



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Week ending 7th December 2018

A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you everyone for coming along to the PTFA Christmas Fair. It was such a lovely event and so well attended. Huge thanks to the PTFA who volunteer so much of their time to make these events so spectacular. It was good to see so many parents attend the most recent PTFA meeting too. Your support makes all the difference.

Next week is the final week of term 2. It has really flown by and has been such an enjoyable 4 months. You will also receive the Progress and Attainment Reports for your children next week. They have all worked incredibly hard. We have held Leader of Learning meetings this term (we ask some children about life at WJS) and they have talked very enthusiastically about all the exciting things they have done since September.

I also wanted to let you know that as part of our Health and Safety systems we are required to have fire drills and lock down drills. Next week we will be having a lock down drill. Children will be prepared for this on Tuesday when their teachers will explain that sometimes we need to stay inside to remain safe rather than leave the building. For instance perhaps there is an unknown dog on the playground, will be the example we use.

The new Online Club System started yesterday. We have had a few teething problems but we have sorted these out and it appears to be a much more efficient way of organising our clubs. Long may this continue.

Friday 14th December is the last day of term and children should wear school uniform however they may wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper if they wish.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Whitstable Junior School Facebook Page...



Visit us on
Facebook

WJS will be launching its Facebook Page after Christmas. Kent County Council recommends that no schools create closed groups but instead use pages to communicate with their own communities. We would like our page to be used as an ongoing newsfeed. We do not want to totally restrict the page as we feel one of the benefits of a Facebook page is that extended family can view the events of the school and see what their grandchildren/nephews/nieces etc. have been doing from further afield. It also enables us to spread requests for help or advertising for open days and allows our school community to see the wonderful things that are happening at Whitstable Juniors on a regular basis.

As Headteacher, I am the lead member of staff who posts and monitors the page and only members of the Senior Leadership team have administration rights. We have thoroughly risk assessed the use of Facebook and we are following Local Authority guidelines on ensuring anything that is shared is safe and within acceptable parameters. Safeguarding is our primary concern and our policy guidelines around acceptable use of images are very clear. No

images of children will feature their full name and we will only use images of children who we have consent for. We would like to remind parents that any social media including Facebook is a public domain. Posts from the school Facebook page will not appear on people's news feed unless they have actively sought us out and "liked" the page. Posts to the school Facebook page can be viewed much the same as anything the school displays on the school website. We would like to make sure that we work in partnership with our school community to ensure that the school Facebook page is used safely and responsibly. With Internet use becoming an essential feature of everyday life it is important that all members of the school community are aware that online conduct can have a significant impact both within and outside of school. We hope you look forward to having another means of seeing what is happening in your children's school.

Reminders

- Please don't forget that entrance to the school for children at the start and end of the school day is the rear gates.
- Also don't forget that we have no parking on the school site to ensure the safety of the children moving around the school.
- Spaces are still available on Sports Camp with Mr Kidd week beginning 17/12/18
- Dinner Money to be paid by the end of term please
- After Christmas we will be asking children NOT to bring any toys, trading cards and similar things into school. We have attempted to allow them this term but unfortunately they are a huge distraction during lessons and also cause problems at break time.

Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance
96.4%



Highest % Attendance Winners
Tarik Tiger



Class 3H

100% Punctuality Winners
Polly and Petur Penguin



Classes
3A, 3H,
4M, 6CR

Internet Safety

Follow the code to stay safe online



Click Clever, Click Safe!

Road Safety



Letters that went out this week...

- Christmas Dinner Menu
- Clubs Letter
- Clubs Grid
- Severe weather Letter
- Week 5 Newsletter

Important dates coming up...

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

Wednesday 12th December- Children's Christmas Lunch-Paid for by the PTFA

Girls football here at Whitstable Junior School against Herne Bay.

Friday 14th December- Last day of Term 2 - Carol singing on the playground at 3pm

Thursday 3rd January 2019- First day of Term 3- school starts for children.