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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our children back on **Monday 8th March**.

To support the return to school, we have included a few reminders to help prepare your children before next week.

Things to do this weekend

- Check that all uniform still has your child's name on the labels.
- Take some time to look at the school dinner menu if your child is having a hot meal so that you can talk about choices for next week. (There is an up to date menu on the website on the parent page.)
- Go back to your 'school time' bedtime routine so that children are used to their 'normal' bed times and getting up times.

Things my child needs to bring to school

- Named water bottle – with water only (no flavoured water or squash)
- Reading book, reading diary and book bag
- Packed lunch (if not having a school dinner)

Things my child does not need to bring

- Pencil case
- Mobile phone
- Fruit will be provided for children for break time
- Mask (this is only required for children attending secondary school)
- A big bag/rucksack

Reminders for parents and carers

- School gates are open at 8.45am. Please use the correct entrance for your child's bubble, this could be through the school gate, or through the school carpark.
- The carpark remains **closed** and should not be used. Please be considerate to our local residents and do not park on double yellow lines.
- Please ensure that your child has everything he or she needs for the day to avoid the need to return to the school during the day.
- Phone or email the school if you need to report an absence or you have a query. If the phone is busy please leave a message on the answer phone and we will get back to you.
- It is very important that you continue to support all social distancing measures when bringing and collecting your child from school. Continue to wear a mask/face covering when on the school grounds (unless medically exempt).
- We also ask that only 1 adult drops off and picks up children to keep the numbers on site at a minimum.

Our first week back

We have planned for a period of adjustment and support for all of the children so that they have opportunities to talk and share experiences, as well as celebrating being able to be at school and with their friends again!

We will take time to remind children about their bubble and what areas of school they will be able to access. We will also reinforce hand washing routines and the social distancing measures that we have in school to support our safe return, following our risk assessment or the school. However, we still will follow our RRS policy where this is not followed.

We will also ensure that we have active breaks throughout the day so that children have the opportunity to keep fit and healthy.

It may take a little time to re-establish a routine. Returning to school will feel very different for each child, some will be excited, others will be anxious and may find the first few days a little overwhelming if they have had very little contact with other people over the last couple of months. We will work together to support all our children and families during this transition time. Please contact your child's teacher, Mrs Burch (INCO) or the school office if you would like any further information or support during this term.

We will continue to follow government guidance and if any child displays symptoms of COVID-19 then we will immediately contact you to come and collect them. We have dedicated spaces which will be staffed appropriately to minimise any contact that they might have with any of the staff community. Like wise, should you perceive your child or a member of your household to present with any COVID symptoms, then we ask you to follow the national guidance, the house hold to self isolate until the symptomatic person has been tested. Please ensure that the school is informed of this.

Over the half term holiday in February, the school continued to have some work done on the grounds to ensure the safety of the school and children. Where areas are indicated to remain closed (either with a sign or tape) please ensure that your children on entering and leaving the school do not go into these areas.

In addition to this, we now have CCTV installed around the school site as an additional security measure for the school.

We are looking forward to next week and seeing you all again.

Kind regards

Mrs R Dinnis

SHOUT OUT!



Year 6 – Zuzanna, Dalton and Peyton

Year 5 – Rainee, Thomas, Finley and Obinna

Year 4 – Amalia, Tillie, Hollie, Cruz, Noah, Amelia, Logan, Alfie, Delcie, Hollie, Keira, Sebastian, Bailey, Rhilee, Riley, - The Year 4 team have been particularly thrilled with the Educare children this week.

Year 3 – Sawyer, Emily and Amelia perseverance in maths this week.

Year 1 and 2 – Ethan and Jack

Nursery/Foundation – Tilly and Chloe



Meet the Local Advisory Board Team:

You may be wondering who we are and what we do. We all live locally and bring various skills and experience to the role, for example, the fields of finance, business and education. Although we are volunteers, we have to be highly professional in the way we operate and to this end undertake regular training. We meet regularly to receive reports and updates from school teaching staff on how the school is progressing towards meeting targets and objectives as set out in the School Improvement Plan. We review and update policies, scrutinise data and as individuals report to the Trustees as a whole on the outcomes of monitoring visits to the school.

[If you have any questions or would like to become a member of our Local Advisory Board, please contact the Lab Chair by emailing clerktolab@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:clerktolab@discoverymat.co.uk)



Jill Callicott (Chair)



Rachel Bishop (Vice Chair, Community & Parent)



Carol Lant (Community)



Julie Collier (Oakwood Teacher & Parent)



Patrick Owen (Edison Centre)



Rowena Passy (Community)

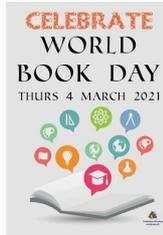


Lisa Darcy (Parent & PTFA Chair)



Sharyn Seaman (Weston Mill TA)

WORLD BOOK DAY



Thank you to all of you for supporting World Book Day both at home and in school.

It was lovely to see so many different book characters.

Please like and follow our new Facebook page at Weston Mill Community Primary Academy to view more photos from World Book Day.



IMPORTANT DATES



2021

8/03/21 - All Children return to School - see front page

19/03/21 - Red Nose Day (details to follow)

Please note the last day of term is

Thursday 1st April and children should attend school on this day.

2/04/21 - 16/04/21 Easter Holidays

19/04/21 - Children return to school

3/05/21 - May Bank Holiday

31/05/21 - 4/06/21 Half Term

7/06/21 - Children return to school

23/07/21 - Last day of term

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



Why hot meals are the best choice for your child at lunchtime

- They help with your child's attainment and concentration in class
- They will save you money and limit shopping trips
- A balanced meal full of nutrients will aid growth and development
- They are free for all children, years one and two
- They could be free for older children too, check to see if you qualify

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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 and 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

