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 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)

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

Have a lovely Half Term

Mrs Catherwood

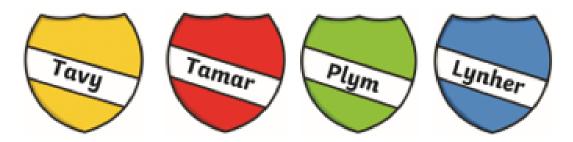
Head of School.

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**

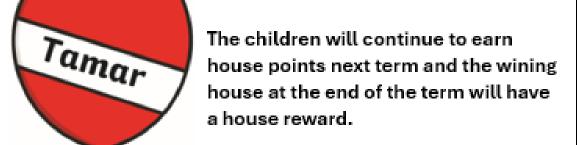


Earlier this term we relaunched our House Points system with our first House Assembly. Children in Key Stage 2 have been appointed as House Captains for their team. Your child may have shared that they have been awarded house points this term. These are awarded for:

- 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.



## FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR ZOE LAVERS

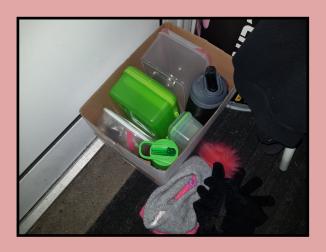


DO YOU RECOGNISE ANY OF THIS LOST PROPERT?

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..





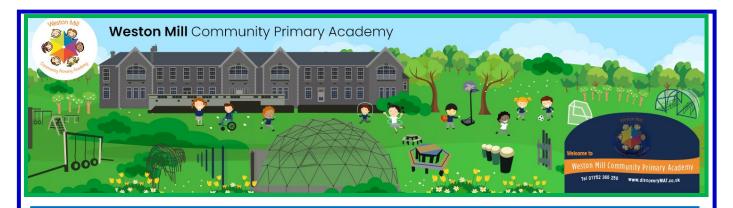


# SUNBEAMS



Group for the Under 5s Wednesdays 9.10am

**In the School Library** 



#### **WEBSITE**



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Home

#### **CALENDAR**



#### **TERM DATES**





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#### **IMPORTANT POLOCIES**



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### 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.

#### **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.

#### Thing, 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.

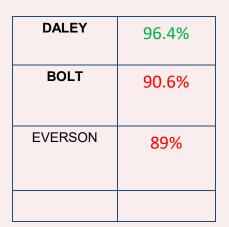
#### Weekly attendance for 5th to-9th February

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





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

Scan Here to Book









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



Allergens: (Mi) Allergens: (O), M/C (Bar, Wh) Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)

DID YOU



### **WEEK 3**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - N Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce Allergens: (Wh)	CHOICE I  Beefburger in a brioche roll with wedges  Allegens: (Wh), (Mi), (E), (Su) M/C (So, Se, Mu, R, Bar)	CHOICE 1 - H V  Macaroni cheese with garlic bread  Allergens: (wh), (Mi), (Mu) M/c (so)	Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H  Homemade fish croquettes served with fresh chips  Allergens: (Wh), (F), (É)
CHOICE 2 - V VE Quorn dippers with seasoned wedges & tomato dip Allergens: (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H V  Courgette sausages, mash & gravy  Altergens: (Wh), (Bor), (Ms), (E)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan sausage savoury rice Allergens: (So)	CHOICE 2 - H Y VE Vegetable bubble and squeak	CHOICE2 - H V Pizza wheels Allergens: (wh), (so), (M), M/C (£)
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DESSERT - Y VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (M)	DESSERT - H W V Chocolate brownie Allergens: (Wh), (£)	DESSERT - H V Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (Mi)	DESSERT - H W V VE Banana bread Allergens: (Wh)	Jam sponge & custard Allergens: (wh), (Mi), (Su), (E)
	eh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yaghurt and West C All meals served with seasonal veg		pon request. One meat free day.	PIR CON PULL CON TOOM ICE POWER OF WOMEN ICE PROPERTY OF PURPOSE O





At CATERed, 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.

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackeral
   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.ora.uk

**UIFSM:** 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 CATERed 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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