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Newsletter

Well we have all made it to the Christmas holidays. Many thanks to you all for your support and engagement and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas with your family. Please continue to follow the advice set out by the government and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new year. School routines remain the same for all children. This includes where your child comes in and out of the school, the time of this and their PE day.

Monday 4th January Start for 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm

Forget-me-not (Nursery), Snowdrop (Foundation), Daisy (FY1), Violet (Y2/3), Dandelion (Y3), Teasel (Y5), Cornflower (Y5/6) and Honeysuckle (Y6)

Monday 4th January Start for 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm

Bluebell (Y1), Buttercup (Y2), Poppy (Y4), Primrose (Y4).

Parents Evening

In Term 3 we will be looking to have a parents evening, should you wish to have one, which under current conditions will be via a phone call. A letter will come out at the beginning of the new year and should you wish to have one, the reply slip will need to be sent back in to school asap. We hope that you can appreciate that this needs to be organised well for the team, and to ensure this runs as smoothly as possible, teachers will be allocated a time to do this, over a few weeks. Please keep an eye out for this letter in Term 3.

Christmas lunches this week

A huge thanks to the CaterEd team for wonderful Christmas lunch again this year. The children all enjoyed their meal and found the reindeer cake a real treat. Thank you to all the staff for their support and we hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break with your families.



Donations from the community

At this difficult time we have been lucky enough to have great support from the community around us to ensure that all the children at Weston Mill were able to leave school today with a selection box and a book.

Many thanks to Mrs Wilkinson for engaging with our community and organising all of this for our children. Our thanks go out to the Coop, Morrisons at Outland Road, the leadership team at St Budeaux Baptist Church and Tesco.



RETIREMENT NEWS

We are very sad to say good bye to Mrs Sharon Kemp who is retiring today after working as a teaching assistant at Weston Mill for over 26 years. Thank you for all your hard work and support.

We will be very sad to see her leave and wish her all the best for the future and for a very happy retirement.



LUNCH PAYMENTS END OF TERM

We still have several lunch accounts that have money outstanding.

ALL LUNCHESES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

Please ensure your child's Parent Pay lunch account is topped up and any outstanding money owing cleared today for the end of term

Thank you.



COMMUNICATION

If you are not receiving emails or texts from school, please ensure that you have activated your ParentPay account and that we have the correct email address for you.

All parents who have not activated their ParentPay were sent activation letters last week explaining how to set this up.

Thank you



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open. Applications need to be completed by **Friday 15th January 2021**.

Please see more Information on:-



IMPORTANT DATES

2020/2021

17/12/20 - Last Day of Term

18/12/20 - Non Pupil Day - School closed

21/12/20 - 1/01/21 Christmas Holiday

4/01/21 - School Opens—see start times on the front page

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 - Last day of term

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



CHRISTMAS VIDEO

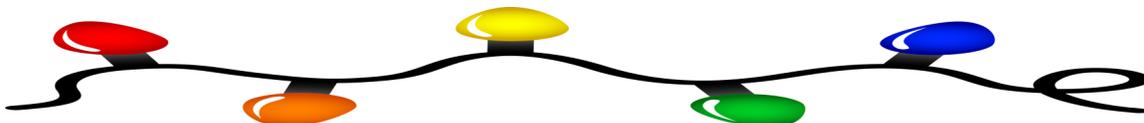


By logging on to your child's Eschool account you will be able to see them and their class singing their Christmas song.

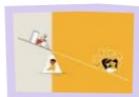
All log in details have been shared again with the children today.

For Foundation and Nursery this will be on Tapestry.

Thank you.



NSPCC Using these 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.



Tipping the Scales- Think of a child's development as a scale. The way the scale ends up tipping is like the outcome of the child's development, so we want the scale to tip towards the positive side. Positive things like supportive relationships, lots of love and return and 'positive stress' and calm and nurturing environments get loaded on one side. Here's an animation to illustrate the metaphor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EW20A962wd4&list=PLqA6QvvA4sNtS7AOONhiXoNshIAhTBJG&index=6>

STEM Returners programme for returning STEM professionals with Babcock in Plymouth.

Have you taken a career break from an engineering, scientific or technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering, science or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After running 2 previous returner programmes where 100% of returners were offered permanent roles with Babcock in Devonport dockyard, we are currently sourcing candidates for their brand new programme starting in April 2021, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.

More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2020/12/09/babcock-create-new-engineering-opportunities-in-plymouth-with-award-winning-recruitment-scheme/>

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

School returns Monday 4th January