



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019



### A message from Mrs Knoupe...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A truly busy week at WJS. All week the children have been focusing on Kindness and Friendship as they embrace our Anti-Bullying Week by learning to empathise with others. The children have read a variety of related books, watched film clips, been entertained by the BigFoot Arts Company, completed drama activities, as well as celebrated their amazing friendships by sharing a tasty treat and blowing out a candle with their friends. It has been lovely to see so many children showing such respect and care for each other; another example of just how great our WJS family really is.

It was Odd Socks day on 12<sup>th</sup> November. This was good fun but most importantly it was an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



Year 3 children have welcomed Year 2 children from St Alphege Infant School and Westmeads Infant School into their classrooms this week. It has been lovely to see them working together.

We are also delighted to announce that WJS have been awarded an Artsmark Silver Award. Huge thanks to Mrs Fry, our Art lead, who has shown such dedication and commitment to ensuring this happened. Please read the commentary below outlining our journey.

*“WJS is to be commended for its drive and commitment to developing cross curricular planning that gives children the opportunities to work with and be exposed to art forms and artists from different cultural perspectives. The establishment of the Pupil Arts Council ensures that not only are pupils given a voice, but the Arts are given a high priority in the school. Your partnerships with Turner Contemporary, Horsebridge Centre, Music for Change and the Coastal Alliance Arts Group are supporting you in the delivery of quality provision in the Arts. There is a clear strategic plan when it comes to the Arts which is understood and valued by all.”*

We also won 2 awards at the Buster Book Club Awards ceremony, for our outstanding achievement in literacy and green travel. Congratulations everyone!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## Headteacher's Award...



**Genevive in 4O** for being an incredible member of our community. Well done.



## WJS PTFA...



### Whitstable Junior School PTFA

Calling all parents / carers / followers.....let's talk about the Christmas Raffle 🎄 🎁  
Do you have a business that would like some advertising?  
Could you donate us a raffle prize for our Christmas Raffle in exchange for some advertising on here (& a warm fuzzy feeling that you are doing something good for the school too)....we would like to hear from you!!

## Attendance and Punctuality...

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



**Whole School Attendance 96.58%**

**Tarik Tiger Highest % Attendance Winners**



**Classes 3MC**

**Polly and Petur 100% Punctuality Winners**



**Classes 3H, 4W, 6T, 6RM**

**Riddle Time....Can you solve it? (last newsletter the answer was a secret)**

**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/>**

- Football Letter-away game
- Pain Relief Consent Letter
- Parent Governor Letter
- Parent Survey Oct 2019



## Important dates coming up...

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-12pm.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**- PTFA Tombola Non-uniform Day. Upper School bring a bottle. Lower School bring chocolate.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 NHS Height & Weight Checks – details to follow

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – PTFA Wreath Making Workshop – 7pm in the school hall

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**-Whitstable Junior School PTFA Christmas Fair-3:15-5pm

**w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Bikeability Week 2

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**- Year 3 Nativity to parents 6pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Panto In School. Non Uniform and wear something Christmassy if you like.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**- Children's Christmas Lunch

Flu Jabs – Whole School – details to follow

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**-PTFA Christmas Shop

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**-Last Day of Term 2- children making Christingle's and need to bring an orange to school