Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Friday 24th January 2025

This week:

Headteacher's update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the halfway point in term three, we thought it might be nice to capture a few moments of reflection from some of the children related to their experiences so far.

Year five have sadly said goodbye to their daily visit to the Life Centre and their swimming lessons. Here are some reflections from them:

Amelia: Before I went, I couldn't swim – after two weeks I'd learnt to swim on my front and on my back. In week three I learnt a lot about lifesaving.

Sienna: On my first day, I was really nervous but by day two I really enjoyed it. Today was our fun day – we got to go on the slides and jump in. We played with the water toys which was great fun. The maths trip last week really linked well to the value for the week of being ambitious. Our AIM high mathematicians really enjoyed their visit:

Travis: We got the chance to do lots of mini puzzles with shapes and dominos. The puzzles were both fun and hard. I managed to solve most of them but some were really tricky.

Vihana: I was able most of the tricky puzzles, they were pretty fun as well. Even though they were tricky I never gave up.

Aneya: My favourite part of the day was when we had to try and make a rectangle out of dominos where they had to add to seven. It was fun to meet children from the other schools and I sat next to one of them on the bus.

Mason: Most of the activities were really hard, I made a rectangle out of seven, but I had to use all of the dominos. By the end I felt really tired, but I also felt really smart.

Next week sees the return of partner in the health service to administer the fluoride application for children in both Foundation Stage and Year One.

We also wish Year 4 (Tan Dun Class) the best of luck as they prepare for their class assembly which will take place on Friday next week. Keep an eye out for reminders on Social Media.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Weston Mill Team

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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.

| <u>Weekly</u> | <u>/ attendanc</u> | <u>ce for 20th Janua</u> | r <u>y to 24th Jan</u> | <u>uary</u> |
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| | | n is 96%. We are strivi ik between attendance | • | |
| | This week, ou | ur whole school attend | ance is 94.2% | |
| This week's | winners are : | DUN Class, HOLST C | lass and MOZA | RT Class. |
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| | | | | |
| | | | BRITTEN | 87.8% |
| MOZART | 96.4% | | DUN | 95.9% |
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| PRICE | 92.7% | | HOLST | 95.9% |

Celebrating Success

| Year | Value awards: | Star Learners |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Nursery | Delilah | Mohammed |
| Reception | Myah | Youseff |
| Year I | Aria | Сору |
| Year 2 | Oliver & Avery | Bonnie |
| Year 3 | Lucas | Connor E |
| Year 4 | Freddie W | Evie |
| Year 5 | Lola | Lillianna |
| Year 6 | Connor | Тоbу С |

'The children in Nursery enjoyed exploring the Space Tuff Tray. They used the tweezers to find the twinkly stars hidden in the glittery foam. We heard lots of new words such as; "it's so soft". "it smells like bubblegum". "i made a line".

The children extended their play by using their fingers to mark make in the foam.















This week Nursery/Brahms class have started visiting the Library. The children will be bringing books home that they have chosen themselves. Please ensure these are returned to school every day.

Reading to your children from an early age helps develop their cognitive development and ability to hold concentration. It enables children to build their communication and language skills!

Enjoy reading with your children 🛛















What a wonderful week of learning we have had already! Mozart Class have been continuing their superhero writing in Literacy for 'Juniper Jupiter' and loved creating dens and hideouts practising their rescuing skills. We have learnt facts and the names of the planets, creating them using colouring mixing and marble painting. In Maths we have explored number bonds to 5 and partitioning into 2 groups. The children have shown great confidence and enthusiasm for exploring new skills this week. We are very proud of them!

















Zimmer Class was very lucky today to have some visitors to come and talk to us about oral health.

We watched a video about Geoffrey the Giant who doesn't like to look after his teeth and has never visited the dentist! With the help of his friends Geoffrey learns some important key oral health messages which are vital to help keep his mouth and teeth healthy. Some of the things that Geoffrey and his friends taught us were: how often to clean our teeth, how often to visit the dentist and when is the best time to have sugary treats. It was a fun way to learn how to look after our teeth. At the end, we received a book and some goodies to help us look after our teeth!







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.

here's a 10% discount code for your parents to save money on uniform from MyClothing.

Code = UNIFORM10% Expires = 31/03/2025

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. <u>Hoodies are no longer permitted</u>. We appreciate your continued support and invite parents to speak with Mrs Lavers if they require any support for any items of uniform.



