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## Newsletter 13th January 2023

We have had another busy week at Weston Mill this week. Our children have been extremely busy learning about their new topics. Year 3 have been learning about natural disasters in their new topic and have been recreating volcanic eruptions this week. The children are thoroughly enjoying this topic.

This week, Year 5 have been extremely busy. On Tuesday, they went to Marjon University with a Theatre Project called With Flying Colours to watch The Snow Queen. In the afternoon, they had a visit, along with children in Year 2, from the Fire Service to talk about Fire Safety. What a great week!

We are extremely lucky to be involved in the Bookmark Reading Programme this year. Today, we received a delivery of hundreds of books to be used to support the children in our school to develop their reading. We can't wait to share these books with our children and begin reading them together.

We hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing parents of Tokyo Class next Thursday 19th January at 2:15pm for their class reading session.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood  
 Head of School



### Weekly attendance for 9th - 13th 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 **90.4%**.

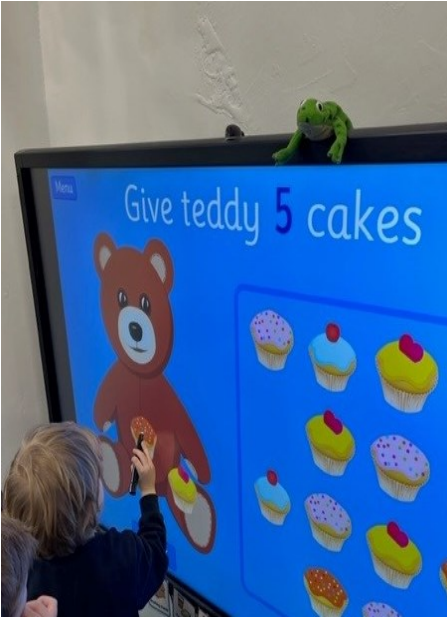
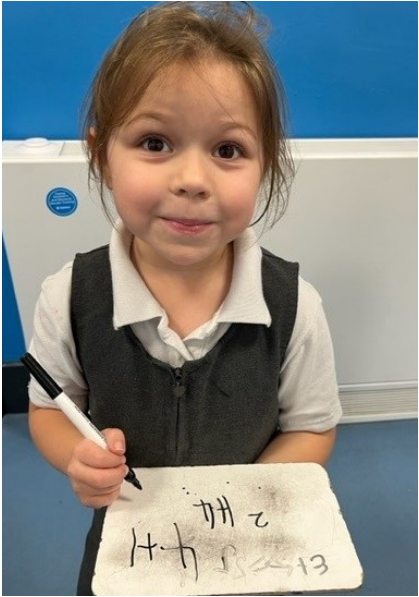
This week's winners are : **London Class** and **San Francisco** and **Tokyo Class**.

LONDON	98.7%
NAIROBI	88.0%
MOMBASA	92.5%
CAPE TOWN	94.0%



SAN FRANCISCO	94.4%
TOKYO	94.4%
SANTIAGO	87.9%
CANBERRA	88.4%
DUBAI	85.9%
OSLO	84.3%

London Class have been exploring all the different ways to make 5. We have been counting really carefully and learning how to record a number sentence with addition and equals signs.



On Tuesday, Year 5 visited Marjon Theatre and enjoyed a Fire Safety Talk in the afternoon.





Year 3 started their new topic "Master of Disaster" with a bang! We created volcanic eruptions and practised how to keep safe in the case of an earthquake.



Last week, KS1 children began their new theme: 'What's in the toy box?' with an exciting trip to watch a production of Pinocchio at the Theatre Royal. Children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and laughed all the way through!



# 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.







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.



## HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



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

### **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 register for your Tax Free Childcare Account.

[https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare?  
utm\\_source=childcarechoices&utm\\_medium=microsite](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare?utm_source=childcarechoices&utm_medium=microsite)

Please speak to Mrs Catherwood or Mrs Searle if you need any further support with this account.



**You might not realise you could get help with childcare costs**

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



Childcare Choices

## Meet our INCO

My name is Chelsea O'Brien, and I am very pleased to introduce myself as the Inclusion Coordinator at Weston Mill. I have been teaching for many years and have taught Nursery, Key Stage one, and Key stage two. Three years ago, I became the Inclusion Lead at another school in the Discovery MAT, which I thoroughly enjoy and where I will continue this role. I look forward to supporting our families and children at Weston Mill as Inclusion Coordinator.



A key part of my role is coordinating the provision for our children with special educational needs and ensuring they receive support they need. Good communication is vital for this, my aim is to get to know parents and work closely alongside you and other professionals to meet the best possible outcomes for your child/children. Please do get in touch if you have any worries or concerns. I am a parent myself, with a son and a daughter and know all about the thrills and challenges parenthood brings!

I will be at Weston Mill on Thursdays and Fridays. Please feel free to catch me on the playground or get in contact to organise a meeting.



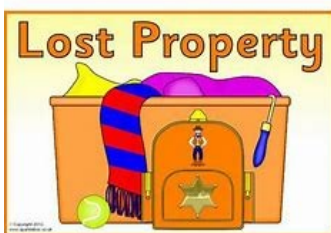
### Healthy Snacks

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.



**Next meeting: Friday 20th January at 2pm.**

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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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

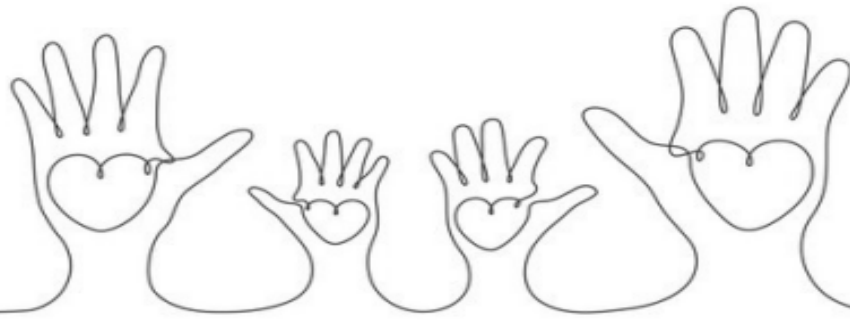
3rd February - PTFA Spring Disco Timings TBC

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



## “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.**





# 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



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Devon Primary SCITT has helped hundreds of people start successful and rewarding careers as Primary School Teachers.

Find out more about the DPSCITT course by joining one of our open evenings (5.00-6.30pm):

- Weds 11th Jan: **Exeter** - Trinity Primary School
- Tues 17th Jan: **Ivybridge** - Manor Primary School
- Weds 25th Jan: **Barnstaple** - Roundswell Primary
- Tues 7th Mar: **Online open evening** - via Zoom



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# 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, Cliffatford 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</b> Mainstone - 9.30 - 11	<b>Chatterbox</b> with baby weigh 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	
<b>Bookstart</b> Nomony - 9.30-10.30 16th Jan - 6th Feb 27th Feb - 20th March	★ <b>Step by step</b> Nomony 9.30 - 10.30 & 10.45-11.45 PLEASE BOOK	★ <b>Step by step</b> High View 12.30 - 1.30 & 1.45 - 2.45 PLEASE BOOK	<b>Multicultural Group</b> Onward House - 9.30 - 11	
★ <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	



Attention parents of San Francisco Class (Year 3, Mrs Abbott and Mrs Butson)! On Thursday 26th January, you are invited to join the children of San Francisco Class for their class assembly in the school hall at 2:30pm. Please arrive through the school office.

