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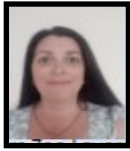


We have had another busy week to start off the Autumn Term. This week our children started their learning for the topics this term. Keep an eye on Facebook over the next few weeks where your child's learning will be shared. It has been lovely to share some of this already this week.

We are continuing to look for ways of improving our communication between school and home. We are looking for 2 parents from each class to become a parent representative for this academic year. As part of this role, parents can raise any queries through their representative and bring these to the meetings, which will be held every term. We will look to vary the timings of these meetings, after school drop off in the morning, towards the end of the school day or after school, depending on what works best for the representatives involved. The minutes from these meetings will be added to the school website and emailed out through ParentPay following these meetings to ensure that all members of the school community are updated on what is discussed. If you are interested in becoming a parent representative for your child's class and would like to attend the first parent forum meeting on Friday 13th October at 9am, please email Mrs Powney via weston-mill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk. We kindly ask that you share your child's class name in your email so that we collate a list of representatives and ensure that we have a good spread across the school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood
Head of School



Let me introduce myself, I am Zoe Lavers and I am the newly appointed Inclusion and Family Support Worker. I have been supporting families across Plymouth for several years and am pleased to be here at Weston Mill. I have worked within the charity sector supporting families as well as working in schools. I know that family life can sometimes bring more questions than answers.

In the coming weeks I hope to resume the toddler group and arrange some coffee time sessions. Please bear with me whilst I get these up and running.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to come and see me and we can have a chat, I will endeavour to be on the playground for drop off and pick up when I can.

Please come and have a chat or book an appointment with me by calling the school on 01752 365250 or emailing me z.lavers@discoverymat.co.uk

Quick and easy recipe: SLOW COOK Sausage Casserole.
Sausages of your own choice
Tin of baked beans, sweetcorn, and kidney beans.
Tin of chopped tomatoes
2tblsp Ketchup, and an oxo cube

Cook the sausages. Then cut them in half.
Put in slow cooker pot, add the beans, sweetcorn, kidney beans and tomatoes. Half fill the tomatoes tin with water, add ketchup and oxo cube and stir. Pour the mix into the slow cooker and cook for 4 hours minimum until hot and sauce has thickened up.
Serve with mash, or bread as you choose

Come and Join us



Tea and Toast

First Tuesday in each month come in from 9-10 for Tea, Toast and a chat.

NEXT SESSION is

Tuesday 3rd October

Please sign the sheet at Reception.

**Don't Forget,
Wear PE kit
to school on your
class PE days.**

**Friday 22nd
September,
Have a great
Weekend**

Come and join us for some fun



Group for little ones 0-5 years

Sign in at Reception and come to the hall

**Wednesdays
9-10 am**

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UNIFORM GIVEAWAY

Need an extra jumper or cardigan?

Could a spare pair of trousers or dress be of use?

(Save on those Tumble Drier bills)

We have a surplus of spare uniform- if you would like something extra to keep in your cupboard for those emergency days.

Please email z.lavers@discoverymat.co.uk with:

Size and item requirement.

Name and class of child.

**Lost property can
be reclaimed –
just inside the
doors to
reception**

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY & ATTENDANCE

Our school gate leading to the playground will remain open until 9:00am 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 18th September– 22nd September

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 **92.3%**

This week's winners are : **BOLT Class** and
WHITLOCK Class



DALEY	86.8%
BOLT	96.8%
EVERSON	90%

WHITLOCK	96%
AINSLIE	91%
ADAMS	92.3%
BROWN	91.8%



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.



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WEBSITE

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CALENDAR

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TERM DATES

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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

term	start	end	days
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
Total			195

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	7	14	21	28	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29

	OCTOBER				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	NOVEMBER				
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		

	DECEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

	JANUARY				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	

	FEBRUARY				
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23		

	MARCH				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

	APRIL				
	1	8	15	22	29
	2	9	16	23	30
	3	10	17	24	
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	

	MAY				
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

	JUNE				
	3	10	17	24	
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	

	JULY				
	1	8	15	22	29
	2	9	16	23	30
	3	10	17	24	31
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	

	AUGUST				
		5	12	19	26
		6	13	20	27
		7	14	21	28
	1	8	15	22	29
	2	9	16	23	30

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.

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 LUNCHESES, 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 POLIICY.

