



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The school day

The school is open from 8:45am. Children should come straight up to the classroom. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please ask the office before 8.45am.

At the end of the day, children will not be released until the teacher has seen the parent/carer who is picking them up. This may mean you have to wait a little bit longer but it ensures all children have left our care safely with the correct person. Please let the office know if someone different is collecting your child.

Water and Lunch Boxes

Please can you ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day. These will be sent home on a daily basis to be cleaned and refilled. Lunch boxes are to be left in the Dining Hall at the start of the day. Children will collect their lunch boxes at the end of the day before going home.

PE kit

Your child's PE kit should always be in school. Please could you ensure that all items of the PE kit are clearly named. This should include: a plain white t-shirt, plain navy or black shorts and trainers. Earrings are not permitted for PE and will need to be taken out by the child themselves. If your child cannot take them out for any reason, they will not be able to participate in PE until a time that they can. We suggest sending your child with a box to put them in to keep them safe while doing PE. If your child usually wears earrings to school but cannot take them out themselves, please can you do this for them before they come into school. The regular PE times for Year 1/2 will be on a **Monday, Tuesday** and **Thursday**, however from time to time PE could be on another day depending on the opportunities that arise in school.

Reading

At Weston Mill we use the Read Write Inc scheme which is full of engaging stories. Children have the opportunity to change their reading books everyday so please listen to them read as much as possible. Children will also have the opportunity to change their school library book as they need to. You can use their school planner to indicate when they have read and to make any comments. A useful website to help with your child's Read Write Inc is: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Homework and spellings

Homework will be given out on a Friday, to be returned the following Friday. Homework for Year 1 and 2 will include 10 spellings, which will be tested every Friday. For the first term, all children in Key Stage 1 will be expected to practice their number bonds or times tables, read as much as possible and learn their spellings. Children will also have their Common Exception words to learn to read and spell alongside this over the course of the year. We will also be continuing project based homework tasks, but more information will be sent out about this as we move through the year.

Any problems or concerns

Please feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Most things can usually be sorted out easily. If you wish to speak to us after school, please allow us to release all of the children first. If you need a longer time to discuss something, then it may be better to speak to us to arrange a convenient time.

Please remember to return pages 7 - 10 of the school planner filled in and signed by yourselves and your child if you have not already done so. Thank you.

We look forward to a happy, busy and exciting year.

Miss Catherwood KS1 Team Leader