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



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Newsletter 17th November 2023

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our Children in Need event this year. It was also great to have so many of our families joining us for our Coffee Cake and Calculate event this afternoon. Today we raised an incredible, £432.35 for Children in Need. Thank you once again for your contributions.

Just a reminder about our parent questionnaire which is available for parents to complete. Thank you to the parents who have already completed it. We really value your feedback and suggestions and will review these as part of our next parent forum meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th November at 2pm. We are hoping to have, at least, two representatives from each class to attend, but would welcome any parents who are interested to come and join us. The questionnaire can be accessed using the following link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx? id=F832JFdOpU6VSvFGTtnRUPU_jLCo7JluDzKGRip5eRUQVpHVFVIVTFXQjZaREs2MDg1QVM5TUw0WC4u

This week, we had an orienteering courser installed in our school grounds. We also have a smaller course in the Foundation outdoor area - you may have noticed these. During the Summer Term, we will planning an orienteering event for families to come in and take part in activities with their children. Keep an eye on the school calendar and Facebook for more information.

hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR ZOE LAVERS

FSW Weekly Round Up.

Wrap Up warm this weekend and look at some Christmas lights .

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

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.

If you need spare uniform please email Zoe Lavers. We have lots that might be of use to you

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.

Coming soon: NEXT WEEK is Road Safety Week, We will be encouraging everyone to be Safe Pedestrians.

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

Remember to like our Facebook page and keep up to date with lots of things we have been doing in school





TRAVELLING ON CITY BUS PLYMOUTH

From Christmas Light switch on – to festive nights out PLYMOUTH CITY BUS can take you there for just £2

ALL ADULT SINGLE FARES are £2.

FOR EVERY WEEKEND from SATURDAY 18th November kids under 16 can travel free with a fare paying adult.

UNDER 16s up to 3 children can travel with 1 Fare paying adult.





A short police community survey, which we would like the local community to complete to see what they would like the police to prioritise, and what issues they have in the area.

You can use this link - https://t.co/vkAN6vZRit

OR scan the QR code -







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.

We are excited to share that we are in the process of revamping our weekly spellings! Over the next week, children will bring home usernames and passwords for our new scheme: **Spelling Shed.** They will be able to access fun and engaging games online to practise their weekly spellings. Please be reassured that a paper copy of the week's spellings will also be sent home. Spellings will still be tested weekly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling



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 08.55am!

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. Failure to do so will also result in an Unauthorized absence.

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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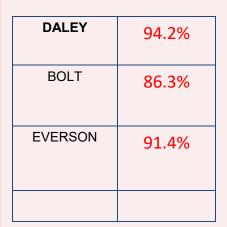
Weekly attendance for 13th - 17th November

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 91.8%

This week's winners are: DALEY Class and

WHITLOCK Class





WHITLOCK	93.3%
AINSLIE	91.7%
ADAMS	88%
BROWN	92.3%



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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WEBSITE



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Home

CALENDAR

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar

TERM DATES







Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Term Dates

IMPORTANT POLOCIES



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Please follow us on our Facebook

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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.

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 Trussees

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

NHS

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

for staff

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.

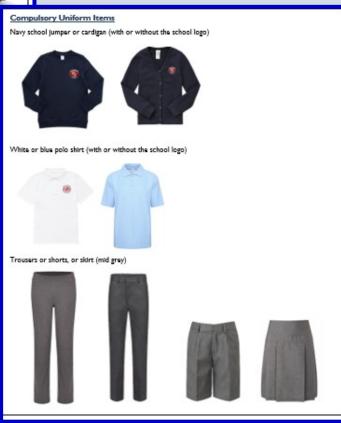
School Uniform.

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





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















Tell Ed!





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

Mondo	ıy	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jerk chicken with rice and peas H/W		Macaroni cheese with gartic bread	All day breaidast	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 H	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
Real fruit ice lolly	Yogurt and fresh fruit	Fruity flapjack	Fruit salad	Vegan chocolate brownie

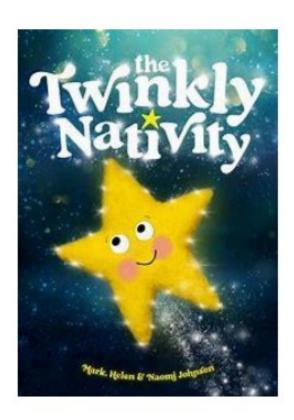
Week C (4th September, 25th September, 16th October, 13th November, 4th December)

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 12th December at 9.30am and Wednesday 13th December at 2.00pm Murray and Daley classes will be performing their Christmas show "Twinkly Nativity"

More information to follow!