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Newsletter 3rd March 2023

Happy World Book Day!

Today the children have had great fun coming to school dressed up in celebration of World Book Days. They have enjoyed different activities within their classes today and participated in a reading carousel where the children selected the classroom to visit for this afternoon's story time. Each class decorated their classroom door based on their favourite book - I was so impressed with their creativity. It has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm for reading develop this year and the whole school coming together to celebrate the importance of reading.

Next week, some children from Year 4 and 5 will be heading off to Nethercott Farm. We look forward to seeing you all at 8:30am on Monday morning. Children will be leaving school via coach at 10am. We will keep you all updated on Facebook with what the children are doing over the week.

We also have Mombasa's Celebration of Learning next Tuesday (7th March) at 2:15pm. We look forward to welcoming you in to school to spend some time with your child and celebrating their learning.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

Weekly attendance for 27th February - 3rd 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 81.5%

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

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| LONDON | 83.5 |
| NAIROBI | 86.0 |
| MOMBASA | 86.7 |
| CAPE TOWN | 88.0 |



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| SAN FRANCISCO | 75.0 |
| TOKYO | 71.3 |
| SANTIAGO | 72.5 |
| CANBERRA | 78.3 |
| DUBAI | 75.9 |
| OSLO | 88.0 |

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS

Happy World Book Day

What is World Book Day? It is about celebrating books and reading all year round.

Did you know that
Reading for pleasure ...

Increases
a child's
mental
health

Increases
your child's
reading
skills

Increases
your child's
likelihood of
being successful

Is about
reading
what you
choose

Reading for
pleasure can
look like:

- Listening to an audiobook and available from libraries
- Reading on a device
- Reading the football programme
- Reading a magazine or newspaper
- Listening to someone read aloud
- Reading manga or comic strips

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Celebrating World Book Day at Weston Mill 2023

This year, to celebrate World Book Day, each class decorated their classroom door to show reflect their favourite book. We are so pleased with the finished designs. They all look amazing!

KSI Classrooms



Foundation and Nursery





Key Stage 2



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.

Communication and Reminders



We have been contacted by some parents to share that they did not receive email communication yesterday related to the strike day. We use ParentPay to communicate weekly newsletters and important messages with parents, via their email and messaging systems, as well as our booking system for breakfast and after school club and payment for school dinners and educational visits. 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.



Oak Villa Car Park

Following an incident earlier in the week, please ensure any parents using the Oak Villa Car Park take care when driving in, our and around the car park space. This is to ensure that all children remain safe whilst arriving and leaving school each day. We appreciate your support with this to support our school community.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Children arriving at school before 9:10am should do so through the gate onto the playground and through their normal entrance door. For children arriving to school after 9:10am, the main office door should be used to ensure that your child is registered and their lunch choice has been taken.

This main office door must not be used as a drop off point for children in the morning prior to 9:10am, unless there has been an arrangement made with Mrs Catherwood or Mrs O'Brien.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

After half term, EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM is back in our school dinner menu. The menu from week commencing 20th February on a Tuesday will be as follows:

Week 1: Tuesday Menu - 7th March 2023

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



Week 2: Tuesday Menu - 14th March 2023

Feel my power!

Hey, you like pasta? We've heard the vegetables have taken over the pasta. Next time you see pasta, search out the vegetables, pick them out, and then defeat them in the only way possible – eat them, eat them, eat them and then let out your victory cry "Feel my power!"

Lasagna or pasta bake



Week 3: Tuesday menu choice: 21st March 2023



Dig for Victory!

The carrots have tunnelled their way to the centre of earth. You'll need to break through the earth's crust, dig through the steaming hot lava and find the veggies – then eat them to defeat them. Say "dig for victory" and start your journey.

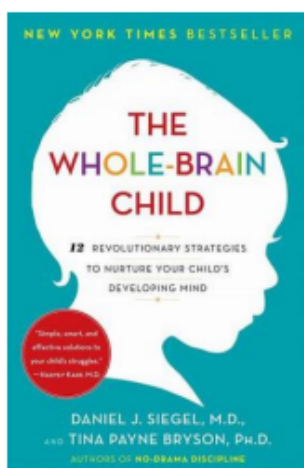
Cottage pie

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mrs Cooper-Smith, our Trust Inclusion Lead, is conducting a survey on Parental Wellbeing. We would really appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

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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.

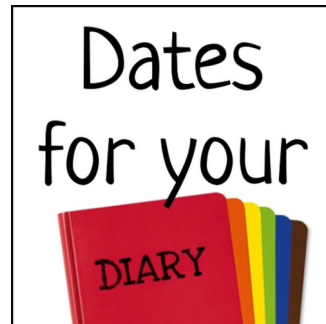
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TOYS IN SCHOOL

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

- 6th - 10th March - Year 4 and 5 Nethercott Farm
- 7th March - Mombasa Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm (New date)
- 14th March - Dubai Class Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm
- 16th March - Year 2 SATs Parent Information Session @ 2:30pm
- 23rd March - Nairobi Class Assembly @ 2:30pm
- 28th March - Canberra Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm
- 30th March - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Session @ 2:30pm
- 31st March - Reports sent home
- 31st March - Spring Term ends

April

- 17th April - Start of Summer Term
- 18th April - School Photographs
- 20th April—Santiago Class Assembly
- 24th April—Bedtime Story Reading Session @5pm
- 27th April—London Class Reading Session @ 2:15pm

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

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Facebook page - Weston Mill
Community Primary

**You can also check our website for
latest news, dates and letters.**

