



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 13th December 2019



A message from Mrs Knoupe...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a truly fabulous term, it's been so much fun and we are so pleased to have had such tremendous support from you with everything we have done. The term has been topped off with an absolutely amazing Year 3 Nativity. It really was outstanding and the children did themselves proud. It's not easy standing on that stage in front of an audience of adults, let alone singing and acting too. A massive well done to Year 3 children and the adults who worked so hard to make it such a sensational show.



This week has also been Democracy Week. We held our own WJS Election on the same day as the General Election. I am so very proud of all of our year 6 children; each class has worked diligently as a team to gather opinions and research to support writing their manifestos. Each child has challenged themselves to persuade others to vote for them during our hustings and canvassing. The entire school community has come together to listen carefully to every presentation so that they could make an informed decision when it came to visiting our polling station today. The votes have been counted and verified and we are proud to announce that the winners of our WJS Election 2019 are;

The Whitstable Youth Community Party

Well done to their Party Leader, Ophelia and Deputy Leader, Roy. A further well done must go to the other 2 parties who actually received exactly the same number of votes.



The children also took part in a virtual learning opportunity called The Illustrators Takeover this week. This saw thousands of schools across the country, including WJS, tune into the Puffin Schools 'Meet the illustrators' day. It was great to see every year group at WJS interpret the skills and link them to their current learning in Art. The buzz was felt across the school with children comparing their artwork on the day.

Unfortunately we are having to say goodbye to 2 members of our fabulous team. Mrs Westwood and Miss Meyler. Mrs Westwood has been working at WJS for 12 years and is retiring. However we dearly hope we will still see her as she has promised to come back occasionally to help us out in supporting the children. Miss Meyler is not moving far and we hope we will still see her on some joint projects we have with other schools. We wish them both the best of luck with their new adventures.

Finally I'd like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.
Kind regards,

Annie Knoupe (Headteacher)

Headteacher's Award...



Dugee 3MC for showing exemplary behavior and contributing to lessons in an impressive way. Well done.



WJS PTFA...The Christmas Shop



Don't forget the PTFA Christmas Shop for the children is on Wednesday 18th December. The price of gifts range from 50p to £2. Children can bring their money to school in a named purse or envelope and will need a bag to take their gifts home.



Reminders...

- Healthy fruit and snacks are encouraged for break time to help your children learn as well as possible through the morning.
- Children should arrive at school through the back gates and the gates shut at 8.50. If children are late then parents need to ring the bell and accompany them to the office.
- School dinner cost goes up to £2.35 from January.

Attendance and Punctuality...

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



Whole School Attendance 96.51%

Tarik Tiger Highest % Attendance Winners



Class 4O

Polly and Petur 100% Punctuality Winners



Classes 3MC, 4O, 4W, 5M, 6H,

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/>

- Creepy Claws Letter Jan 2020



Important dates coming up...

Tuesday 17th December- Children's Christmas Lunch. Flu Vaccines whole school

Wednesday 18th December-PTFA Christmas Shop

Christingle making-please can every child bring 1 orange into school on Wednesday, thank you.

Thursday 19th December-Last Day of Term 2

January 2020

Monday 6th – Term 3 Starts - launch of NEW Sports Crew 'Ready-to-Learn Yoga'.

Monday 13th – Friday 7th - Attendance and Punctuality Challenge-info to follow

Friday 17th January – World Religion Day Celebration

Monday 20th – Friday 24th January – WJS Winter Themed Arts Week

February 2020

Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th – Story Telling Week.

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day – Wear a number for the NSPCC.

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day. Visit by Bigfoots Theatre Company for workshops on Cyber-Safety.

Friday 14th –End of Term

Term Dates for Academic Year 2020-2021

Staff Development Days (no school for children)

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Wednesday 4th November 2020

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September 2020 (SDD-staff only)

Wednesday 2nd September- Children start

Friday 23rd October 2020 - Term 1 Ends

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 26th October 2020 to Wednesday 4th November 2020

Term 2

Thursday 5th November- Children start.

Friday 18th December 2020 - Term 2 Ends

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

Term 3

Monday 4th January 2021- Children start

Friday 12th February 2021-Term 3 Ends

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term 4

Monday 22nd February 2021- Children start

Thursday 1st April 2021- Term 4 Ends

Easter Holiday:

Friday 2nd April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021

Term 5

Monday 19th April 2021 –Children start

Friday 28th May 2021 - Term 5 Ends

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th May 2021

Term 6

Monday 7th June 2021-Children start

Tuesday 20th July 2021 Term 6 Ends