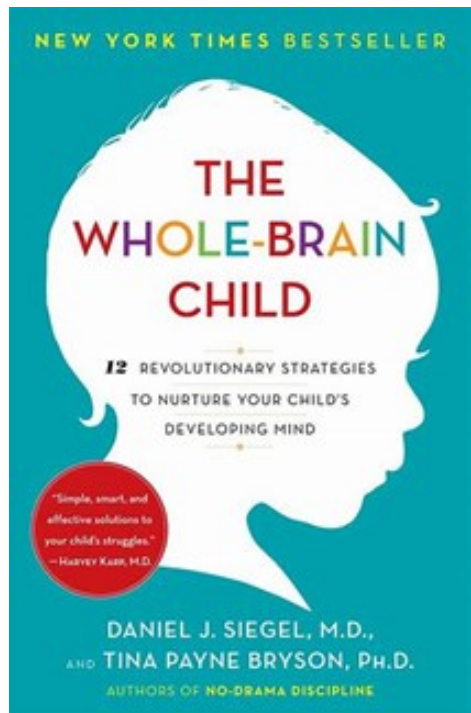
For more information and to request joining details please email parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk

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

STRATEGY #9
INSTEAD OF DISMISS AND DENY...



...TRY USING MINDSIGHT TO TAKE CONTROL OF IMAGES



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.

Beechwood – l.armstrong@discoverymat.co.uk

Oakwood- m.horne@discoverymat.co.uk

Weston Mill – m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk



The following link provides ideas for mark making, art, and early writing activities. Before letter, numbers or pictures come simple marks. Mark-making is a great start to writing and art. Marks are how children learn to express themselves and portray the world around them. So, get mark making and have some fun along the way. Use hands, fingers and feet. Squishing dough, swirling colours together – there are lots of ways to experiment with marks.

[Make-a-mark,-make-a-start.pdf \(pacey.org.uk\)](https://www.pacey.org.uk/partners/school-ready/preparation/)

PACEY is the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years. Formed in 1977. PACEY is a charity dedicated to supporting everyone involved in childcare and early years to provide high quality services, information and advice to children, their families and carers. Further information regarding school readiness can be found here:

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/partners/school-ready/preparation/>



CATERed
FEEDING AMBITIONS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE
EVERY CHILD EVERY TIME

IT'S THE KINGS CORONATION

JOIN ED AND CATE FOR A ROYAL FEAST

FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2023



CRISPY CORONATION
CHICKEN OR
VEGAN NUGGETS WITH A
CORONATION DIP SERVED
WITH FRESH CHIPS IN A
UNION JACK BOX
WITH
DECORATED VANILLA CUP
CAKES

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.





Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

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.



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.



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.

This term 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.

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 than 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 administered 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;

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

Plain Black/Navy shorts or jogging bottoms

Trainers



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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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 - £2.50 | Core 9am to 3pm - £30.00
Afternoon 3pm to 5pm - £5.00 | Food Lunch & Snack - £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

 PlymouthActive (@plymouthactiveleisure)

 @plymouthactive

 Plymouth Active - YouTube

Plymouth Active manages these facilities in partnership with Plymouth City Council



FREE FUNDED HOLIDAY CLUB PLACES AVAILABLE ACROSS THE CITY!

Q: 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



Fun sports games



Free lunch

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
SPORTSDEV@PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK**



Fit and Fed