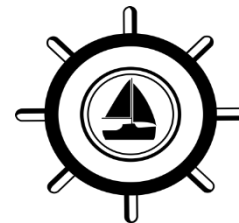


# Whitstable Junior School

## Sports newsletter- Terms 1 and 2 2019/2020



Welcome to our sports newsletter for Terms 1 and 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed taking over PE Leadership. Mr Peal and Mr Kidd have made fantastic developments in Sports at Whitstable Junior School and I am very excited to continue growing and raising the profile of Sports in our school. It has been a busy start to the year in Sports and I would like to thank everyone who has represented our school at competitions or taken part in Sports Clubs so far.

Mr George

### Sports Crew

I would like to start by introducing our Sports Crew. The Sports Crew are made up from Year 6 children who, at the beginning of the year, applied for the role and wrote why they wanted to be a part of the WJS Sports Crew. In Term 1, they all went on a special sports leaders training course at Herne Bay High School and will have opportunities this year to put their new skills to use. As well as carrying out daily duties such as checking sports equipment, setting up lunch time activities and running Wake Up, Shake Up, the sports crew will be supporting the school in a new initiative helping classes to be 'Ready to Learn' after lunchtimes. Sports Crew, you are awesome. Keep it up!



### Football



At the start of the year, myself and Mr Kidd held football trials so children in Years 5 and 6 could show us their football skills and try out for the school football teams. The trials were a great success with a brilliant attendance from both girls and boys. We were able to put together two really strong squads; a Boys Team and a Girls Team, each with 12 players.



Both teams have been training hard and working incredibly as a team. Their first opportunity to represent Team WJS was at a District Football, although they didn't get the result they were looking for. They showed great promise for what was to come. Since the beginning of the year, both teams have continued to grow. Each match they play, the level of football rises. They have been getting great results and even when a match isn't playing out how they intended, they have always stayed as a team. It has been wonderful to see their development.

As a player of WJS girls' football team, we are delighted to announce that, in our last match, we won 6-1 against Bysing Wood Primary School. We all know this is our best match we have ever played. Thank you for all the players that made the football match: you're all amazing. Finally, we would like to thank Mr George and Mr Kidd.

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### Tag Rugby

On Tuesdays this term, we have been lucky enough to have Roger from Whitstable Rugby Club running Tag Rugby sessions at lunch time. These sessions have been a great introduction to Tag Rugby. Although the sessions have now stopped for the winter, they will continue in March and are open to everyone. We are hoping to hold a friendly festival playing against other local schools.



### Basketball competition- 14<sup>th</sup> November at Herne Bay High



The Basketball competition took place at Herne Bay High in November. The team played some fantastic Basketball and made the school proud. Although they didn't make it through to the next stage, each player should hold their heads up and be proud of their attitude towards the games.

### Looking forward to next term

In Term 3, we are looking forward to taking a group of Year 5s and 6s to a **Sportshall Athletics Competition**. WJS will attend their first **Speed Stacking Festival** in the New Year. We are also looking for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams to attend a **Cross Country** event. So if you are a talented runner, maybe you run for a club, take part in the local Park Run or just love running, let Mr George know. Finally, we are very excited to announce, starting in term 3, the sports crew will be supporting the school's mental wellbeing by running '**Ready to Learn – Yoga**' sessions after lunchtime. This will allow children to enter a calm environment and prepare themselves mentally for an afternoon of learning. Sessions will happen every day in classrooms. Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies!

Thank you for taking time to read our Sports Newsletter for Terms 1 and 2. I hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy Christmas. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either via the office or on the playground. I shall sign off the newsletter the same way I sign off all team talks before a match or competition. Play Clean, Play as a TEAM!

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**#TeamWJS!**