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Newsletter 25th November 2022

What another great week we have had at Weston Mill!

At Weston Mill, our learning focuses on developing STEM skills in everything we do. Year 6 and Year 3 demonstrated collaboration this week as Year 6 helped Year 3 with their Computing skills. Foundation and Nursery visited Ham Woods last week, where they used their inquiry and observation skills to learn more about the local area. We encourage our children to think about their STEM skills and talk about how they have helped them with their learning throughout the school day. Why not talk with your child about what they have been learning at school and which STEM Skills they have used this week?

This week, you may have noticed some new faces around school. We welcome Natalie Fogg as our new school receptionist, who will be working in the school office, and Maggie Antell who will be our new Family Support Worker. We are delighted to have them join the team at Weston Mill.







We have included key Christmas dates in our newsletter this week. Please add these to your calendar as there is plenty going on for the whole family at the end of this term. There will be more information sent out next week about the Foundation Nativity, the School and our Discovery MAT Carol events. This information will be sent home via letters from school next week.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mrs Catherwood

Acting Head of School

STEM Skills

 Problem Solving	 Creativity	 Inquiry Skills	 Observation	 Flexibility	 Collaboration
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Weekly attendance for 21st –24th Nov 2022

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's winners are : Mombasa Class with 95.5% attendance and Santiago Class with 90.4%.

LONDON	82.6%
NAIROBI	87.5%
MOMBASA	95.5%
CAPE TOWN	92.%



SAN FRANCISCO	78.1%
TOKYO	73.8%
SANTIAGO	90.4%
CANBERRA	86.8%
DUBAI	87%
OSLO	90%

The foundation and nursery children had a fantastic time being woodland explorers! They jumped in muddy puddles, spotted wildlife and collected natural objects to complete art-work back at school. The children also used their senses to see what they could hear, see



Last week, Year 6 volunteers came to help Year 3 log onto the Chromebooks. It was fantastic to see how Year 6 supported and helped the younger children, especially when



Dates for your



November

29th November – Nairobi Class (Year 1, Mrs Tremayne) Celebration of Learning at 2:15pm

December

2nd December – Canberra Class (Year 5, Miss Carpenter) Class assembly at 2:30pm

12th December – Stay and Code – whole school

12th December – Trust Christmas Event (more information to follow)

13th December – Plymouth and London Class Christmas Come and Play at 2:00pm

13th December – Foundation Nativity performance at 9:15am

14th December – Christingle – Christmas Carol Concert @ 4pm

15th December – Christmas Lunch

15th December – Christmas Fayre at 2:00pm

16th December – Christmas Jumper Day



KS2 CRICKET SESSIONS

Key Stage 2 will be partaking in weekly cricket sessions this term.

Please ensure all children have their kit in school each Monday.

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.**



Y6 Swimming



Next week, our Y6's begin their Swimming sessions. Please ensure they come to school each morning with their swimming items and any spare clothing you feel they may need. Please also ensure they come to school wearing a coat.

Thank you

Meet our new Family Support Worker

Hello! My name is Maggie Antell, and I am the new Family Support Worker in the school. My role in school is to support families through times where they feel additional help is needed. I am to support families through a range of difficulties, and I wish for the best outcome for all involved. I can assist with worries around the children, and I am also here to support parents through those tricky times. I am a resource open to everyone and please feel free to contact me anytime to book a meeting or just to have a general chat, I am here to support you!

I will be hosting a coffee morning in the library on Friday 2nd December at 9am. Please feel free to come along and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

A little bit about me...

I have almost completed my teacher training at Plymouth University. Throughout my time completing my degree, I have worked in many schools both in and out of the city. In my down time, I like to spend time with my friends and family, and I also love to bake. This is great for those I live with as they get freshly made cookies and cakes all the time. My partner and I also have guinea pigs, we find them great company and they are very happy having a constant supply of lettuce and green beans.



Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss anything you wish. Feel free to contact me via the school office on 01752 365250 or email me at m.antell@discoverymat.co.uk.

I look forward to meeting you soon.



Come along and meet Maggie our new Family Support Worker next Friday, 2nd December at 9am in the school library. Please arrive through the library door under the canopy. We look forward to seeing you then.



Monday 12th December: Discovery MAT Carol Concert @ 6pm (More information to be shared next week.)

Tuesday 13th December: Foundation (Nursery and Reception) Nativity performance for parents @ 9:30am in the school hall.

