Chief Executive Officer: Mrs Alison Nettleship Head of School: Mrs Kathryn Catherwood Assistant Head of School: Mrs Chelsea O'Brien & Mrs Becca Gleed.



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Newsletter 6th October 2023



We have had another busy week. Year 6 had a fantastic time at STEMFEST this week the National Marine Aquarium. The children were Marine Biologist and discovered and explored the ocean and the creatures that live in it. The children learnt about Charle Darwin, his voyages and scientific discoveries. The children also used their STEM skills to develop scientific investigations and pursue lines of enquiry. Photos will be shared this afternoon on Facebook of this trip.

Next Friday, will be our first Parent Forum meeting. I would like to thank the parents who have already contacted Mrs Powney to register their interest. This is a great opportunity for parents to contribute to discussions about our school and the opportunities we provide for our children. Please email Mrs Powney on westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk if you would like to attend this meeting next Friday 13th October at 9am.

We are seeing an increase in the amount of lost property being collected in the reception area. If your child has lost any items of school uniform, please check as it may be within our lost property area. Please can I ask all parents to check that their child has not brought home a pink Next coat which has gone missing this week from a child in KS1. If your child has taken this home by mistake, please can we ask that it is returned to Mrs Powney in the school office so that it can be returned to its owner.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood Head of School

FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR ZOE LAVERS

HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

There are quite a few events over the month of October across the City and Region.

Some of the events are at the weekends, some are during half term.

Some are free or low cost. Others may need booking ahead of time.

Dance with Toby G Every Saturday in October from 1pm in various locations.

7th October, Piazza

14th, Sundial 21st, Frankfort Gate

28th. Place de Brest

Plymouth City Halloween Trail, download a map and work your way round the city centre during the half term holidays Halloween Crafts Free 10am-2pm 24th at the Barcode 25th at Central Library 26th at Babyroo- Armada Way

Halloween Party at Plymouth Market 28th October 11-3

Face painting, Games, Music, Trick or Treating

Have a look at <u>www.visitplymouth.co.uk</u> for more ideas for half term activities with a spooky theme!



FSW Weekly Round Up.

Take advantage of the remaining good weather- enjoy some fresh air: go to the park, or the woods or the moors. What trees are beginning to lose their leaves?

Lost Property

We are getting a collection of jumpers and cardigans, please check and see if you have any items missing. It may be on the rail inside the door from the playground

Take care on the roads and in the car parks before and after school.

Recipe This week.

Chocolate Rice Krispie cakes.
Rice Krispies
Large block of chocolate
Golden Syrup.

In a bowl, either use a microwave or over a pan of water and melt the chocolate.

Add 2tblsp golden syrup,
And stir together, then add the rice
Krispies and stir together.
Put mixture in muffin cases and
refrigerate for a few hours.

General Information:

As family support Worker – I am available to help and support you – not just for school issues I can also signpost you to other places and agencies.

To make an appointment for a chat email me

Z.lavers@discoverymat.co.uk,

or catch me on the playground in the mornings from 845am.

Next week: Wednesday 9am -10 am Group for 0-5 years-come and meet others and let the little ones play. Hot drinks can be made available-Please bring your own lidded cup.

DON'T FORGET: Friday 9AM Parent Forum_Let Mrs Catherwood know if you would like to come to the Parent Forum.



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 8:30 and 9am each morning. There will be no crossing patrol after 9am each morning.

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

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.

Let's work on improving our attendance together!

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

Please see our Attendance Policy

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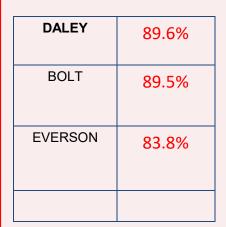
Weekly attendance for 2nd - 6th October

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 88.9%

This week's winners are: DALEY Class and

ADAMS Class





WHITLOCK	87.6%
AINSLIE	87.9%
ADAMS	90.4%
BROWN	90.3%



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.



The school calendar is updated regularly with important dates and events at school. Please continue to check the calendar regularly for updates.

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar

Information is also shared on our school Facebook Page.

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TERM DATES 2023/24



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
Total	365

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1	04-Sep-23	20-Oct-23	35
2	30-Oct-23	19-Dec-23	37
3	03-Jan-24	09-Feb-24	28
4	19-Feb-24	28-Mar-24	29
5	15-Apr-24	24-May-24	29
6	03-Jun-24	23-Jul-24	37
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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 residentials) and discos.

A GREAT BIG CONGRATULATIONS! 100% OF PARENTS HAVE ACTIVATED THEIR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT

Please continue to sign into your ParentPay account when personal details require updating.

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

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

You may already have an account but we would like to highlight the importance of adding all your children.

If a message is sent for a specific child, in a specific class and you have not added that child, you will not receive those messages.

If you need support with adding children or activating an account for the first time, please ask Mrs Powney or Mrs Searle.

A NUMBER OF PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS ARE IN DEBT FOR LUNCHES, AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND BREAKFAST CLUB. PLEASE CHECK YOUR ACCOUNTS AND ENSURE ALL PAYMENTS ARE MADE AND KEPT IN CREDIT. WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO SEND REGULAR REMINDER EMAILS TO THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN DEBT. TO HELP PREVENT DEBT MOUNTING.

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW FOR OUR SCHOOL MEALS DEBT POLICY.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Plymouth City Council are promoting applying for FSMs on the portal below.

Please apply or reapply if your circumstances have changed. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) but it is important to remember that by being eligible for FSMs you will receive eVouchers during the holidays and the school will receive additional funding for your children.

