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Newsletter

Well another successful week this week. Children have been participating in some assessments this week to see how their learning is progressing and they have all engaged really well with this in their classes.

We continue to see a positive engagement from all our children with our routines in school, working within their bubbles, washing their hands and working together to keep everyone as safe as possible.

FRONT PLAYGROUND

Whilst we are using the front car park to support the children coming into school safely in these challenging times, can I please remind parents to ensure that their children are engaging with one another safely at all times. I ask politely that the children do not scream around outside of the reception area, as often calls are being taken and it can make it hard to hear what is being said. In addition to this, I politely ask that children do not climb around the reception area or on the wall at the front of the school as a safety measure. I would hate for a child to slip off one of these and hurt themselves. Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Today it was lovely to see the children supporting the national "Children in Need" event, coming in with their spotty clothing, fluffy bear ears and some wonderful hand made creations. Clearly, we have some secrets artists in our parent community. Can I please thank you all for supporting the children and charity in this event. Due to COVID restriction, we are counting the money next week and will update you with how much the school raised later on. Thank you all.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Please read the letter that has been emailed and sent home today and is also available on our website.

Please return your completed slip by **Monday 30th November**.

Thank you.

ODD SOCKS DAY REMINDER

We would like children to participate in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th**



November. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, it couldn't be simpler!

Attendance for w/c 2/11/2020

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the current class attendance data.

Daisy	89.8%
Bluebell	98.5%
Buttercup	86.1%
Violet	95.5%
Dandelion	90.7%
Poppy	95.0%
Primrose	96.3%
Teasel	92.6%
Cornflower	95.3%
Honeysuckle	95.0%

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates for your



2020/2021

- 16/11/20 - Odd Socks Day
- 24/11/20 - Flu Vaccinations
- 27/11/20 - Non Pupil Day
- 18/12/20 - Last Day of Term
- 21/12/20 - 1/01/21 Christmas Holiday
- 4/01/21 - School Opens 8.45am
- 15/02/21 - 19/02/21 Half Term
- 2/04/21 - 16/04/21 Easter Holidays
- 3/05/21 - May Bank Holiday
- 31/05/21 - 4/06/21 Half Term
- 23/07/21 - School finishes 3.00pm

FLU VACCINATIONS REMINDER - ELECTRONIC CONSENT

Remember to book your child's on-line flu vaccination:- <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

You have until Thursday 19th November to register online with them.

Vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 24th November**.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of access (SPA)

DINNERS

Please can you check your child's account and add credit today if you have an amount owing.

ALL LUNCHES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE PLEASE.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

HEALTH

Please see below a link for a great website for children and parents with regards to health and wellbeing

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Health advice to help your children grow and flourish.

Mellow Mums Group

Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start's aim is to be there for parents when they need us.

Mellow Mums is an informal, one-hour session, via Zoom, each week to give mums a chance to meet others and feel less isolated. It is an opportunity to chat but with no pressure to share anything that you don't want to.

We want the group to be led by Mums and so each week you will have a chance to tell us what you would like. It could be videos, guest speakers, information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going through.

It will be facilitated by a Home Start Co-ordinator and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group is suitable for mums with a child under 2 years old.

The next group starts on Thursday 3rd December at 1pm.

If you are interested in attending or would like to know more contact us at homestart.shpt@gmail.com and we will send you a link to access the group via Zoom using your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.



A big
THANK YOU

Weston Mill Primary School

Your donation weighed 11.94Kgs
and will make a BIG difference to
local people in crisis.

Plymouth Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

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The poster features a woman in a green top holding a cardboard box with the 'foodbank' logo. To the left of the 'THANK YOU' text are two green foodbank containers. The background is white with blue and green text.

NSPCC PROJECT

Using metaphors (written by the NSPCC) can boost our understanding of child development and increase support for ensuring children and young people have healthy development and grow up in supportive and loving families and communities.



Brain Architecture - Early experiences literally shape how our brain gets built. A strong foundation in the very early years increases the chances of positive health and learning later on, while a weak foundation increases the odds of having difficulties later on. But it is never too late to support strong brain development. Here's an animation to illustrate the metaphor: <https://youtu.be/DpnHO3FqQGA>