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Newsletter 9th February 2024

We come to the end of a busy week and a very busy half term! It was lovely to welcome parents of Bolt Class into school this week for their class reading session in the library. We are looking forward to having this space transformed in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for updates!

Earlier this week, the children in EYFS had a fantastic Space Day and they all looked amazing in their space outfits.

Years 5 & 6 enjoyed a workshop with the Dartmoor National Park, learning about native species, terrain and sustainability.

This week, the children have also taken part in various activities for Children's Mental Health Week.

The children made a great effort today for our 'Express Yourself' mufti! Place2be, the charity who organise Children's Mental Health Week, would appreciate a donation via their website. We would suggest selecting 'other' with a £1 voluntary donation. Website link: [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 20th February**.

Have a lovely Half Term

Mrs 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.

House Points



Earlier this term we relaunched our House Points system with our first House Assembly. Children in Key Stage 2 have been appointed as House Captains for their team. Your child may have shared that they have been awarded house points this term. These are awarded for:

- Positive behaviour at playtime
- Being a positive role model
- Being kind and helping others
- 100% attendance each week
- 96% or higher attendance each month
- 96% of higher attendance each term

This term, our winning house is: 271 house points this term!

Well done, Tamar House.



The children will continue to earn house points next term and the winning house at the end of the term will have a house reward.

FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR

ZOE LAVERS

Lost Property

Misplaced a lunchbox or water bottle?

Have a look at the rail of lost property. Just inside the Playground door to Main Reception Area.

Have you forgotten to take home a jumper or cardigan?

We try our best to return any property that is named to its owner. Please try to name everything that might get misplaced.



DO YOU RECOGNISE ANY OF THIS LOST PROPERTY?

IF SO PLEASE CLAIM BEFORE THE 9TH FEBRUARY AS WE WILL BE DONATING ANY UNCLAIMED ITEMS TO CHARITY/ FAMILIES IN NEED.

THE ITEMS IN THE GREEN TRAY ARE FROM YEAR 4, ALL OTHER ITEMS WERE FOUND IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER LUNCH..



SUNBEAMS



Group for the Under 5s

Wednesdays 9.10am

In the School Library



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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.

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

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies](#)

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?



There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

Did you know?

- ✚ The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.
- ✚ It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

Some Gains for Your Child

Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- ✚ Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- ✚ Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- ✚ Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- ✚ Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- ✚ Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- ✚ Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COOL!

HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?



Are these some reasons why your child does not get to school on time?

- ✚ Your child won't go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
- ✚ Your child can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag....
- ✚ The school lunches are not ready
- ✚ Homework's not done
- ✚ Your child is slow to eat breakfast
- ✚ Your child is watching TV late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- ✚ It's your child's or someone else's birthday
- ✚ There is a test or presentation at school today
- ✚ Your child is screaming or not letting go of you.

Things to Try

Here are some suggestions based on setting regular routines:

- ✚ Have a set time to go to bed
- ✚ Have a set time to be out of bed
- ✚ Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- ✚ Make lunches the night before
- ✚ Have set time for starting and ending breakfast.
- ✚ Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with the TV off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished.
- ✚ Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate.
- ✚ Be firm that children must go to school.
- ✚ Give your child lots of positive encouragement and acknowledge they are organized and get to school on time.
- ✚ Be firm; a birthday does not equal a holiday.
- ✚ On arrival look for some of your child's friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends.
- ✚ Once settled leave quickly.

REGULAR ROUTINES ARE IMPORTANT

Why does attendance matter?

- You fall behind in work and lessons.
- You have lower motivation to be here at all.
- Your enjoyment of learning is less.
- You have less chance of achieving GCSEs.
- You're more likely to show poor behaviour
- You miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences.
- It effects your ability to have or keep friendships



LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/ she misses the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.



| Minutes late per day during the school year | Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year |
|---|--|
| 5 Minutes | 3.4 Days |
| 10 Minutes | 6.9 Days |
| 15 Minutes | 10.3 Days |
| 20 Minutes | 13.8 Days |
| 30 Minutes | 20.7 Days |

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

Weekly attendance for 5th to-9th February

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 **91.5%**

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

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| DALEY | 96.4% |
| BOLT | 90.6% |
| EVERSON | 89% |
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| WHITLOCK | 93.8% |
| AINSLIE | 91% |
| ADAMS | 88.3% |
| BROWN | 88% |



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.



Girls Turn Up & Play Free Sessions

Argyle Community Trust are holding free taster sessions, for the next 3 weeks, for their Turn Up and Play sessions for Girls in school years Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3.