Class Assembly Dates

Year 4 Friday 31st January 2025 @ 9.15

Year 3 Friday 14th February2025 @ 9.15

Year 2 Friday 21st March 2025 @ 9.15

Year | Friday 4th April 2025 @ 9.15

Year EYFS Friday 23rd May 2025 @ 9.15



Dates for your Diary

For all events and any changes click below:

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar



Mozart Class parents are invited to share a story with your child on Thursday 30th January at 2.30pm with Mrs Zoe Lavers.





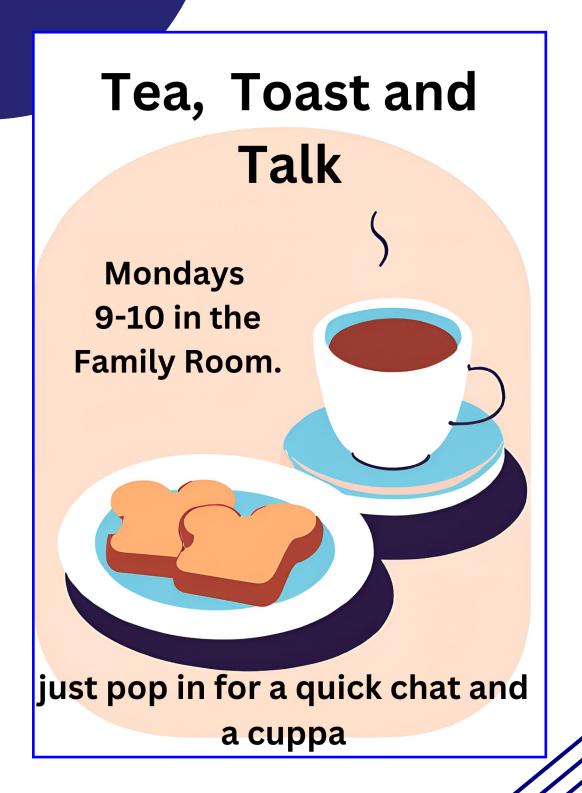
Join us for the next PTFA Meeting on Friday 7th February at 9:15 AM in the library.

It is a great opportunity to get involved, share ideas and support our school community. Whether you're a regular attendee or new to the PTFA, everyone is welcome. We will be thinking about events we can plan for this term up until Easter. We look forward to seeing you there!





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PERMANENT VACANCY

CLEANER X2

Grade A Point 2

12.5 hours per week

Oakwood Primary Academy

We currently have a cleaner vacancy available based at Oakwood Primary Academy.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete an application form which can be found via the Discovery MAT/Oakwood Primary Academy websites

Closing Date: Friday 31st January 2025 at 9am. Interview Date: W/C 10th February 2025

Discovery Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references and online checks will be sought for all shortlisted candidates and all shortlisted candidates will be requested to complete a questionnaire about any convictions or adult cautions that are unspent. Guidance will be given to those shortlisted

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Email Addresses to Remember

| | Email Addresses to Remember |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Nursery | j.bulley@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Reception | n.gray@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Year I | j.gooding@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Year I | I.field@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Year 2 | k.kombostiotis@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Year 3 | j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Year 4 | j.butson@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Year 4 | s.mann@discoverymat.co.uk |
| Year 5 | <u>a.hewlett@discoverymat.co.uk</u> |
| Year 6 | I.wallace@discoverymat.co.uk |

Family Support Team



Mr Steve Mann Assistant Head of School

Deputy Designated Lead for Safeguarding Safeguarding Behaviour Attendance Family Support

Mrs Zoe Lavers

Family Support worker First Contact to Signpost Parents Foodbank Courses for parents/Carers Services Families Community Support School Life Parents Questions & An-

swers Local Issues

Coffee mornings

Under 5 Group

Mrs Becca Gleed Head of School Designated Lead for Safeguarding Education and Curriculum PTFA Contact Family Support

Mrs Laura Harris INCO SEND Support SEND and Behaviour Support for Parents School Nurse Referrals