Citizen Portal - Sign in (plymouth.gov.uk)









Medication In School.

At the start of the new academic year ALL medication must be brought to the office for Mrs Powney to process. Without fresh consent your child's medication WILL NOT be administered.

Ensure any new medical conditions are updated with Mrs Powney at the office.

If your child has asthma, please check your child's details are up to date on their file held at school and an inhaler is in school. There are NO emergency inhalers....Your child WILL need their own.

IT MUST BE BOXED, WITH A PRESCRIPTION LABEL AND INSTRUCTIONS, FRESH CONSENT WILL ALSO NEED TO BE COMPLETED AT RECEPTION OR IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

This will also apply to all other medications. It is YOUR responsibility to provide medication and consent for the school to administer if needed and you must make a note of any expiry dates.

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I'm worried about my child vaping - Support for Parents from Action For Children

https://shorespace.org.uk/

Let's Get Chatting | Livewell Southwest

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY

Approved and signed by the Board of Trustees

Renewal Date: May 2024

IMMUNISATION ADVICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS - THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Starting or returning to school is an exciting time for children, but as they will be mixing with lots of other children, making sure they are up to date with their routine immunisations gives them the best protection from what can potentially be very harmful infections. But if you're not sure if your child has had all of their vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (their red book), or if you have questions, you can contact your child's doctor's surgery. If you have any concerns about vaccinations, you can read more about them on the NHS website. There are also vaccination tips for parents and carers to help your child's vaccination appointment go smoothly. The NHS also has helpful information online to help parents and carers know how long their child should be kept off school when they are ill. It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, but if you or your child missed a vaccine, contact your GP to catch up.

Managing medicines on school premises and record keeping

At Discovery Multi Academy Trust the following procedures are to be followed:

- Medicines should only be administered at school or nursery when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so;
- No child under 16 should be given prescription medicines without their parents written consent (see template B) - except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parents. In such cases, every effort should be made to encourage the child or young person to involve their parents while respecting their right to confidentiality;
- It is trust policy to not administer non-prescription medication on school premises
- Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours;
- The trust academies and nursery will only accept prescribed medicines, with written permission from parent/carer that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin which must be in-date, but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather that its original container;
- All medicines will be stored safely in a locked first aid cupboard/fridge. Children should know where their medicines are at all times. Where relevant, they should know who holds the key to the storage facility.
- Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens should be always readily available state where and not locked away.
 Asthma inhalers should be marked with the child's name.
- During trips the first aid trained member of staff will carry all medical devices and medicines required;
- We will keep all controlled drugs that have been prescribed for a pupil securely stored in a non-portable container and only named staff will have access. Controlled drugs should be easily accessible in an emergency. A record should be kept of any doses used and the amount of the controlled drug held in the school;
- Staff administering medicines should do so in accordance with the prescriber's instructions. The trust's academies and nursery will keep a record (see template C and D) of all medicines administered to individual children, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects of the medication to be administer at school should be noted. Written records are kept of all medicines administered to children. These records offer protection to staff and children and provide evidence that agreed procedures have been followed;



NHS

A practical guide for staff

Managing infectious cases of infectious cases of infectious diseases of infectious childcare settings

The online guide offers information and resources for the following:

Introduction to infection control in all education and childcare settings

Prevention and control

Outbreak management

Immunisation

Staff health, pet and animal contact

Cleaning the environment

Managing specific infections

Exclusion table

Diarrhoea and vomiting outbreak action list





To find out more, visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/ health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities or bit.ly/2xiJpPZ.









Should I keep my

child off school?



Until...

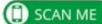
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever	
Head lice	Tonsillitis	
Threadworms	Slapped cheek	





Advice and guidance

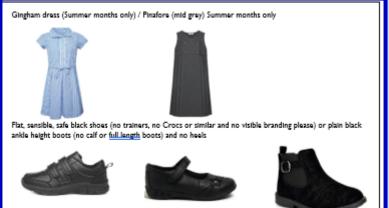
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

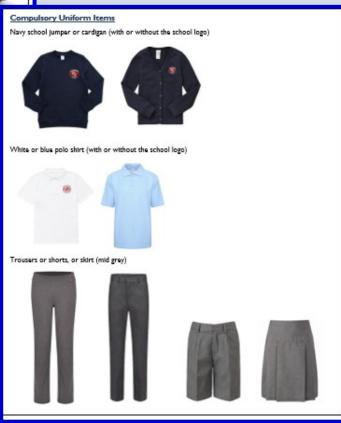
School Uniform.

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



LINK FOR OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Spare Underwear Appeal

Please could we make an appeal for clean pants, socks, tights and vests for those little accidents for children of all ages.

If your child has needed any spare clothes please ensure they are washed and returned.

A GREAT THANK



BIG YOU!

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.

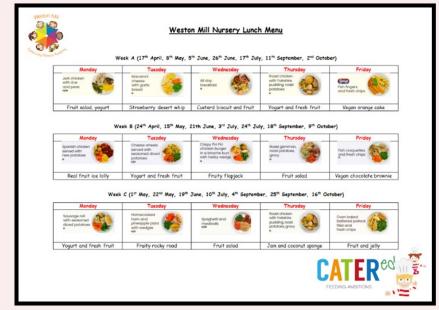


For more information, please contact the school on 01752 365250 or email

westomill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk.

LUNCH MENU





AFTER HALF TERM





Nursery and Reception Dress Up Day

Thursday 19th October



To celebrate the end of term, Murray & Daley classes will be having a "what I want to be when I grow up" dress up day on Thursday 19th October.

We can't wait to see all of your amazing outfits!