Sat 27th Jan, 3rd Feb & 10th Feb



Harpers Football Centre



10am - 11am

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SUPER FANTASTIC SCHOOL MEALS
January 2024 - March 2024

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WEEK 1

W/C - MONDAY: 1ST JAN, 22ND JAN, 19TH FEB, 11TH MARCH

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| CHOICE 1 - H V Cheese & tomato pizza with seasoned wedges Allergens: (wh), (so), (M), M/C (E) | CHOICE 1 - H Lasagne with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), (E), M/C (Bar, E, SE) | CHOICE 1 - H All day breakfast Allergens: (wh), (M), (E) | CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (wh), (M), (E) | CHOICE 1 - H Coated pollock served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (F), M/C (Bar) |
| CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan bolognese pasta bake Allergens: (wh), (so) | CHOICE 2 - V VE Vegan sausages served with mash Allergens: (so) | CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegan all day breakfast Allergens: (wh) | CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan mince and onion pie (sliced potato top) & gravy Allergens: (wh), (Bar), (so) | CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Cheese and tomato quiche Allergens: (wh), (M), (M), (E) |
| SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW | | | | |
| DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M) | DESSERT - H V Fruity flapjack Allergens: (c), M/C (Bar, wh) | DESSERT - H V Creamy rice pudding Allergens: (M) | DESSERT - VE Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M) | DESSERT - H W V VE Spiced pear cake with custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (E) |

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local WESTSUSSEX yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals are served with seasonal vegetables. Children able to eat hot and cold options. One hot free day.
* = HOME MADE IN THE KITCHEN, ** = HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURED, ** = VEGAN/VEG V = VEGETARIAN, 2 = THE VEGETARIAN SOCIETY
Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Dairy (D), Eggs (E), Soy (S), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (M), Melon (Me), Milk (M), Nuts (N), Sugar (S), Custard/Cream (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Legum (L), Mince (Mi), May Contain (MC) and Ingredient information correct at the time of menu production but subject to change due to stock availability. Please speak to your catering manager for the most up to date information.

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WEEK 2

W/C - MONDAY: 8TH JAN, 29TH JAN, 26TH FEB, 18TH MARCH

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| CHOICE 1 - H W Chicken & vegetable pasta bake served with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), M/C (so) | CHOICE 1 - H Sausage & bean plait served with creamy mash Allergens: (wh), (E), (M) | CHOICE 1 - H Dig down cottage pie Allergens: M/C (wh, Bar) | CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon with roast potatoes & gravy | CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (F) |
| CHOICE 2 - W V VE Quorn nuggets with savoury rice Allergens: (wh), (M) | CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegetable pasta bake Allergens: (wh), (M) | CHOICE 2 - H V VE Bean & rice burrito Allergens: (wh) | CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegan shepherds pie Allergens: (so) | CHOICE 2 - H V Savoury cheesy muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (M), (E), M/C (c, Bar) |
| SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW | | | | |
| DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M) | DESSERT - H W V Fruity Cookie Allergens: (wh), (c), (E), M/C (Bar) | DESSERT - H V Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M) | DESSERT - H W V Chocolate MALTED cake Allergens: (wh), (Bar), (M), (E) | DESSERT - H W V Toffee apple sponge with custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (E) |

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WEEK 3

W/C - MONDAY: 15TH JAN, 5TH FEB, 4TH MARCH, 25TH MARCH

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| CHOICE 1 - H Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce Allergens: (wh) | CHOICE 1 Beefburger in a brioche roll with wedges Allergens: (wh), (M), (E), (su), M/C (So, Se, M, R, Bar) | CHOICE 1 - H V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (wh), (M), (M), M/C (so) | CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (wh), (M), (E) | CHOICE 1 - H Homemade fish croquettes served with fresh chips Allergens: (wh), (F), (E) |
| CHOICE 2 - V VE Quorn dippers with seasoned wedges & tomato dip Allergens: (wh) | CHOICE 2 - H V Courgette sausages, mash & gravy Allergens: (wh), (M), (E) | CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan sausage savoury rice Allergens: (so) | CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegetable bubble and squeak | CHOICE 2 - H V Pizza wheels Allergens: (wh), (M), (M), M/C (E) |
| SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW | | | | |
| DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M) | DESSERT - H W V Chocolate brownie Allergens: (wh), (E) | DESSERT - H V Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (su), (M) | DESSERT - H W V VE Banana bread Allergens: (wh) | DESSERT - H V Jam sponge & custard Allergens: (wh), (M), (su), (E) |

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ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS



JANUARY VEGANUARY (ALL MONTH)

We will be focusing on the dishes on the menu that are vegetarian.



FEBRUARY CHINESE NEW YEAR (FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY)

Year of the dragon!



MARCH WORLD BOOK DAY (THURSDAY 7TH MARCH)

Dishes that celebrate the wonderful world of literature.



STAY UP TO DATE:



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At CATER^{ed}, 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 ingredients we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.

We use:-

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackerel
- Free range eggs (including in our mayonnaise)
- Westcountry milk
- Westcountry yoghurts
- Organic herbs
- No fried food
- Fairtrade sugar
- Wholemeal flour
- Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

Please visit our pages at www.catered.org.uk

UFSM: All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a **FREE** school meal every day regardless of household circumstances. This is called universal infant free school meals. So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing!

We encourage everyone to take up this free offer!

FSM: If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child under aged 7 and for older children, information about free school meals can be found by following the link to **Free** School Meals within the CATER^{ed} webpages or by calling the FSM team on 01752 307410. Eligibility for FSM also provides schools with additional income via the Pupil Premium.

We encourage everyone one who's eligible to take up this free offer!

If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals including a drink currently costs £2.80.

For a full allergen breakdown please contact us at catering@catered.org.uk, let us know what school your child attends so we can talk through the menu offer currently at that school.

Mandatory Food Standards apply to all school lunches details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>



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