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Newsletter

Thank you again for another successful week. We continue to share any updates or guidance as we receive it, and ensure that this is placed on the website, Facebook page and in the newsletter to allow you to see it.

Next week is the start of children wearing PE kit to school on their allocated day. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and footwear on for their day (no labels or brightly coloured clothing or trainers). If you cannot remember the day for your child, this was on the letter sent out on this week and can be found on the website page for school and below.

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing the school team again to you on the newsletter, especially for those parents who are new to Weston Mill. We remind you all that any queries you may have are either phoned or emailed into the school office at westonmill.reception@discoverymat.co.uk. Many thanks and keep safe.

Class	Teacher	PE day
Daisy	Mrs Batten	Friday
Bluebell	Mr Kombostiotis	Thursday
Buttercup	Mrs Field	Friday
Violet	Miss Carpenter	Friday
Dandelion	Mrs Abbott	Thursday
Poppy	Mrs Blakeston/Mrs Brian	Tuesday
Primrose	Miss Aquilina	Friday
Teasel	Mr Mann	Tuesday
Cornflower	Mrs Butson/Mrs Wieprecht	Wednesday
Honeysuckle	Mrs Wallace	Monday

SCITT Student

Hello. My name is Miss Trigg, and I am working alongside Miss Carpenter teaching Violet Class in Year 3. My favourite



subject is English, but outside of school I love to perform and go to the theatre. I enjoy reading and playing sports too - netball is my favourite sport to play because I like working in a team. The staff and pupils at Weston Mill have made me feel so welcome already and I look forward to the term ahead.

HANDWASHING

Hand washing is extremely important in school at the moment, we are regularly reviewing and amending our procedures to make sure children's hands are washed properly and safely.



We have noticed over the past week that some children have started to bring in their own hand sanitizer into school. We ask that this is not brought into school. We are trying to limit the amount of things transported to and from school, but also we do not know what is in the bottles, and to keep everyone safe, we cannot have unauthorised chemicals in school.

FLU Vaccinations -

Electronic Consent



Remember to book your child's on-line flu vaccination:-

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please can we request that you access the consent portal via the following link below and follow the online instructions. Please register by **Monday 16th November 2020.**

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

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

Telephone: 0300 247 0082

Email: vc1.immunisations@nhs.net

Important Dates

Dates
for your



2020/2021

26/10/20 - 30/10/20 Half Term

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

26/07/21 - 03/09/21 Summer Holidays



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Dear parents and carers

We hope you have been enjoying your cereal and bagels that have been coming home with your little ones! For various reasons, we have quite a lot left over this week. **Please email me on c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk if you would like some extra cereal or bagels so we can reduce our wastage. Thank you!**

Claire Wilkinson, Family Support Advisor

Our Family Support Advisor, Claire, would like to offer parents/carers time to talk. Whilst your child is at school we can offer Zoom or phone calls.

You may just want to just chat or to receive some advice. If you would like to arrange a time to talk please email: c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk or call 01752 365250.



SNACKS REMINDER



Just a reminder to all parents, if you are sending in your child with a snack for breaktime. All snacks that are given for children at their breaktime need to be a healthy snack and come in a disposable wrapper (NOT A BOX or container) to support the systems that we have in place. A snack could include a piece of fruit, a healthy cereal bar with no chocolate, a squeezy yoghurt or chunks of cheese/cheese string.

All snacks must be completely NUT FREE and if it is a cereal bar, please provide one with no chocolate. Thank you.

PARENTPAY

All letters and emails from school are sent out via ParentPay.

Can you please make sure you have activated your child's ParentPay account in order to receive this information.

If you need an activation letter or any help with ParentPay please contact the office on 365250.

Thank you



Safeguarding Alert: Blue Whale Challenge

We have been asked by Devon & Cornwall Police to share a concern regarding the dangerous online 'Blue Whale Challenge' which is recently undergoing a re-emergence within the region (please note: THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MARINE LIFE).

This is a dangerous social media driven challenge targeting vulnerable and susceptible young people. The concept is 'one challenge per day for fifty days', with challenges increasing in risk and harm, culminating in suicide.

There have been incidents of this in South Devon in the last month (with young people carving whale images into their skin – one of the challenges), and these have been confirmed as being linked to the dangerous trend, by the children themselves during interactions with officers.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss further please contact: Detective Inspector Gary Bunn, Public Protection Unit (Ashburton) Mobile 07912566627 Internal 305961



The Pilgrims have opened the door for aspiring young artists to get their work published in the Plymouth Argyle Match-Day programme.

For each edition, one chosen picture will be printed in the junior section of the programme, while the rest will form a Facebook album of Argyle-related images.

The only rule is that we ask for all the pictures to have an Argyle theme, it could be your favourite player, a picture of the stadium, the manager, Pilgrim Pete, the Green Army, where the Pilgrim inspiration takes you.

Once complete, please send the pictures by email to tim.herbert@pafc.co.uk or through the Argyle Community Trust Facebook page. This will run until May 2021.

COVID UPDATE



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

NHS App

The new NHS Covid19 app was available to download from Thursday 24th September.

Please follow the link for further information.

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf>