



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

## Week ending 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019



### A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a quieter week in the WJS community as many of our year 6 children have been experiencing a taste of life at their new school, however we are looking forward to their return and hearing all about the amazing new lessons and teachers. Back here the remaining year 6's have been immersed in problem solving activities such as building roller coasters with enough velocity that the marble will loop-the-loop, or designing solar-powered ovens using their understanding of reflection, that will melt chocolate buttons the quickest. In other parts of the school, children have been making the most of the glorious sunshine by taking their learning outside; being inspired by our pond area and nature. Year 3 have been visiting our local museum to enhance their understanding of the past and Year 4 have been learning more about our local environment by completing environmental walks.

The children met their new class teachers for September and spent Thursday morning in their new classes. We also welcomed our new year 3 children who all left with huge smiles on their faces.

Next week, we are raising the profile of sports and healthy living through providing a different sporting experience each day, such as cricket, hockey and handball. Furthermore the children will develop their team building experiences through 'Challenger troop' activities, culminating in our amazing Sports Day celebration on Friday at The Whitstable School, please join us at 1pm if you can. We also have Geraint Jones, an ex-England Cricketer who will launch the week with his inspiring life-story.

Kindest Regards,

Annie Knoupe

### Ofsted Outcome...

#### WJS remains a GOOD school!

*We are so proud to work here and be part of this wonderful community.*

I would like to say thank you to all those parents and carers who made the effort to share their opinions of WJS on Parent View and with the Ofsted Inspector herself. We absolutely do have the children's well-being at the heart of everything we do and it was so important that the inspection recognized this. More important was the fact that so many parents felt exactly the same.

I have saved the full inspection report to our website. We have also picked out the headlines on the poster. I want to take this opportunity to mention Mrs Steward and Miss Moody, both of whom were Headteachers here during the last 4 years. Their legacy most definitely had a part to play in the school's success. Both have passed their congratulations on to the school.

### Ofsted Outcomes June 2019

*What Ofsted and Parents say about WJS!*

**"The pupils and their well-being are at the heart of everything you do."** Ofsted June 2019

Parents commented on the good support and care their children receive, the creative lessons and the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

One parent wrote: 'We hugely value the school's focus on equality, inclusion and the celebration of each child and their personal potential and achievements.'

There is a strong culture of safeguarding in the school, and pupils are well protected and looked after.

Strong and trusting relationships between staff and pupils mean that pupils want to do well and have positive attitudes to learning.

This is a happy, calm and orderly school.

The teachers are accessible to both pupils and parents, the after-school clubs are amazing and it is such a happy learning environment.

Pupils show resilience as learners, know that their efforts are valued and are proud of their achievements.

The aspects identified for improvement at the last inspection have been addressed successfully. Pupils make good progress across a range of subjects. Work is pitched more accurately so that pupils achieve well.

Pupils are polite and friendly and behave well. They enjoy coming to school.

**This school continues to be good.**  
 "You, your team and the governors share a clear vision and are ambitious for all the pupils to do well and have a rich range of experiences."

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



## Attendance and punctuality...

**Whole School Attendance 95.92%**  
Are you an attendance hero?



**Highest % Attendance Winners**  
Tarik Tiger



**Class 40**

**100% Punctuality Winners**  
Polly and Petur Penguin



**Classes 3A, 3H, 5W, 6CR, 6T**

## Scrambled words....Can you solve them?

Can you unscramble the words? The clue is looking ahead to September.....

Scrambled Words  
gniticex, ewn,  
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The answers to last week's scrambles words were:  
mosque, trip, adventure.

## Parent Survey....

We realise you were all "Parent Surveyed out" a few weeks ago so huge thanks for completing a school one at parent consultations the other week. We had 99 responses. 100% of parents agreed, partly agreed or said don't know (because my child has not had been bullied) to the statement; "The school deals effectively with bullying." It was fantastic to see that 96% of parents would recommend WJS to another parent. The full survey will be published before the end of term.

## Important dates coming up...

### Term 6

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July-Health and Fitness Week begins  
New Year 3 Parents information Meeting- 6pm  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day @ CCW  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Disco, 6pm-8pm  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July- 2pm Year 6 Performance to Parents  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July- 6:00pm Year 6 Performance to Parents  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July- 2:15pm - Prize Giving Assembly- (By invitation)  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration @ St Alphege Church, times TBC  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Water Fight for Year 6  
END of TERM  
27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July - Whitstable Oyster Festival  
27<sup>th</sup> July- The Oyster Parade- 10am start.  
3<sup>rd</sup> August-Whitstable Carnival

## Letters this week....

- Governors Letter to Parents Ofsted June 2019
- Ofsted WJS Boat and Quotes June 2019
- WJS Ofsted Outcome June 2019
- Sports Day Letter July 2019
- Year 6 Leavers Ball Invite

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