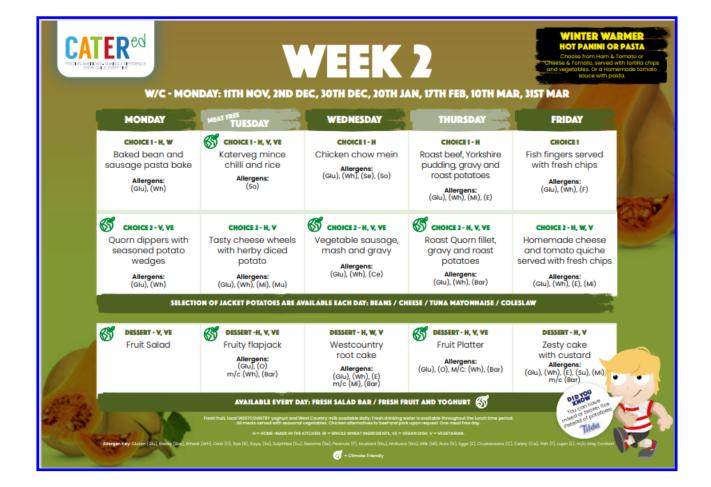
DLA Applications

GP Letters

Please note week 3 Friday will be fishfingers instead of fishcakes. Hot paninis will be available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cheese or Ham.



| W/C - MON | IDAY: 4TH NOV, 25TH N | 10V, 16TH DEC, 13TH J4 | N, 3RD FEB, 3RD MAR | , 24TH MAR |
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| MEAT FREE MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| CHOICE1- H, W, V, Margherita pizza with potato wedges Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (£) | CHOICE 2 - H, W Chicken curry with rice Allergens: (Su) | All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option | CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Giu), (Wh,)(Mi), (E) | CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) |
| Katerveg meatballs served with homemade tomato sauce & pasta Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (So) | Choice J - H, Y, VE Chickpea & sweetcorn burger served in a bun with potato wedges Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (Mi, (So) | Meat Option Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) Climate Friendly Allergens: (Giu), (Wh) | CHOICE 2 - H, V Golden pastry topped vegetable pie, gravy & roast potato Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce) | CHOICE 2 - H, Y Tangy cheese, quinoa & vegetable muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (GIu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) |
| SELECTI | ON OF JACKET POTATOES ARE A | VAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CH | IEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / CO | LESLAW |
| S DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad | DESSERT - H, W, V Butternut and date cake Allergens: (Wh), (E) | Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices Allergens: (Giu), (M), (E) | Fruit platter or Yoghurt (su), (M) | Fruity cornflake tart with custard Allergens: (Wh), (Bar) |



| CATER ^{ed} | | YEEK 9TH DEC, 6TH JAN, 27 | | HOT PANINI OR P Choose from Ham & Tor Choose & a Tormato, served with and vegetables. Or a Hommer souce with pasta |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | MEAT FREE WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| CHOICE 1 - H, W Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy Allergens: (GIU)(Wh) m/c (Mi)(Bar) | CHOICE 1 - H Chicken paella | CHOICE1- H, V, VE Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread & pasta Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se) | CHOICE I - H Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy & roast potatoes Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (E) | CHOICE 1 - H Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips Allergens: (Giu), (wh), (F), (E) |
| CHOICE 3 - H, V Crispy samosa with rice Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (E) | CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn nuggets with diced potato Allergens: (Gu), (Wh) | CHOICE 1 - H, V Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c(Se) | Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy & roast potatoes Allergens: m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar) | CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh) |
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| Fruit salad | DESSERT - H, V Orange honey cake Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (Mi), (E) | Custard biscuits with fruit slices Allergens: (Gu), (Wh) | State of the second sec | Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce Allergens: (Giu)(Wh)(E)(Mi) m/c(Bar) |
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Head Lice

Dear Parents

RE: HEAD LICE

Following a few cases of head lice at school, please use the information on this sheet when you look through your child's hair.

FOR THE FOLLOWING TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE WE ADIVSE THE FOLLOWING: -

IT IS MUCH EASIER TO CHECK FOR HEAD LICE IF YOU HAVE WET HAIR.

Wash your child's hair and rinse.

Put conditioner on the hair and comb through (roots to ends) with a head lice comb. Rinse off conditioner as normal.

If you find head lice, please repeat this every day for ten days. You should then get rid of all the lice.

Please repeat for each member of the family, if you find head lice. If you have big problems please visit your GP surgery, where they may prescribe lotion to treat.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EGGS NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT ONE AT A TIME. COMBS OR LOTION DO NOT GET RID OF THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE GLUED TO THE HAIR.

Please see the NHS advice below for further information. Head lice and nits - NHS

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Any parents who missed the consenting process and still wish their child to have the flu vaccine, please ask call 01392 342 678 and a consent form can be completed over the phone and you will be assisted with booking into one of our community clinics to have the vaccination done.

Anyone who has already completed a consent form and their child did not get the vaccine for any reason will automatically receive and email inviting them book into a community clinic.

