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Children in Need



### **Newsletter 3rd November 2023**

We have had a very busy first week back after the half term break. It was lovely to see the children's entries for the PTFA Halloween competition. The children should all be very proud of what they created.

This week the children in our nurture class have been working hard on our library space. Keep an eye on Facebook for some picture of this space. We think it looks great!

Parents in Reception have been invited to attend a RWI Phonics workshop on Wednesday 15th November at 9am. A letter has been sent out on ParentPay and your child should have a paper copy of the letter too. We look forward to welcoming our Reception parents in for this event.

This week, the children have started learning their new topic. A curriculum newsletter will have been sent home with your child at the end of the day. A copy of this is also available on the school website.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

Discovery MAT is keen to further our practice regarding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). As part of this we are currently working towards

an EDI Quality Mark and would appreciate some parental engagement. If you would like to be part of this process please email our Trust Inclusion Lead

L.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk.

As part of our plans to mark Remembrance Day next Friday, we are going to be creating a whole school poppy display, using pebbles. Please could each child bring in a pebble to paint on Monday 6th November so we are able to create our poppy display.

We will also be selling Poppies and other items to raise money for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Each day next week, after lunch, a designated person will visit each class to sell these items. Initially one item per child to allow each child the chance to buy something. After this purchases can be made until we run out of items

- Please give generously!



Children in Need – Coffee, Cake and Calculate Event

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we are holding a maths themed Children in Need event. From 2 pm, parents are invited into school to sample and enjoy our Coffee, Cake and How We Calculate Workshop. After this session, parents will be able to go into classes and join their children applying their calculation skills to solve problems. After the event, at 3pm, parents present are welcome to take children home. For all others, normal end of day dismissal procedures will be at 3:15pm.

We hope you will join us for a great, fun, informative and mathematical afternoon.

Mr Mann

## FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR ZOE LAVERS

### FSW Weekly Round Up.

Wrap Up warm this weekend and head out to swish in some leaves. And then maybe head to Plymouth Hoe for the Fireworks on Sunday Evening,

### **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.

Don't forget about animals this weekend, there may be lots of fireworks being set off and animals may be upset by the noise.

Have you taken part in one of the Discovery list activities. We would love to see what you have done.

As we head to wetter and colder weeks. Please make sure your child has a coat to wear at Playtimes and lunchtimes. We encourage them to be out on the playground unless the weather is extremely bad.

### **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.

If your child missed the Flu vaccination on Thursday and you had signed up-you will receive a letter or email from the team who were doing the vaccinations to make alternative arrangements. This may be at Your GP Surgery or a separate clinic in Plymouth.









### **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 8:40 and 9.10am each morning. There will be no crossing patrol after 9.10am each morning.

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

# 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 30th - 3rd November

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 **87.9%**This week's winners are: **BOLT Class** and

### **AINSLIE Class**

DALEY	83.6%
BOLT	91.6%
EVERSON	87.6%



WHITLOCK	88.6%
AINSLIE	89.3%
ADAMS	87.7%
BROWN	83.7%



### 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.

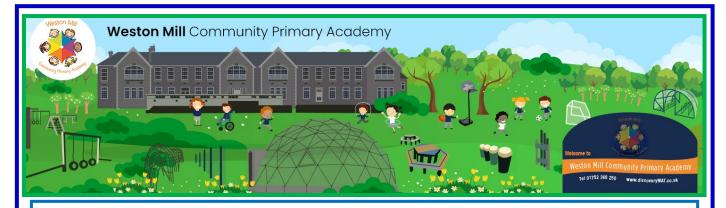


The school calendar is updated regularly with important dates and events at school. Please continue to check the calendar regularly for updates.

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar

Information is also shared on our school Facebook Page.

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### **WEBSITE**



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Home

### **CALENDAR**

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar

### **TERM DATES**





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### **IMPORTANT POLOCIES**



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### **NEWSLETTER**

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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! 99% 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.

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Important Policies

### **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.

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies

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;



A practical guide

for staff



## Managing infectious diseases in all education and 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 48 hours after their last episode			
Diarrhoea and Vomiting				
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			
Mumps Scabies Scarlet Fever	5 days after the swelling started they've had their first treatment 24 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://grco.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**





At CATER\*\*, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesome! Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingred we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional econowhilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.

















### Week A (11th September, 2nd October, 30th October, 20th November, 11th December)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jerk chicken with rice and peas	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread	All day breakfast	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes	Fish fingers and fresh chips
Fruit salad, yogurt	Strawberry desert whip	Custard biscuit and fruit	Yogurt and fresh fruit	Vegan orange cake

### Week B (18th <u>September</u>, 9th <u>October</u>, 6th <u>November</u>, 27th <u>November</u>, 18th December)

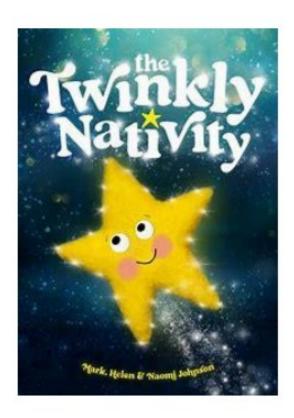
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-	Spanish chicken served with new potatoes	Cheese wheels served with seasoned diced potatoes	Crispy Piri Piri chicken burger in a briache bun with herby wedge	Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy	Fish croquettes and fresh chips
Ī	Real fruit ice lolly	Yogurt and fresh fruit	Fruity flapjack	Fruit salad	Vegan chocolate brownie

### Week C (4<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage roll with seasoned diced potatoes	Homecooked ham and pineappie pizza with wedges MV	Spoghetti and meatballs www.	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy	Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips
Yogurt and fresh fruit	Fruity rocky road	Fruit salad	Jam and coconut sponge	Fruit and jelly



# Foundation Nativity Performance



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm Murray and Daley classes will be performing their Christmas show "Twinkly Nativity"

More information to follow!