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Newsletter 24th March 2023

Children in Key Stage 1 have been working on an integrated project with Miss Priest one of our SCITT Students. The children have been learning about the local area and they used the work of Matisse to create their final piece of work, which has been displayed in our school hall. Mrs Hawker will be sharing pictures on Facebook next week of the work that children have completed as part of this project.



School attendance and punctuality remains a focus for us as we move to the Summer

Term. Over the last few weeks, parents have been invited to meet with me to discuss barriers to school attendance, so that we can continue to support the families of our school. If you have received a letter, and are unable to attend your appointment, please contact Mrs Powney in the school office to rearrange your appointment.

Next week, Year 3 and 4 have their fashion show on Thursday 30th March (A letter has been sent out from the Year 3/4 team to share this information related to this event.). We also have a Year 1 Phonics parents meeting on Thursday 30th at 2:30pm with Mrs Hawker for parents in the school library. Please arrive through the school office for this session.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

Weekly attendance for 20th March - 24th March

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 **88.5%**

This week's winners are : **Cape Town Class** and **Canberra Class**

LONDON	87.4
NAIROBI	80.5
MOMBASA	89.1
CAPE TOWN	93.8



SAN FRANCISCO	90.0
TOKYO	81.3
SANTIAGO	85.4
CANBERRA	93.9
DUBAI	85.0
OSLO	92.5

Communication and Reminders



We use **ParentPay** as our main method to communicate **important messages**, send weekly newsletters, book breakfast and after school club, payments for school dinners, clubs, educational visits (including residential) and discos.

As a school, 20% of our ParentPay accounts have **not** been activated. If you do not currently have access to your ParentPay account, **PLEASE** speak to Mrs Searle or Mrs Powney in the school office.

We kindly ask that all parents sign into their ParentPay account and ensure that their personal details are correct.

We ask that you ensure a mobile number and email address has been added to your account, so all future information is received.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR DETAILS ARE ALWAYS KEPT UP TO DATE!



Oak Villa Car Park

Following an incident, 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.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

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 to ensure that your child is registered and their lunch choice has been taken.

Please be aware that crossing patrol is available for children arriving to school between 8:30 and 9am each morning. There will be NO crossing patrol after 9am each morning.

Important reminder: the school register is taken at 08:55am!

Children arriving after this time will be registered late, which has an enormous impact on attendance figures. By law we are required to register in this way. On average around 10% of our children are registered late everyday!

Let's work on improving our attendance together!

EAT THEM TO DEAFEAT THEM!

Last week of...EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM on our school dinner menu. This week on Tuesday 28th March it will be....



Hasta La Vista Veggies!

The vegetables have been spotted in the deep dark jungles of Central and South America. These fiendish vegetables have disguised themselves inside your favourite chilli dishes such as tacos, fajita, and nachos. Your mission is to find them, eat them to defeat them and then let out our victory cheer "Hasta La Vista Veggies!"

Chilli, any style

CHILLI QUEST

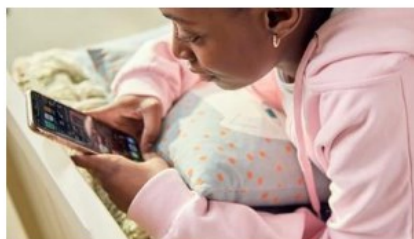
You can find more information on the EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM ON THE WEBSITE BELOW:

[Home - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)

NEW MENU STARTING FROM 17TH APRIL

This will be shared next week on ParentPay.

FREE NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers



The NSPCC is running a series of free **Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers**.

Core Content - The workshops are 1 hour and will help parents and carers to find out about:

- What children and young people are doing online
- Parental concerns
- What the risks are for young people in terms of what they see, do, and who they meet online
- How to manage these risks as a parent/carer
- Sources of help and support

Each workshop will also focus on a combination of the following topics:

- Gaming
- Social Media
- Online Bullying
- Parental controls
- Mental health and well being
- Modelling good behaviour
- Online challenges, hoaxes and scams
- Persuasive design and screen time vs screen use

We would encourage that a lead professional from your setting is present on the training, so that you are aware of any concerns and can follow up appropriately. You will also benefit from hearing the same key messages as your parent/carer community. However, this isn't mandatory.

