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Newsletter

Welcome Back

We have managed a successful week and want to thank you all, parents and children for your support in this challenging time. Children have been really positive in school, working well with their teachers and following the routines that we have in place.

Firstly, as we have gone through the week, we have been monitoring carefully the day and seeing if there are any adjustments that we can make. The mornings all children come in well and we have been pleased with the ease of this. Moving forward, we have been asked, by our Board of trustees, that only **one parent** brings a child onto the school site, to minimize the number of adults that we have on the grounds at any one time. If you have younger siblings it is fine for them to attend as well, but we politely ask that siblings of secondary school age stay off the grounds (unless they are 16 and the main person collecting for that day). This will just support us all in maintaining appropriate social distancing. Thank you.

Secondly, for our Year 3 and 4 parents (Violet, Primrose, Poppy and Dandelion classes) we have seen that the end of the day is rather busy at this one exit point. Therefore, **from Monday 14th September**, we will be dismissing the **Year 3 and Year 2/3 classes (Violet and Dandelion) through the conservatory door** at the end of the building (breakfast club entrance) at 3.00pm. The other classes will continue to come out of the blue doors at their allocated time of 3.15pm.

Finally, Year 1 and Year 2 parents which are Bluebell and Buttercup Class from **Monday 14th September** Bluebell Class will now come out of the Library door and Buttercup Class will continue to come out of the same door as before.

We ask that all parents queue with appropriate social distancing from one another whilst waiting for your child/children. Please keep younger children as close to you as possible.

WALKING HOME REMINDER

For those children in Year 5/6 who have written permission to walk home at the end of the day, please can you remind them that they are to leave the school premises and not play/run on the field but to go straight home.

PE KITS

Please **DO NOT** send your child in to school with their PE kit. We will update you further in due course.

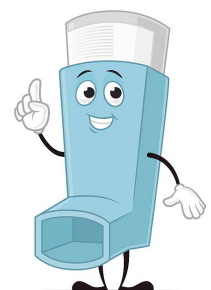


INHALERS & MEDICINE

If your child requires an inhaler or regular medication during the school day, please ensure that a form has been completed from the office

Please ensure that all inhalers are clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Thank you.



Important Dates

2020

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

27/11/20 - Non Pupil Day

18/12/20 - Last Day of Term

Please note these dates are subject to change.

Dates
for your



SNACKS

Just a reminder to all parents, if you are sending in your child with a snack for brektime.



Currently, with COVID 19, all snacks that are given for children at their brektime 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, a squeezey yoghurt or chunks of cheese/cheese string.

All snacks must be completely NUT FREE. Thank you.

PHOTOS

Normally we would be booking in to have school photos done, but in the current climate we are unable to have any one into the school building and therefore these have been postponed for now. As we know any more we will let you know.



NEW CLASS NAMES

All our class names this year are after British wild flowers – which is a link with the national curriculum. If you see your child's flower out and about, and manage to grab a photo of your child with the flower. Please send it into westonmill.reception@discoverymat.co.uk to be shared with the class teacher.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dinners

We currently have several people now in debt, please can you check your child's account and add credit before **Monday** 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.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance.



BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING

If you would like your child to attend our Breakfast club there is a new booking system on ParentPay.

Please log onto ParentPay and select the breakfast club option, select the **booking option first**, this will allow you to enter the days that you want to book and then make your payment. You will be able to book spaces up to 100 days in advance.

It is not currently our intention to limit breakfast club numbers as based upon last year we would be able to provide a safe environment for all of the children who wish to attend. Any queries please contact the office.



YEAR 6 CHILDREN &

PARENTS

Remember it's that time of year to make your Secondary School choice.

Plymouth City Council have asked us to send you the information by email. Please ensure that you have your ParentPay activated as this is the method that we use to email information our to parents.

Admission Deadline : 31st October 2020

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions



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

Important

CELEBRATION POST

On August 3rd our very own Rapunzel had the chop! Ivy Brook now in Year 3, had a whopping 15 inches cut off her hair. This has now been donated to the Little Princess Trust, along with £590 in donations. She would like to thank everyone who donated and encouraged her. It was not Ivy's first hair cut but the most important, as it will make a huge difference to children affected by hair loss.



FLU Vaccinations - Electronic Consent

On **Tuesday 24th November** the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all Weston Mill Community Primary Academy Children from Reception to Year 6. This will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

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 on-line instructions. <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 : vcl.immunisations@nhs.net