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Newsletter 15th December 2023

We have had a fantastic festive week! We are so thankful for the donations parents have made this week towards Project 35 appeal for Plymouth Argyle and our Christmas Fayre. The PTFA have made an incredible £450 at this week's Christmas Fayre, which will be used to support the children at our school. It was lovely to see the children getting creative to make their items to sell too and a profit for their class Christmas parties next week.

Next Tuesday, we have our school Christmas Carol concert at 2pm. We are looking forward to joining in some Christmas Carols together. The PTFA will be selling hot drinks and snack at this event too. Remember to wrap up warm as this event will be outside, weather permitting.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood
Head of School

Discovery MAT is keen to further our practice regarding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). As part of this we are currently working towards

an EDI Quality Mark and would appreciate some parental engagement. If you would like to be part of this process please email our Trust Inclusion Lead

L.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk

FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR

ZOE LAVERS

Lost Property

Misplaced a lunchbox or water bottle?

Have a look at the rail of lost property. Just inside the Playground door to Main Reception Area.



Have you forgotten to take home a jumper or cardigan?

We try our best to return any property that is named to its owner. Please try to name everything that might get misplaced.

TRAVELLING ON CITY BUS PLYMOUTH

From Christmas Light switch on – to festive nights out PLYMOUTH CITY BUS can take you there for just £2

ALL ADULT SINGLE FARES are £2.

FOR EVERY WEEKEND from SATURDAY 18th November kids under 16 can travel free with a fare paying adult.

UNDER 16s up to 3 children can travel with 1 Fare paying adult.

Group for Under Fives.
Wednesday Mornings 9-10 am
Sign in at Reception and come along to the Library.

THERE WILL BE NO GROUP FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM, BUT WILL RESUME AFTER CHRISTMAS.



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St Philips Church, Bridwell Road, Weston Mill.

Carol Service 6pm on Sunday 17th

All welcome!





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.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY & ATTENDANCE

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 **PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD IN, GIVE REASON FOR LATENESS AND ADD LUNCH CHOICE.**

Please be aware that crossing patrol is available for children arriving to school between 8:40 and 9.10am each morning. There will be no crossing patrol after 9.10am each morning.

Important reminder: the school register is taken at 08.55am!

BEING LATE AFFECTS YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

Children arriving after this time will be registered late, which has an enormous impact on attendance figures.

After 9.10am it is recorded as an **unauthorized** absence. By law we are required to register in this way. We must also report to the **Educational Welfare Officer** if your child has had over a certain amount of unauthorized absences

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. **Failure to do so will also result in an Unauthorized absence.**

Let's work on improving our attendance together!

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

Please see our **Attendance Policy**

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies](#)

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?



There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

Did you know?

- ✚ The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.
- ✚ It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

Some Gains for Your Child

Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- ✚ Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- ✚ Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- ✚ Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- ✚ Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- ✚ Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- ✚ Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COOL!

HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?



Are these some reasons why your child does not get to school on time?

- ✚ Your child won't go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
- ✚ Your child can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag....
- ✚ The school lunches are not ready
- ✚ Homework's not done
- ✚ Your child is slow to eat breakfast
- ✚ Your child is watching TV late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- ✚ It's your child's or someone else's birthday
- ✚ There is a test or presentation at school today
- ✚ Your child is screaming or not letting go of you.

Things to Try

Here are some suggestions based on setting regular routines:

- ✚ Have a set time to go to bed
- ✚ Have a set time to be out of bed
- ✚ Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- ✚ Make lunches the night before
- ✚ Have set time for starting and ending breakfast.
- ✚ Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with the TV off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished.
- ✚ Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate.
- ✚ Be firm that children must go to school.
- ✚ Give your child lots of positive encouragement and acknowledge they are organized and get to school on time.
- ✚ Be firm; a birthday does not equal a holiday.
- ✚ On arrival look for some of your child's friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends.
- ✚ Once settled leave quickly.

REGULAR ROUTINES ARE IMPORTANT

Why does attendance matter?

- You fall behind in work and lessons.
- You have lower motivation to be here at all.
- Your enjoyment of learning is less.
- You have less chance of achieving GCSEs.
- You're more likely to show poor behaviour
- You miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences.
- It effects your ability to have or keep friendships



LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/ she misses the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.



Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

Weekly attendance for 11th-15th December

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 **92.2%**

This week's winners are : **EVERSON Class** and
BROWN Class



DALEY	100%
BOLT	88.5%
EVERSON	91.7%

WHITLOCK	89.3%
AINSLIE	91%
ADAMS	90.7%
BROWN	91.3%



Oak Villa Car Park

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.

Christmas Teddy

Bears Picnic

Tuesday 19th December



To celebrate the end of term Murray & Daley classes will be having a teddy bears picnic.

On this day, your child can bring in a teddy from home.

****Picnic snacks will be provided from school****

Christmas Dates at Weston Mill

Monday 11th December – Argyle Mufti & Assembly

Tuesday 12th December – EYFS Nativity at 9:30am (parents welcome)

Wednesday 13th December – Festive Mufti – Bring a coloured item as shared
- Christmas Lunch
- EYFS Nativity at 2pm (parents welcome)

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Fayre at 2pm (parents welcome)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper day
- Trust Christmas Concert at Oakwood at 10:30am
(parents welcome)
- EYFS Christmas Come and Play at 2pm
(parents welcome)

Monday 18th December – EYFS & KS1 Stay and Play Hub Visit at 10am

Tuesday 19th December – Class Christmas Parties
- Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm (parents welcome)

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 NUTRITION FOR ALL. SUPPORTING POSITIVE
 BEHAVIOUR. COLLABORATING TOGETHER.

VEGANUARY

A MONTH OF MIGHTY MEAT FREE MEALS
 JANUARY 2024

SCHOOL

WK 2 MAIN CHOICES

- > QUORN NUGGETS WITH SAVOURY RICE VEGETABLE PASTA BAKE
- > BEAN & RICE BURRITO
- > VEGAN SHEPHERDS PIE

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SCHOOL

WK 1 MAIN CHOICES

- > VEGAN BOLOGNAISE PASTA BAKE
- > VEGAN BALLS WITH MIXED VEGETABLE RICE VEGAN ALL DAY BREAKFAST
- > VEGAN MINCE AND ONION PIE (SLICED POTATO TOP) & GRAVY

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VEGANUARY

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SCHOOL

WK 3 MAIN CHOICES

- > QUORN DIPPERS WITH SEASONED WEDGES & TOMATO DIP
- > VEGAN SAUSAGE SAVOURY RICE
- > VEGETABLE BUBBLE AND SQUEAK

ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS



JANUARY VEGANUARY (ALL MONTH)

We will be focusing on the dishes on the menu that are vegetarian.



FEBRUARY CHINESE NEW YEAR (FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY)

Year of the dragon!



MARCH WORLD BOOK DAY (THURSDAY 7TH MARCH)

Dishes that celebrate the wonderful world of literature.



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At CATERed, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesome! Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingredients we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.

We use:-

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackerel
- Free range eggs (including in our mayonnaise)
- Westcountry milk
- Westcountry yoghurts
- Organic herbs
- No fried food
- Fairtrade sugar
- Wholemeal flour
- Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

Please visit our pages at www.catered.org.uk

UFSM: All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a **FREE** school meal every day regardless of household circumstances. This is called universal infant free school meals. So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing!

We encourage everyone to take up this free offer!

FSM: If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child under aged 7 and for older children, information about free school meals can be found by following the link to **Free** School Meals within the CATERed webpages or by calling the FSM team on 01752 307410. Eligibility for FSM also provides schools with additional income via the Pupil Premium.

We encourage everyone one who's eligible to take up this free offer!

If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals including a drink currently costs £2.80.

For a full allergen breakdown please contact us at catering@catered.org.uk, let us know what school your child attends so we can talk through the menu offer currently at that school.

Mandatory Food Standards apply to all school lunches details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>



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FOOD Plymouth

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CRISTOPHER FISHER

ORACLE FOOD SUPPLY ALLIANCE

PLM Partnership Agreement with Plymouth City Council

SUGAR SNAKE

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Tell Ed!
We want to know what you think about our food so if you have any questions, comments or want to send us some recipe ideas contact us on 01752 977166 or by email catering@catered.org.uk