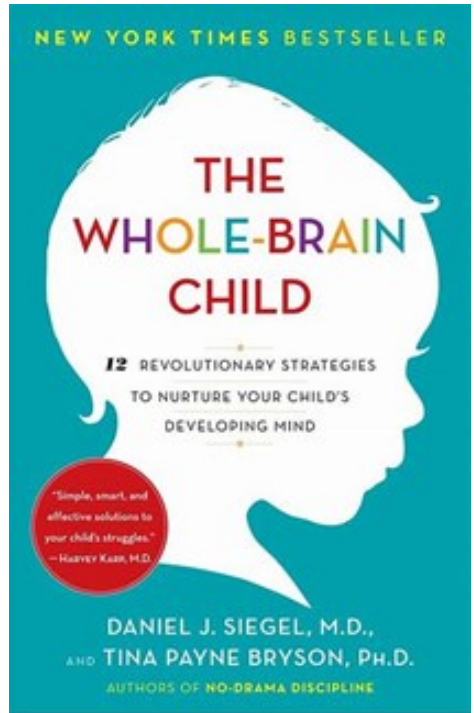
For more information and to request joining details please email parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk

Date	Time	Content
22 March	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Mental Wellbeing + Online Bullying
28 March	6-7pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Online Friendships
5 April	4-5pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Bullying + Parental Controls
11 April	7-8pm	Core + Online bullying, social media +modelling good behaviour
19 April	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Parental Controls
25 April	4-5pm	Core + gaming, parental controls & bullying

STRATEGY #7
INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"...



... TRY REMEMBER TO REMEMBER



Some of the teachers across have been reading this book and are keen to share some of the strategies with you. These are things that we will be using in our classrooms and HUTs but also things that the group have used to support their own children and families at home. If you would like further information or ideas to support your child's behaviour please contact your schools Family Support Worker.

Weston Mill – m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk



Early Years Stay & Play

Monday 27th March 2pm

Join your child in our Foundation learning environment where there will be a selection of Easter arts and crafts



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.





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.

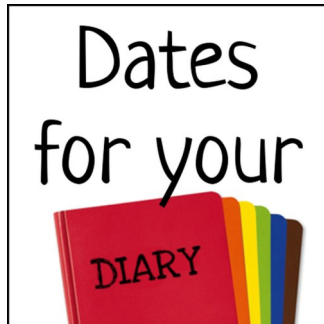
**Please see the contact details below to
express an interest in applying for a
nursery place.**



For more information, please contact the
school on **01752 365250** or email
westomill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk.

TOYS IN SCHOOL

There has been an increase in children bringing toys to school over the last few weeks, including Pokemon cards. Please ensure your child is not bringing toys into school unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school INCO Mrs O'Brien, to support SEND needs or for a class event.



March

27th March- Plymouth and London: Easter Stay & Play @2pm-3pm

28th March - Canberra Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

30th March -Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Session @ 2:30pm

30th March -Year 3 and 4 Fashion Show (Final Destination Presentation)

31st March - Reports sent home

31st March - Spring Term ends

April

17th April - Start of Summer Term

20th April - Santiago Class Assembly

20th April– New Date School Photographs

24th April - Bedtime Story Reading Session @5pm

24th April-Paediatric First Aid Course for Parents 12.45pm-2.45pm.

27th April - London Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm

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.**



BUBBLES
GROUPED BY AGE

5-7 yrs old
8-9 yrs old
10-13 yrs old



£22
9AM-4PM DAY
+ WRAPAROUND CARE OPTION
8.15AM - 5.15PM

EASTER CAMP

3RD-4TH & 13TH-14TH APRIL 2023

EGGBUCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EACH DAY...



★ TRAIN AS A TEAM ★

Bring your team mates and all improve together.

One team space available each day only - Suitable for teams ages Under 7's - Under 12's

TOURNAMENT DAY ON FRIDAY 14TH APRIL!

