



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Week ending 14th September 2018

A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first full week has come to an end and the children have continued to settle into their new classes with ease. Year 3 have all shown how ready they are for junior school by rushing through the gates in the morning and leaving you all with open mouths. From Monday we ask all parents to remain outside the school gates and wave their children off. Thankyou. Year 5 have had a fabulous Viking Day and their shields were marvellous, thank you for your support in this. Year 6 have settled in to their role as the oldest in the school and have been busily applying for the variety of responsible positions available-see below. Year 4 are no longer the youngest and have been sensational at helping the new children find their way around. Thank you everyone for keeping to our **be kind** code of conduct.

A huge well done to all the children who are using the new walkways and zebra crossing in the school car park so sensibly. Car parking arrangements in the school have changed this year. With the children's safety in mind we are limiting the number of vehicles that drive onto the site and therefore we are asking that all parents refrain from driving into the car park. Thank you for your understanding of this decision.

The newsletter will have a weekly celebration on punctuality and attendance. The winning classes then have the company of Attendance Tiger or Punctuality Penguin for the week. Below shows the winning classes for this week.

Attendance and punctuality are essential to ensuring that your child gets the most out of their time at school. They are also important life skills that they will need as they become young adults and enter the world of work. The school also has a requirement from the government to have a % attendance above 97% if we want to head towards being an outstanding school. More importantly though your children will have the best school experience possible.

Please make sure that your child arrives in time for the start of school at 8.45am. Children can be dropped off in the playground from 8.25am onwards and at 8.45am the bell sounds for the children to go to class. If your child is late they will need to come to the front entrance to enter school.

Whilst I understand that holidays are cheaper during term time (I've been a teacher for 26 years and feel your pain) I ask that you take holidays during school holiday periods as term-time absences can affect your child's progress. I am unable to authorise during term time except in very exceptional circumstances. Thank you for supporting the school in this.

The club letter has been sent out this week so please return the choices form as soon as possible.

And finally, Tempest Photography will be here next Wednesday to take the individual photos of the children, so don't forget to remind them to bring their best smile with them to school that day.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe
Headteacher



Congratulations to the following children for achieving these prestigious roles....



Emily Lambert Head Girl.
Ruby Searle Deputy head Girl.
Lucas Bartley Head Boy.
Jenson Smith Deputy head Boy.



Congratulations to them all they should be very proud of themselves.

Huge congratulations to the 14 new Sports Crew Members, who will be demonstrating their amazing team work skills to help organise sporting events throughout the term.

Whole School Attendance % this week-

98.2%- Good stuff! Let's see if we can beat this next week.

This week's attendance and punctuality winners are...

<p>Attendance Tiger</p> 	<p>Congratulations to classes 3G and 4O</p> <p>For winning the company of Attendance Tiger next week for having the highest % attendance of 100%.</p>	<p>Punctuality Penguin</p> 	<p>Congratulations to classes 3A, 3H and 3G</p> <p>For winning the company of Punctuality Penguin next week for having the highest % of children arriving at school on time with 100%.</p>
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This week's Headteacher Award goes to.....

Primanshi Patel- congratulations on being a such a super role model Prim.

Internet Safety

Make sure games and apps are age appropriate.

Know the content of what your children play, both at home and at friend's houses. Most games and apps have a PEGI (Pan European Gaming Information) rating on the box or download page which gives you age recommendations and highlight any inappropriate content.

Parking / Road Safety

Please can we remind children (especially those that walk unaccompanied by an adult) to always use a safe place to cross the road and to never cross between parked cars. Parents and carers, please don't park on the yellow zig zag lines or double yellow lines (Cromwell Road) near where the children cross to come to school. This parking can seriously endanger a child's life.

School Website

We are updating the website as fast as we can and trying to make it even more user friendly. All letters will be uploaded to the website and you will find these in the parents drop down tab in school letters. You will also find some photos from the Year 5 Viking Day being uploaded in the Year 5 page over the coming days and the year's overview of what each year group learns about over this year.

This week's letters/emails sent out and on our website...

- Year 3 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2018
- Year 4 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2018
- Year 5 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2018
- Year 6 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2018
- Club Letter Term 1 2018
- Club Grid Term 1 2018
- Year 6 Workshops at The Whitstable School
- Year 6 Rainforest Homework
- Year 6 Term 1 Spellings 2018

Dates for next week:

Monday 17th September

school clubs start

Tuesday 18th September

Meet the teacher – (3:15-3:45)

Wednesday 19th September

Individual Photos

Friday 21st September

Jeans for Genes Day- Raising money for the diabetes charity. Come to school in non-uniform and wear anything made from jean material. Bring in a donation for the collection tin.

Important dates coming up...

Fri 28th September-MacMillan Coffee morning PTFA

Wed 17th October- Parent Consultations.