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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 \(plymouth.gov.uk\)](http://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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SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY

Approved and signed by the Board of Trustees

26.09.22

Renewal Date: May 2024

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 than 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 administered 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;



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A practical
guide
for staff

Managing **infectious** cases of **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



Advice and guidance

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





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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

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

No

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

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



SCAN ME

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

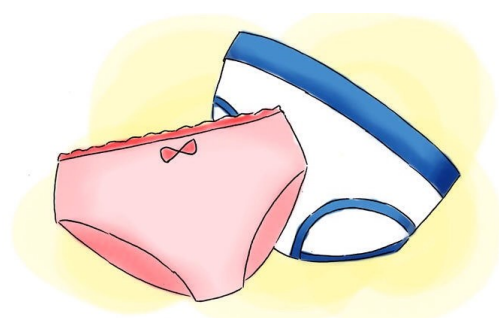
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Spare Underwear Appeal

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.



Come along with your
toddlers and have some fun

Wednesdays 9-10 am
Sign in at reception

LUNCH MENU

WEEK BEGINNING: 17 th APRIL • 8 th MAY • 5 th JUNE • 26 th JUNE 17 th JULY • 11 th SEPTEMBER • 2 nd OCTOBER		WEEK BEGINNING: 24 th APRIL • 15 th MAY • 12 th JUNE • 3 rd JULY 24 th JULY • 18 th SEPTEMBER • 9 th OCTOBER		WEEK BEGINNING: 1 st MAY • 22 nd MAY • 19 th JUNE • 10 th JULY 4 th SEPTEMBER • 25 th SEPTEMBER • 16 th OCTOBER	
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2
MONDAY Jerk chicken with rice and peas H/W 	Vegan balls with pasta H/W 	MONDAY Spanish chicken served with new potatoes H 	Vegan nuggets with pasta H/W/V 	MONDAY Sausage roll with seasoned diced potatoes H 	Mexican bean quesadilla with rice H/V
PUDDING Fruit salad, yoghurt V/V and fresh fruit		PUDDING Real fruit ice lolly, yoghurt and fresh fruit V		PUDDING Yoghurt and fresh fruit V	
TUESDAY Macaroni cheese with garlic bread H 	Courgette burger in a brioche bun H/V 	TUESDAY Cheese wheels served with seasoned diced potatoes H/V 	Vegetable Korma with rice and naan H/W/V/V 	TUESDAY Homecooked ham and pineapple pizza with wedges H/V 	Vegetable and tofu Chow mein H/V/V
PUDDING Strawberry dessert whip H/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDDING Yoghurt and fresh fruit V		PUDDING Fruity rocky road H/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
WEDNESDAY All day breakfast H 	Vegan all day breakfast H/V/V 	WEDNESDAY Crispy Piri Piri chicken burger in a brioche bun with herby wedges H 	Vegetable fritatta served with garlic bread H/V 	WEDNESDAY Spaghetti and meatballs H/V 	Vegan chilli and rice H/W/V/V
PUDDING Custard biscuit and fruit H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDDING Fruity flapjack H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDDING Fruit salad V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
THURSDAY Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes H 	Butternut squash parcel served with roast potatoes, gravy H/V/V 	THURSDAY Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Vegetable sausage, served with roast potatoes, gravy V/V 	THURSDAY Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Broccoli and potato cheese bake with roast potatoes, gravy H/V
PUDDING Yoghurt and fresh fruit V		PUDDING Fruit salad V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDDING Jam and coconut sponge H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	
FRIDAY Fish fingers and fresh chips H/V 	Baked vegetable omelette with fresh chips H/V 	FRIDAY Fish croquettes and fresh chips H/V 	Cheese and tomato pizza with fresh chips H/V 	FRIDAY Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips H/V 	Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips H/W/V
PUDDING Vegan orange cake H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDDING Vegan chocolate brownie H/W/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit		PUDDING Fruit and jelly H/V/V, yoghurt and fresh fruit	



Weston Mill Nursery Lunch Menu

Week A (17th April, 8th May, 5th June, 26th June, 17th July, 11th September, 2nd October)

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

Week B (24th April, 15th May, 21st June, 3rd July, 24th July, 18th September, 9th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spanish chicken served with new potatoes H 	Cheese wheels served with seasoned diced potatoes H/V 	Crispy Piri Piri chicken burger in a brioche bun with herby wedges H 	Roast gammon, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Fish croquettes and fresh chips H
Real fruit ice lolly	Yoghurt and fresh fruit	Fruity flapjack	Fruit salad	Vegan chocolate brownie

Week C (1st May, 22nd May, 19th June, 10th July, 4th September, 25th September, 16th October)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage roll with seasoned diced potatoes H 	Homecooked ham and pineapple pizza with wedges H/V 	Spaghetti and meatballs H/V 	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy H 	Oven baked battered pollock fillet and fresh chips H/V
Yoghurt and fresh fruit	Fruity rocky road	Fruit salad	Jam and coconut sponge	Fruit and jelly



TOYS IN SCHOOL

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.

NO TOYS AT SCHOOL

Please support your children by reminding them that toys (including POKEMON cards) are not allowed at school. This will help eliminate distractions here at school. Thank you for your support with this!

