



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 18th October 2019



A message from Mrs Knoupe...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a truly inspirational week here at WJS. The children have been learning about the struggles that some groups of people have faced in history. They have also learnt about some amazing people who have had a huge influence on the world in all manner of ways. People such as President Obama, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. We have had great discussions influenced by watching Obama's speeches and created beautiful art work by colouring large pictures of the people we have looked at in different colours.

Year 6 have been exploring the lives of Harriett Tubman and Joseph Lawrence: 2 exceptional black African-Americans who, through their struggles, have found great success and influenced so many people. The children wrote their own manifesto's about a global issue that was important to them, produced their own artwork inspired by the 'Migration Series' produced by Joseph Lawrence and wrote poetry influenced by their understanding of the 'Wind rush' generation. Without doubt, the children have really understood and empathised with the unfairness and inequality faced by so many people around the world and been inspired by our quote of the week: 'If there is no struggle there is no progress'... Fredrick Douglas. I was able to join in with Year 4's march against racism and saw how enthralled year 3 were with the BigFoot Art Company who told Caribbean Stories of old.

The children have really done you proud this term. They deserve the well-earned rest of half term next week and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 31st October for the start of more exciting adventures.

Thank you for coming to parent's evenings and completing the Parent Questionnaire. The teachers were all delighted to meet you and share your children's progress with you.

Wishing everyone a lovely break.

Annie Knoupe

p.s After half term, Fruit Tokens will be sold at the school gate in the morning. If children miss this opportunity, they may also buy them from the office at break time, but not before school.

Headteacher's Award...



WJS PTFA...

Christmas Fair



Helpers needed for the PTFA Christmas fair.

Can you run a stall or help plan the event?

Christmas fair meeting 5th November or contact us on PTFA page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many hands make light work!

Attendance and Punctuality...

Please phone the school office before 9am if your child is going to be absent.



Whole School Attendance 96.75%

**Tarik Tiger
Highest % Attendance
Winners**



Class 63G

**Polly and Petur
100% Punctuality
Winners**



Classes 3G, 40, 4W, 6RM

Riddle Time....Can you solve it? (last week the answer was a piano)

Mr. O'Callahan has four daughters. Each of his daughters has one brother.

How many children does he have?

Can you work out the riddle? If you can, don't forget to tell us on the gate next week or your teacher.

Letters this week.... 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/>

- Boys Match Notification 16.10.19
- Girls Match Notification 17.10.19
- HALLOWEEN
- Pumpkin Hunt
- Samba Pirates
- Young Cooks



Online safety...

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Reminders...

- Please remember to name all your child's belongings.
- Please can head/Alice bands be simple and not ones with ears, horns, boppers etc.
- Shoulder length hair must be tied up.
- Coats for next term-I'm sure it will get colder.
- Phone the office to report your child absent
- Tell us if your child is not going to a club

Vocabulary Ninja's... Words unlock the doors to the world of understanding...

This week saw the first of our Vocabulary Ninja prizes being awarded for outstanding use of adventurous vocabulary. One child in each year group will be awarded this each term. Well done you vocab warriors!!



Half Term fun- Winter Multi - Sports Camp



Cricket/Football/Hockey/Netball

Suitable for ages 5—15 years Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd

October 2019 10am — 3pm **£15 per day or £40 for 3 days**

Selected group activities run by qualified coaches providing a week of fun sports in a safe environment

Please contact Mr Kidd by school office 01227 272385 or via email chriskidd1976@btinternet.com

Important dates coming up...

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31st October- Start of term 2.

Monday 4th November- Bikeability week for Year 6 starts

Deadline day for secondary school place applications.

Tuesday 5th November- New Parent Tours- 9:30pm

Thursday 8th November-New Parent Tours- 1:45pm

Monday 11th November-Start of Anti-Bullying Week.

New Parent Tours- 9:30pm

Tuesday 12th November- New Parent Tours- 1:45pm

Thursday 15th November- PTFA Tombola Non-uniform Day. Upper School bring a bottle. Lower School bring chocolate.

Saturday 16th November – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-12pm.

Wednesday 27th November – Year 6 NHS Height & Weight Checks – details to follow

Thursday 28th November – PTFA Wreath Making Workshop - TBC

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

w/c 9th December - Bikeability Week 2

Wednesday 11th December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2pm

Thursday 12th December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 6pm

Friday 13th December – Panto In School. Non Uniform and wear something Christmassy if you like.

Tuesday 17th December- Children's Christmas Lunch

Flu Jabs – Whole School – details to follow

Wednesday 18th December-PTFA Christmas Shop

Thursday 19th December-Last Day of Term 2.