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## Newsletter 20th January 2023

We have had another busy week at Weston Mill! Thank you for the parents of Tokyo Class who came in to school to read with their child for our Parent Reading Session. Next week, we have San Francisco Class assembly on Thursday at 2:30pm.

We are very excited to welcome 2-year olds into our school nursery from next week and we will also be starting our Parent and Toddler Group on Wednesday 25th January from 9 - 10am with Maggie our Family Support Worker and Mrs Palmer. We are very much looking forward to continuing to support our school community and provide support for our families.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

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Cost - £4.00 per child or £10 for family of 3 or more children.

Bookings can be made on ParentPay from Tuesday 24th January.



### Weekly attendance for 16th - 20th 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 **88.4%**

This week's winners are : **London Class** and **Oslo Class**

LONDON	93.9
NAIROBI	86.8
MOMBASA	90.3
CAPE TOWN	88.2



SAN FRANCISCO	86.9
TOKYO	85.8
SANTIAGO	88.8
CANBERRA	86.3
DUBAI	85.8
OSLO	92.0

## Celebrating our Learning



Today is very cold. The children went outside to use their senses to explore what a cold day is like. They noticed that the ground sounded “crunchy” when they walked on it. They also noticed that the air felt particularly cold on their noses.



Mrs Wye challenged us to make a rocket using objects we could find in our learning environment - do you like our







Attention parents of Mombasa Class (Year 1/2, Mrs Wallace)! On Wednesday 1st February, we would like to invite you in at 2:15pm to celebrate your child's learning. This is a great opportunity to visit your child in their classroom and to share the learning they have completed this term. Please arrive through the main office.

### **English Nation Opera - Finish This!**

Before Christmas, some children in Year 4, 5 and 6 participated in the English National Opera Finish This! Programme. The children have to compose and perform a piece of music to be submitted to ENO. You can find their finished compositions using the following link.

[Stream ENO Engage music | Listen to songs, albums, playlists for free on SoundCloud](#)



## Supporting Pupils at Home with their Maths Learning

At Weston Mill, we use White Rose Maths resources to inform our teaching of Maths. The entire curriculum has been broken down into 'small steps' that we use as steps to success in the pupils' learning journey. If you would like to support your child with their Maths learning, a good place to start is the White Rose Maths website: <https://whiterosemaths.com/>

Here you will find a variety of **FREE** resources to support your child including:

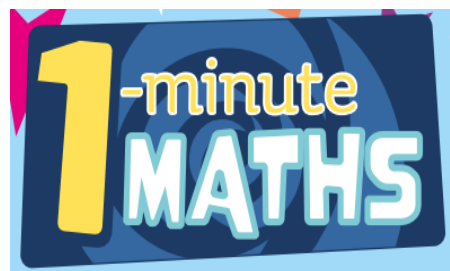


**Practice booklets:** <https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources#download>

These are fantastic downloadable and printable booklets that cover the entire Maths curriculum. If you want to know which ones would best support your child, just ask their class teacher.

**1-minute maths app:** <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

This app is free to download and supports fluency of the core maths skills of Subitising, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. It helps children build greater number confidence and is all about target practice in engaging, one-minute chunks.



**Home learning videos:** <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-1>

These home learning videos show clearly and simply the learning for each 'small step' of your child's maths learning. Select your child's year group, then click on the area of maths they are currently learning e.g. Fractions, then select the video lesson that they need extra support with.

<b>Free Games and Resources</b>		
<p><b>Times Table Rockstars</b> <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></p> <p>An interactive rock-themed game/app, designed to help pupils master their times tables and division facts. Ask your child's class teacher for their login details.</p>	<p><b>Topmarks</b> <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/</a></p> <p>An extensive selection of engaging maths games. 'Hit The Button' is a favourite in many classrooms.</p>	<p><b>BBC Bitesize</b> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a></p> <p>This site is full of fun videos and activities that give a creative perspective on lots of topics.</p>
<p><b>Numbots</b> <a href="https://numbots.com/">https://numbots.com/</a></p> <p>An interactive game/app, designed to help pupils master addition and subtraction. Ask your child's class teacher for their login details.</p>	<p><b>Maths Frame</b> <a href="https://mathsframe.co.uk/">https://mathsframe.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Select 'Free Popular Maths Games' to access these engaging tablet-enabled games that put maths in arcade-style games.</p>	<p><b>Times Table Poster</b></p> <p>A must-have in all homes. There are lots of places online to find free, printable times table posters. We have provided a copy of one on the back of this page.</p>

# Times Table Poster

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# HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



Government help with childcare costs for parents.  
Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.

