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## Newsletter

It has been really lovely over the past couple of weeks to see the children come together back in school. Taking the first school assembly and seeing all the children smiling was just a real pleasure, and we have shown that with our routines and expectations, children have continued to engage well with their learning. We are still vigilant in washing our hands, the "catch and bin it" and appreciate your consideration when talking to staff in keeping socially distanced. As a MAT we are continuing to follow government guidance and advice and ask that if your child does present with any of the COVID symptoms, that you please ensure they are tested to ensure we keep our school and community as safe as possible. Thank you!

### HARVEST CELEBRATION

This year our Harvest Celebration will be on **Friday 1st October 2021**.

All food donations will be gratefully received and donated to the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth.

Tins, packets and food with a long shelf life can be brought into your child's classrooms on

Friday 1st October, where we will display these as part of our assembly, before having them transported to the Shekinah Mission for them to use to support the wider community in Plymouth.

Thank you for your support.



### **STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022**

Please visit the following website for information and guidance on applying for your child's secondary school for September 2022

[www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The deadline to apply is  
**31st October 2021**

### **IMPORTANT DATES 2021**

#### 2021/2022

Mon 25th Oct to	Fri 29th Oct - HALF TERM
Fri 26th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS
Mon 21st Feb -	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
Friday 8th April	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
Mon 11th Apr to	Fri 22nd April – EASTER BREAK
Mon 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 30th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 31st May -	Fri 3rd June –HALF TERM

Dates  
for your



## LUNCH REMINDER

### ALL SCHOOL LUNCHES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE PLEASE

**Please ensure your child's Parent Pay lunch account is topped up today and any amount owing cleared ready for Monday**

Please contact the school office if you need any help.  
Thank you.



## LATENESS

We would like to emphasise the importance of arriving at school on time. The doors open at 8.45am daily to allow children to be in class and settled ready for lessons which begin at 8.55am. Any child who is late will miss key elements which can have a negative impact on their learning.

Thank you.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SITE MANAGER

Important message for all parents. Please ensure when entering and leaving the school grounds that all adults and children keep to the main path. Please do not go up near the Forest School/Dome area or onto the field until further notice. This is to keep everyone safe at all times.



Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 13/09/2021

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

<b>Goldsworthy</b>	<b>88.2%</b>
<b>Matisse</b>	<b>83.6%</b>
<b>Mondrian</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
<b>Kiely</b>	<b>87.8%</b>
<b>Kahlo</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Da Vinci</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>Picasso</b>	<b>91.1%</b>
<b>Gaudi</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>Hadid</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>83%</b>

**It is vitally important that your child attends school every day unless unwell.**

If your child is unwell or won't be attending school for any reason, please remember to call the school to inform us by **9.00am**. If we do not receive a call your child will have an unauthorised absence mark and if their attendance drops below 90% the EWO will be involved. Thank you.

## PARENT WELCOME MEETINGS

Because of current restrictions we have had to have our welcome meetings in a different way this year. Each of our year groups have recorded a short video to explain our topics this year and the expectations around the year your child is in. In order for these to remain secure they have been uploaded onto e-Schools and can be accessed through your child's account and seen on the class home page. (This is the same as where homework was set last year). Children have been reminded of their password this week, but feel free to contact us if you are having difficulties accessing the video for your child.

## WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK



Please follow us on our Facebook page - Weston Mill Community Primary

**You can also check our website for latest news, dates and letters.**

## BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Bike to School Week is a week-long event across the UK to encourage families to cycle and scoot to school. It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. This year it takes place from 27 September to 1 October 2021.

As a school we like to embrace and encourage children to ride and scoot to school, especially next week. If your child is riding a bike, please could these be left in the bike shed outside (locked up if you wish). If they are riding a scooter, then these will be stored in school and children will be able to ride them at breaktime. Please bring scooters to your usual door in the morning and children will be directed as to where they can store them.



## Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October

## YOUNG ARTS AT PLYMOUTH COLLEGE OF ART: SATURDAY'S CLUB

If you are looking for some extracurricular creative activities for your 9 - 16 year olds, then there are still places available on Plymouth College of Art's Young Arts courses, which begin on Saturday 25th September. Half term (5 week) and full term (10 week) bookings are available as well as the free National Art & Design Saturday Club (info on the link below).

Ages 9 - 11:

<https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-arts-saturday-arts-club-autumn-term-9-11-years>

Ages 11 - 13:

<https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-arts-saturday-arts-club-autumn-term-11-13-years>

Ages 13 - 16:

<https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/events/young-creators-arts-club-13-16-years>

