

Friday 20th September 2024

Headteacher's update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been! Our Year 5 and 6 children had an exciting trip to Bishop Cornish for the AIM High Writing Day. They had the chance to write Calligram Poems and even act out parts of a story with the author Kev Payne. The children had a fantastic time, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and creativity.

We are also thrilled to announce that our Forest School is up and running after our staff have spent lots of time getting this ready! Children will have opportunities to explore and use this wonderful outdoor space, which will be a great addition to our learning environment.

In Year 2, the children had an amazing day with Samuel Pepys, bringing their history lessons to life as part of this term's topic. It was a truly memorable experience for them!

Important Reminders:

- Parent Forum is next Monday at 2:30 pm. This is a great chance to share your thoughts and hear about updates from the school.
- Phonics Workshop next Friday at 9:00 am. Please join us to learn more about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home.

If you are attending any secondary school open days, please let your child's class teacher know in advance.

A Few Gentle Reminders:

- Label belongings: We've already had quite a few items of uniform and lost property. Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.
- PE Kit: Please remember that no hoodies or jumpers are allowed for PE. Children should wear their school cardigan or jumper over their PE kit.
- Social Media Usage: There have been a few discussions around WhatsApp and social media use. We encourage parents to ensure their children understand the importance of online safety. More information will be shared soon.

Toys from Home: Please refrain from bringing toys to school. These often get lost or damaged, and we want to avoid any unnecessary upset.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to another great week ahead!

The Weston Mill Team

This week:

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Attendance

We are continuing to strive for our attendance target of 96% and are making some progress to achieving this and ensuring our children regularly attend school to achieve success. If your child's attendance is less than 90%, you will be asked to attend an attendance meeting with Mrs Gleed. It is important that these meetings are attended to ensure that we are providing the right support for your child to continue to attend school regularly. Our attendance policy can be accessed using the following link: weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies

A gentle reminder to parents that contact **must** be made with school on your child's first day of absence and each day until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council. Arriving late for school after 9.10am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Weekly attendance for 16th September to 20th September

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 95.4%

This week's winners are: MOZART Class and

TCHAIKOVSKY Class

MOZART	100%
PRICE	95.6%
ZIMMER	96.5%



BRITTEN	90.3%
DUN	95.7%
HOLST	91.3%
TCHAIKOVSKY	98.5%

Celebrating Success

Year	Value awards	Star Learners
Nursery	Albie	Rosa
Reception	Rabbi	Elizabeth
Year I	Morola	Albie
Year 2	Kenzie	Ava
Year 3	Aneya	Mason
Year 4	Cruiz	Lucas
Year 5	Marcie	Норе
Year 6	Amelia	Zuzanna

Our Learning

Nursery have really enjoyed exploring different kinds of fruit & vegetables this week, they particularly liked the Kiwi & Pepper



Our Learning

Last Friday, Samuel Pepys visited Year 2 and told us all about the Great Fire of London. He told us all about the fire and he helped to understand the events which led to the disaster. We took part in different activities and we even dressed up as the people of the time of The Great fire of London! It was a great introduction to our Historic topic.

















School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct school uniform. If you require additional items of school uniform, please speak to Mrs Lavers who will be more than happy to help from our spare uniform.

Compulsory Uniform Items

Navy school jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)



White or blue polo shirt (with or without the school logo)



Trousers or shorts, or skirt (mid grey)







School Uniform

Update Below!

Parents are reminded that their child should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days. We ask that children wear their school jumper/cardigan as part of their PE kit only. **Hoodies are no longer permitted.** We appreciate your continued support and invite parents to speak with Mrs Lavers if they require any support for any items of uniform.



Job Vacancy









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Open Days



Important Dates

Class Assembly Dates

Year 6 Friday 18th October 2024 @ 9.15

Year 5 Friday 22nd November 2024 @ 9.15

Year 4 Friday 31st January 2025 @ 9.15

Year 3 Friday 14th February2025 @ 9.15

Year 2 Friday 21st March 2025 @ 9.15

Year I Friday 4th April 2025 @ 9.15

Year EYFS Friday 23rd May 2025 @ 9.15



Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

For all events and any changes click below:

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar



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Year 4	s.mann@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 5	a.hewlett@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 6	l.wallace@discoverymat.co.uk