



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Week ending 30th November 2018

A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another jam packed week with lots of inspirational learning taking place. We had a visit from George Hemming from 100 tons of plastic on Wednesday who shared his aspirations to sail around the world and his commitment to trying to rid the world of plastic.

He has so far picked up 10 tons worth so still has long a way to go! As a school we are taking part in a creative arts project based on recycling plastic and the amazing inspiration that can be gained from the coast. We will also be considering how we can support George in his quest to tidy up the coastline and oceans.

We received a lovely phone call from a lady, who is the granddaughter of James Prescott, who was one of the soldiers featured in the Think of Me exhibition at The Horsebridge Centre. The lady collected the cushion that had been made for the exhibition by Tyler in 5W. She phoned the school because she wanted to thank Tyler for caring so much and producing such a lovely keepsake for their family. Well done Tyler.

Mr Kidd wanted me to mention the girl's football team. He said they have been a joy to coach and their attitude and effort levels have been amazing. That's so fantastic to hear girls. Well done!

Many thanks to all parents who have taken notice of the yellow signs requesting you not to park dangerously. I am hopeful everyone now realises how serious parking dangerously is. Unfortunately a resident in Cromwell road contacted the school this week to complain about a car parked outside her house. The engine was running for 45minutes which obviously created fumes. Apparently the car driver was very rude to the resident and said she was waiting to collect her daughter from school. I'm hoping the car was not parked on double yellows but in the correct parking bays, however we do ask that you consider the residents and that a running engine can cause significant fumes.

We have taken delivery of our Christmas tree today. It is MASSIVE!! We can't wait to decorate it ready for the Christmas PTFA Fair next Thursday. Lots of children have told me they will be putting up their Christmas trees this weekend, so happy decorating everyone.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Ramadan...



In Year 4, they have been thinking about why religious festivals are important and how they are celebrated. To help them understand they invited Shanaz, Zayan's mum, to come into school and tell them all about Ramadan. Shanaz explained why Ramadan is important to them as a family and how they celebrate it. The children learnt that Ramadan is a time for renewal and reflection and an opportunity to be grateful for all you have. It is also a time to show that gratitude by being kind to others. The children and teachers were so thankful to both Shanaz and Zayan for answering all of their questions.

Art Competition and Visit to Harrier Lodge Care Home ...

On Wednesday Mrs Fry took 8 children from year 4 to Harrier Lodge. The children were impeccably behaved and an absolute credit to the school, asking perceptive questions about the design features they saw around the building and the kind of care that the residents will be getting. Their art work will be on display in the communal areas of the building and has been reproduced on attractive boards so it looks fantastic. Lots of photos were taken and we will share these with you when we get them.

Tim Peake....



Tim Peake Book Signing.

To celebrate 20 years of the International Space Station and the release of Tim Peake's new book, he did a book signing last weekend at Waterstones. Mrs Harris went to meet him and have a book signed for the school. While she was there she met Cara who was waiting to meet him too. We hope you enjoyed meeting him Cara. It looks like you did.

Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance
96.3%



Highest % Attendance Winners
Tarik Tiger



Class 3A

100% Punctuality Winners
Polly and Petur Penguin



Classes
6CR,
5W

The Wider World...

This week, year 5 received their first post from a School in Kerala, India. They have been working with staff at St Joseph Public School, Manalimukku to organise an exchange of information about each school and then will be working on a joint project with the Year 5's on Ancient Greece next term. As a result, the first letters have been received from their Class 5 introducing themselves and sharing some of their favourite things. Between now and Christmas, some of our Year 5's will be writing responses and I am sure asking many questions about their new friends.



Internet Safety



Road Safety



Reminders

School uniform is important to our school. Please make sure your child is following our school rules regarding this. Please remember to tie back hair that is shoulder length and no nail varnish please. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner Announcement...

Fantastic News!! The PTFA have offered to pay for Christmas dinner for **everyone** on Wednesday 12th December! If you don't want your child to have Christmas dinner please supply them with a packed lunch.

Christmas Dinner

Roast Turkey / Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes, Sausages, Stuffing,

Peas & Carrots

Decorated Biscuits/Rice Krispie Cake



Important dates coming up...

Thursday 6th December-Whitstable Junior School PTFA Christmas Fair-3:15-5pm

Monday 10th December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2:15pm and 6pm.

Wednesday 12th December- Children's Christmas Lunch.

Friday 14th December- Last Day of Term 2.