BOOK NOW @

www.high5sportscamps.co.uk



WEEKLY MASTERCLASS SESSIONS RUN BY CHARLIE LEGG
ALSO AVAILABLE AT EGGBUCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Every Monday & Thursday, 4-5.30pm during term time.

Email: info@high5sportscamps.co.uk to book a place



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School Uniform.

Over the last few weeks we have noticed children coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform. As part of our home-school agreement, we ask that our children come to school dressed in their school uniform and with the correct PE kit. Your child's class teacher will have notified you of PE days, but we recommend having a PE kit in school each day. Please see details of the our school uniform below.

School uniform at Weston Mill is as follows:

Navy jumper or sweatshirt

White or light blue shirt or polo shirt

Grey trousers or skirt

Black school shoes

PE kit:

White t-shirt

Plain Black/Navy shorts or jogging bottoms

Trainers





Paediatric First Aid

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy will be hosting a paediatric first aid course. This will be held in the library and the course will be held by On Course South West.

The course will be on **Monday 24th April at 12.45pm** and will run for 2 hours. Please use the link on our Facebook page to book your place.

If you have any questions or would like a link emailed, please email Maggie at m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk.

PTFA Egg Decorating Competition



The PTFA are hosting an egg decorating competition. We would like to see your eggcellent creativity! Decorate an egg and bring this into school on Friday. This will then be judged and a winner will be announced.



PSSP NEW AGE KURLING

23/03/2023



Notre Dame Sports Leaders

Intent:
Build confidence to engage in physical activity.
Learn to play with others.
Develop sport specific skills and understanding.

23/03/2023 – An exciting afternoon at Notre Dame today for our first in a series of PSSP Primary Inclusion New Age Kurling events. Children from 7 schools came along to take part in this target-based sport that has been adapted from curling so that it can be played indoors, on a flat surface. Today we had children representing St. Peter's RC, St. Paul's RC, St. Edward's CofE, Holy Cross, Pennycross, Weston Mill and Keyham Barton. On arrival, the teams were greeted by a fab team of sports leaders from Notre Dame and introduced to the game. In New Age Kurling, each player delivers a 'stone' towards the target at the other end by sliding it smoothly across the floor. The score is then determined by the number of stones closest to the centre of the target. After some time for practice, we got straight into it. Today's event was all about meeting new people, trying a new sport and most importantly, having some fun. When I asked at the end if they would all like to come back again to play again, it was a resounding yes so I think I can safely say that they all enjoyed it. Thank you to the brilliant sports leaders – you really made this event a special one for all who came along. Check out the PSSP website for all upcoming events.

Claire Cormack & Howard Turner
Plymouth School Sports Partnership
PE Specialist Teachers





Eggsplorer Trail

1st April to 16th April
Chocolate Rewards!



£3.00 per child to participate. Trail available at Visitor Reception.
*Mini chocolate egg and a free Easter Biscuit
in our cafe included with each trail.
Also plant a free sunflower and see how tall it will grow!*

Garden entry is required for non-members. (Under 5s FREE)
Entry for Members includes up to 3 children or grand-children for FREE.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10.30am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm)
OPEN Easter Monday

www.thegardenhouse.org.uk Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton PL20 7LQ

Gifted Women Employability Programme

What can I expect?

Over 12 group work sessions we will spend time together as a group of women who are all there to support each other through this exciting new chapter. The group is lots of fun and sessions are always interactive and (hopefully) never boring!

We will:

- work on our self confidence together.
- work on our communication skills.
- think about how we look after ourselves and stay well.
- have fun and make new friends who will be cheering us on.
- think about our goals and plan for the future.
- look at how we manage our money and making sure we're on the right benefits etc.
- look at what kind of jobs we could do.
- start thinking about how we could find a job if we wanted one, and prepare for that.
- learn about what would be expected of us in workplace.
- have the option to do a work experience placement in a local business.

We will not:

- be made to find work.
- have our benefits messed up.
- have to do anything we aren't comfortable to do.

THE GROUP RUNS ON WEDNESDAYS FOR 12 WEEKS, ON MUTLEY PLAIN

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