## Tax Free Childcare

We are now registered for Tax Free Childcare. This scheme can be used to pay towards breakfast club and after school club. Please use the following link to APPLY or your Tax Free Childcare Account.

Apply at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare)

[Watch this video](#) to find out more about how to apply.

Please use the 'How to use Tax-Free Childcare' guide on the next page to set up your Tax Free Childcare account.

Once you have registered for your Tax-Free Childcare account, and have selected Weston Mill as your childcare provider, you will be issued with a reference code. Please email this code to [westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk). You can then set up regular or one-off payments to school from your Tax-Free Childcare account. To support the administration team, we kindly ask that these payments are made on **1st day of each month**. Your ParentPay account will then be credited with the payment amount.

If you need any further support, please speak to Mrs Searle or Mrs Catherwood.



From Monday 16th January, Breakfast Club session times will be changing. The sessions will now be bookable for the following timings:

7:00am — 7:45am at £2.65

7:45 — 8:45am at £3.50

Parent Pay has been updated to reflect these changes.

UK Government

Help for Households

You might not realise you could get help with childcare costs

Check if you're eligible today  
[Go to childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://Go to childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Childcare Choices

# HOW TO USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

For every £8 you pay in, the government will automatically add £2, up to the value of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children)

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## CHECK YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

Find out more about eligibility on [www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

You **can't** use Tax-Free  
Childcare together with:

- ✗ Tax Credits
- ✗ Universal Credit
- ✗ Childcare Vouchers

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## APPLY FOR TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Apply at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare)

If eligible, you'll get an online  
childcare account.

[Watch this video](#) to find out more  
about how to apply.

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## PAY MONEY INTO YOUR CHILDCARE ACCOUNT

You can deposit money into your  
childcare account using a debit card,  
but it's quicker by standing order or  
bank transfer. We'll add the  
government top up automatically  
and you can use this money when it  
shows as 'available'.

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## SELECT YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Your childcare provider(s)  
must sign up to receive Tax-Free  
Childcare payments.

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## PAY YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Use the money in your childcare  
account, including the government  
top up, to make one off or regular  
payments to your childcare  
provider(s).

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## RECONFIRM

To continue getting the government  
top-up, you'll need to confirm your  
details are up to date every 3  
months. We'll send a reminder when  
you need to do this.



If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please contact the school office on 01752 365250 or email

[westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) for more information.

We are always looking for more volunteers to support us with events for the children and bring our school community together. Our PTFA usually meet once a month to discuss and plan for school events, but we are grateful of any time that you could spare to support us at school.

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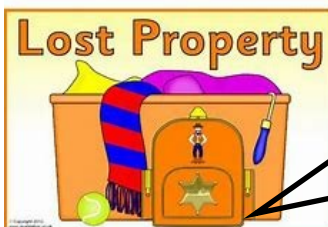
### Healthy Snacks

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack into school to eat during their breaktime.

As a Healthy School, snacks should be either: a piece of fruit, a yoghurt or a cereal bar.

Snacks must not contain crisps, nuts, cinnamon or chocolate.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### Lost Property

We have a wide range of lost property items available in our Office area. Please come and have a look if you have recently lost an item.

Many Thanks.



# Dates for your



## January

19th January - Tokyo Class Parent Reading session @ 2:15pm

26th January - San Francisco Class Assembly @ 2:30pm

## February

1st February - Mombasa Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

3rd February - PTFA Spring Disco Timings TBC

7th February - Nethercott Farm Parent's Meeting @ 3pm or 4pm

9th February - Santiago Class Assembly @ 2:30pm

20th February - NPD - School Closed to all pupils

23rd February - Canberra Class Parent Reading Session @ 2:15pm

28th February - Cape Town Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

## Have you considered teaching?



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY?

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TEACHING?

Devon Primary SCITT has helped hundreds of people begin rewarding careers as Primary School Teachers.

Join our Taster Day at Elburton Primary School in Plymouth to find out about teaching, and training with DPSCITT.

The session is designed to provide opportunities for you to:

- See a Partnership School in action & speak to staff
- Observe teaching and learning in different year groups
- Chat to Trainees about their experiences
- Meet the Course Director and ask individual questions
- Find out how our course works and how trainees are supported by school-based and centre-based staff.