Wednesday 14th December: Whole School Carol Concert @ 4:30pm (More information to be shared next week.)

Thursday 15th December: School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Fayre at 2pm.

Friday 16th December: Christmas Jumper Day



Our PTFA are busy preparing for our Christmas events to raise funds for the school. If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please contact the school office on 01752 365250 or email westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk for more information.

We are always looking for more volunteers to support us with events for the children and bring our school community together. Our PTFA usually meet once a month to discuss and plan for school events, but we are grateful of any time that you could spare to support us at school.



School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may **not** wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

“For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons.”



StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We all know how quickly children outgrow school uniform and that often families have items that have hardly been worn but no longer fit. It seems a real shame that these clothes either go to a recycle bank or simply get thrown away.

We have introduced a Pre-Loved school uniform system in our school. Donated items are available to families throughout the year and will, we hope, make sure that children get the best wear out of school uniform. If you have items of school uniform that your child has grown out of but are still in good condition, please send them into school clean. Coats and shoes will also be welcomed.

Thank you to those that have donated already!



Reading at Home

This term we are focusing on improving reading across the school. An important part of learning to read and building reading fluency is practise. Each week, your child will bring home their Accelerated Reading book or their RWI book to read at home. They will also have their Reading Record to be completed once they have read with an adult at home. Here are some of the ways reading at home can develop a love of reading and build your child's reading fluency.



At Weston Mill we teach early reading using RWI. Below we have some more information about how your child will learn to read at school and information on how to listen to your child read and support their reading practise.

How will my child learn to read?

First, your child will learn to read:

- Set 1 Speed Sounds: these are sounds written with one letter:
m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v
y w z x and sounds written with two letters
(your child will call these 'special friends'): **sh th ch**
qu ng nk ck
- Words containing these sounds, by sound-blending,
e.g. m-a-t *mat*, c-a-t *cat*, g-o-t *got*, f-i-sh *fish*,
s-p-o-t *spot*, b-e-s-t *best*, s-p-l-a-sh *splash*
- Blending Books and Red, Green and Purple Storybooks.

Second, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 2 Speed Sounds: **ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or**
air ir ou oy
- Words containing these sounds
- Pink, Orange and Yellow Storybooks.

Third, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 3 Speed Sounds: **ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw**
are ur er ow ai oa ew ire ear ure
- Words containing these sounds
- Blue and Grey Storybooks.

Your child will be taught to say the sound for the letter and not the letter name, so 'm' as in 'mat', not 'em'; 's' as in 'sun' not 'es'.

How to listen to your child read



- Do not read the book aloud before your child reads it to you.
- Ask your child to read the sounds and words before he or she reads the story.
- When your child reads the story, ask him or her to sound out the words that he or she can't read automatically. Don't allow your child to struggle too much. Praise your child when he or she succeeds.
- Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. (Your child's energy is going into reading the words not the story.)
- Do not ask your child to guess the word by using the pictures.
- Do it all with patience and love!

We have a storytime every day at school so children develop a love of stories. We hope that you will do the same by reading a bedtime story to your child every night. We have wonderful books in school for you to borrow.

Do you like to DRAW?

The Box is thrilled to launch our new young people's drawing competition.

Submit your favourite drawing to enter. There are three categories, primary school, secondary school and 18-25 years. The theme is simply **'For the Joy of Drawing'**

Winners will receive a great prize and have their work displayed at The Box.

Scan or take a high quality photograph of your drawing (min 300dpi) and email to-
theboxlearning@plymouth.gov.uk

Label the file with your initials, the date and category entered, for example - Joe Bloggs, entered on 30th Nov, in the Primary category would be labelled JB301122P (use S for secondary and YP for 18-25)

Closing date for all entries is 5pm on 11 Dec 22
Full terms and conditions can be found at:
www.theboxplymouth.com/drawing-competition



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
WEEK 01

WEEK BEGINNING: 31ST OCT • 21ST NOV • 12TH DEC • 16TH JAN
6TH FEB • 6TH MARCH • 27TH MARCH

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY	Cheese & tomato pizza with jacket wedges H/V	Vegan balls with tomato sauce & mixed vegetable rice H/W/V/VE
PUDDING	Iced apple cake H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
TUESDAY	Beef chilli with rice & nacho chips H/W	Breaded nuggets, bbq sauce & herby wedges V/VE
PUDDING	Fresh fruit platter H/V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
WEDNESDAY	Meatballs with tomato sauce served with pasta H/W	Vegan pasty pocket with sauté potatoes H/V/VE
PUDDING	Custard biscuit and fruit H/W/V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
THURSDAY	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy H	Courgette sausage with roast potatoes and gravy H/V
PUDDING	Fruit salad V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
FRIDAY	Crispy fish bites with fresh chips H	Vegetable quiche with fresh chips H/W/V
PUDDING	Chocolate brownie H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	

