

# **Whitstable Junior School**

Learning today for life tomorrow





## A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 6 and as you can see from the date list below we have a very full term ahead. The term has already got off to an exciting start. Year 6 children have been taking part in a week jam-packed with fun and adventure. Some of them have headed off to Grosvenor Hall at Kingswood for the week where they have been taking part in an array of adventure activities and sleeping in tents. Others have stayed closer to home having just as much fun but the comfort of their own beds at the end of the day.

We have also had the exciting delivery of partridge eggs (thank you Mrs Harris), which are currently hatching in class 5W. Mr George has worked his magic again and the awe inspiring vision of tiny lives starting their journey is being captured on a live stream on YouTube (click on the picture of the egg incubator for the link).







The much awaited PTFA Summer Circus (Fair) is very nearly here. Don't forget to come down to the school on Saturday 8th June (TOMORROW) between 11am-2pm. It will be an extravaganza not to be missed. It's all for a great cause too. The PTFA are passionate about helping us raise money to extend our outdoor learning opportunities. Remember it is FREE ADMISSION! EVERYONE WELCOME! Family fancy dress (prizes for the best circus dressed adult!).

This term also sees the changes for the new academic year start happening. We will be saying goodbye to 2 teachers at the end of this term. Mr Anderson is leaving us for a warmer climate and will be teaching in Spain. None of us are remotely envious at the thought of all that sunshine! Mr Anderson started his teaching career with us and we will be sad to see him leave. Mr Peal is also moving on to pastures new. He isn't going as far as Mr Anderson so we might bump into him now and again. Mr Peal also started his teaching career with us and is now making that next step in his career. We wish both of them the very best and the school has been lucky to have them as part of the team.

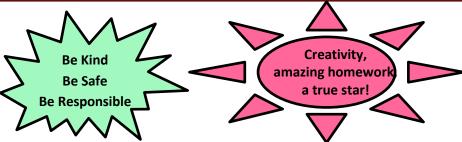
Children and parents are obviously beginning to wonder what teacher they will have for their next year at Whitstable Junior School. This information will go out to you on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. I can tell you that we will not be mixing classes at all this year. Classes will move up to their new year group just as they are. This means we will have 3 classes in Year 3 (new children starting their journey here), 3 classes in Year 4, 2 classes in Year 5 and 3 classes in Year 6.

You will also have an opportunity to meet with your child's current class teacher at parent consultations which are being held the week beginning Mon 17th June. You should have received a letter giving you a reminder of how to book these on line. Progress and Attainment reports will be winging their way to you at the end of this term.

Kind regards (and hoping for sunshine tomorrow!), Annie Knoupe

## This week's Headteacher Award goes to...





Online Safety... Celebrations in our community...

## Common Sense

Children today can spend a significant amount of time looking at a screen. Common Sense helps adults and children thrive in a world of media and technology. One of the services they provide are trusted reviews for Games, Books, Apps and Movies - so you know exactly what is and is not appropriate. Click on the image below to visit:



## 9 June (Sunday) - 21 May (Monday) SHAVUOT / THE FEAST OF WEEKS / PENTECOST

Seven weeks after Pesach. Shavuot celebrates the revelation of the Torah on Mount Sinai and the early harvest season in Israel. Summer flowers and dairy foods abound.

### 9 June (Sunday) PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY **Christian (Western Churches)**

Pentecost, named after the Jewish festival when the disciples of Jesus first proclaimed the Gospel after the gift of the Holy Spirit, is seen as the 'birthday' of the Church. Its alternative name comes from the custom of baptizing converts dressed in white.

## Attendance and punctuality...

## Whole School Attendance 95.9%

Take a look at the chart below. How good is your child's attendance?



100% Attendance Winners Tarik Tiger



Classes 6CR

100% Punctuality Winners Polly and Petur Penguin



**Classes** 3A,3H,4M,5W, 6CR

### Amazing anagrams....Can you solve it?



nlowc, urcisc, zeeprat

Can you unscramble the words? If you can, don't forget to tell us on the gate next week.

The answer to last week's riddle: Breath!



#### Letters this week....

- Parents Evening Letter June 2019
- Queen's Birthday Picnic Menu 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Race for Life Letter May 2019
- Strawberry Bake Off
- Secondary Transition Letter to Year 5
- Year 3 CAT information to parents letter

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. http://www.whitstable-

junior.kent.sch.uk/

### Important dates coming up...

#### Term 6

#### **Year 5 Parents:**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Kent Test Registration opens 3rd July Kent Test Registration closes

Saturday June 8th PTFA Summer Fair

Wednesday 12th June-6pm Year 5 Parent Information

Meeting-Secondary School Process

Thursday 13th June-PTFA Ginger Bread Gift Sale

Friday 14th June-Whitstable Junior School Race for Life

Monday 17th June-9-10am-Parent Workshop-Transition to Secondary School

Parents Consultations:

Tuesday 18th June (finishing 5pm)

Thursday 20th June (finishing 8pm)

Monday 24th June-CAT tests for year 3 this week. Friday 28th June- Children and Parents informed of teacher for next year.

Monday Ist July - Parent Workshops

- 9-10am-Transition to Junior School
- 4:30-6pm- Transition Support-managing change.

Monday Ist July-Year 6 children visiting new schools Thursday 4th July- Children meet their new teacher.

Monday 8th July-Health and Fitness Week begins

Friday 12th July - Sports day @ CCW

Friday I 2th July - Year 6 Leavers Disco, 6pm-8pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Alphege

Church, times TBC