For more details or to book your place,  
please visit [www.dpscitt.ac.uk](http://www.dpscitt.ac.uk)  
or call 01392 790 164.



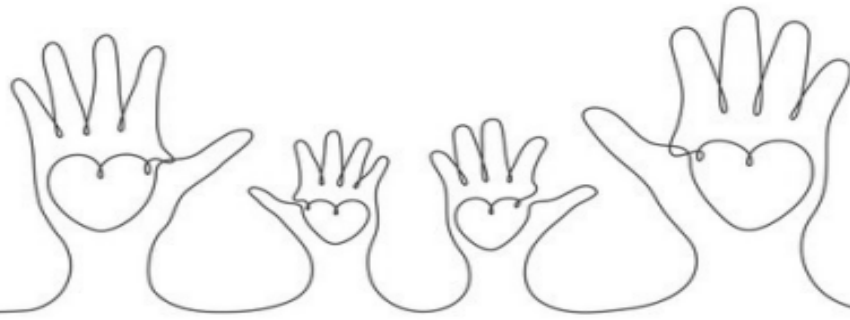
## Teaching 'Taster' Day

Elburton Primary School, Plymouth

Wednesday 8th February 2023

9.15 -12.30





## “Let’s Talk about Children”

Therapeutic Parenting is a nurturing parenting style developed from consistent, empathic, and emotional based responses to your children as a response to their behaviours.

We believe that all children would benefit from experiencing therapeutic parenting and want to share this parenting style through the use of a ‘Therapeutic Toolbox’.

This programme is full to top tips and advice to support you and your child on the journey of parenting and growing up.

This is a 6 week programme and topics include :

- what does it mean to be a therapeutic parent?
- Emotions
- Anger and aggression
- Managing tricky behaviours
- Play
- Parental self care



Starting Wednesday  
25th January 2023  
At Beechwood School



### 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.**



# 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.







# Café Connect



10:00am - 2:00pm Wednesday  
The Barn, Kit Hill Crescent, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ

Join us for a midweek Starbucks coffee and help us tackle food waste by taking away donated food from M&S, Lidl and Tesco.

Upcycle clothing - bringing something you no longer need or take something you could use.

Safe and friendly environment where all ages are welcome.  
Plus children's activities in the mornings

Plymouth Barnardo's Children's Centres

Citywide Spring Timetable 9th Jan -31st Mar 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Latch on</b> Rees - 1 - 2.30pm	<b>Latch on</b> High View - 10.00 - 11.30 (Term time ONLY)	<b>Latch on</b> Nomony - 1 - 2.30pm	<b>Latch On</b> Plymbridge - 1 - 2.30	<b>Latch On</b> Fourwoods - 10-11:30
<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> 9.30-11 Southway Church of the Holy Spirit, Clifford Rd, PL6 6EJ	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> 10 - 11.30 - The Barn	<b>Breastfeeding support cafe</b> Southway Community Centre 9.30 - 11.30 (term time) with Latch On 10-11.30	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Mainstone</b> - 9.30 - 11	<b>Chatterbox with baby weigh</b> Tothill Community Centre 10 - 11.30
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★ <b>Step by step</b> <b>The Barn</b> 9.30-10.30 & 10.45-11.45 PLEASE BOOK	★ <b>Step by Step</b> Support drop in Starts 3rd Jan every other week Central Methodist Church 1.45 - 3	<b>Twins Group</b> Rees Well Being Hub 10-11.30 2nd & 4th Wed of the month	★ <b>Step by step</b> Whitleigh 9.30-10.30 & 10.45-11.45 PLEASE BOOK	
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★ <b>Lets get cooking</b> The Barn 12.30-2 (with creche) - PLEASE BOOK	★ <b>School readiness</b> Nomony - 1.30 - 2,30 17th January PLEASE BOOK	★ <b>School readiness</b> 10 - 11 Crownlands - 25th Jan The Barn - 22nd Feb Whitleigh - 8th March PLEASE BOOK	<b>Buggy walking</b> 1st Thursday each month Mannamead Wellbeing Hub - 9.30 - 10.30 2nd Thursday each month Nomony - 9.30 - 10.30 3rd Thursday each month Plymstock - 9.30-10.30	★ <b>ALL THESE ARE BOOKABLE</b>
	<b>Young Parents Cafe</b> Hendwell Centre, Southway - 12.30 - 2.30	<b>Cafe Connect</b> The Barn - 10 - 2	<b>Service Family Group</b> Plymstock - St Marys Church Hall 1 - 2.30 - Term time only	