WEEK 02

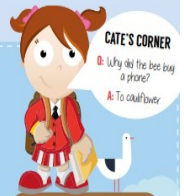
WEEK BEGINNING: 7TH NOV • 28TH NOV • 2ND JANUARY
23RD JAN • 20TH FEB • 13TH MARCH

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY	Sausages in gravy served with creamy mash H	Vegetable pie served with creamy mash H/V
PUDDING	Fruity cookie H/W/V/V, yoghurt and fresh	
TUESDAY	Beefy pasta bake and garlic bread H/W	French bread pizza with herby wedges H/V
PUDDING	Fresh fruit platter V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
WEDNESDAY	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice H/W	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread H/V
PUDDING	Shortcake & fruit H/W/V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
THURSDAY	Roast gammon with apple sauce, roast potatoes and gravy H	Vegetable shepherds pie with gravy H/V/VE
PUDDING	Fruit salad V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
FRIDAY	 Fish fingers with chips	Folded bean & cheese quesadillas with fresh chips H/V/VE
PUDDING	Spiced pear tray bake served & custard H/W/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	

WEEK 03

WEEK BEGINNING: 14TH NOV • 5TH DEC • 9TH JAN • 30TH JAN
27TH FEB • 20TH MARCH

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY	Beef burger in a brioche roll with jacket wedges H	Sausage and haricot bean stew served creamy mash H/V/VE
PUDDING	Oat and date slice H/W/V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
TUESDAY	Cheese wheel with herby diced potatoes H/V	Ratatouille pasta bake H/V/VE
PUDDING	Fruit salad V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
WEDNESDAY	All day breakfast H	Vegan all day breakfast H/V/VE
PUDDING	Cheese, crackers and apple slices H/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
THURSDAY	Roast chicken served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy H	Broccoli bake with roast potatoes and gravy H/V
PUDDING	Banana flapjack H/W/V/VE, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
FRIDAY	Bubble coated salmon fillet with fresh chips	Cheese and potato slice with fresh chips H/V/VE
PUDDING	Chocolate orange cake & chocolate sauce H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	



CATE'S CORNER

Q: Why did the bee say a phone?
A: To call/bee/er.

FRESH FRUIT, LOCAL WESTCOUNTRY YOGHURT AND WEST COUNTRY MILK AVAILABLE DAILY. FRESH DRINKING WATER IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE LUNCH TIME PERIOD. ALL MEALS SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES. CHICKEN ALTERNATIVES TO BEEF AND PORK UPON REQUEST, ONE MEAT FREE DAY.

H: HOME MADE IN THE KITCHEN.
W: WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS.
V: VEGAN DISH.
VE: VEGETARIAN.
2: THE VEGETARIAN LINE.

ed's REGULARS

Jacket Potatoes with Beans / Cheese / Tuna / Mayonnaise & Coleslaw

Fresh Salad Bar

AVAILABLE DAILY

DO YOU KNOW You can't see inside a potato? Tida

Photographs are for illustration purposes only and listed items may be subject to change due to supply.

EDUCATION EVERY CHILD EVERY TIME



Below is list of services that provide immediate mental health support for children and young people in addition to your school offer.



Free text, confidential and anonymous text service open 24/7
Text: 'SHOUT' to 85258



Crisis line open 24/7 365 days a year, providing advice, support and signposting for people experiencing mental health difficulties.
T: 0800 923 9323



Young person service for confidential suicide prevention advice, open 9am to midnight every day.
Text: 07860 039967 Call: 0800 0684141



Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Kooth provides web based information and advice along with online chat based conversation and forums.
www.kooth.com



Download the app: search for, Stay Alive
www.stayalive.app



Suicide bereavement support and counselling, for people bereaved or impacted by suicide. Self-referral form available on 'Contact Us' tab.
www.petesdragons.org.uk



Free, confidential service with trained counsellors, either online or on the phone, anytime.
T: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk



Helpline open 24/7 365 days a year
T: 116 123 www.samaritans.org
jo@samaritans.org (response time 24hours)