



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

**Week ending 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



## A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

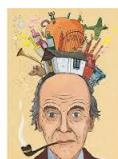
Our first full week back with the children and it has flown by. This week the children have all been discussing the importance of caring for each other, through assemblies, circle time, class discussions as well as through thoughtful animations or class-based activities. We will be continuing this theme throughout this term and hope that you will join us in caring for those with disabilities next week when we raise awareness of '**Jeans for Genes Week**'. The children will be allowed to wear non-uniform (ideally jeans in some form) and asked to bring in a donation so that we can raise money for such a worthwhile cause. So we don't get confusion with PE days, we have decided that each year group can wear their jeans on a different day, see below. We will have a collection pot at each gate to collect the donations. The children will also be involved in assemblies and class activities to further support their understanding.

**Monday Year 3**

**Tuesday Year 6**

**Wednesday Year 4**

**Thursday Year 5**



This Sunday also celebrates the life and times of the incredible author: **Roald Dahl**. Therefore, children will be having fun next week learning about some of his amazing poetry: performing them as well as getting their tongues around some of his weird and wonderful words! Lastly, at the end of next week, we will be celebrating the **Jewish New Year**: as a school, we wish to celebrate and raise awareness of all cultures and religions.

Year 3 have enjoyed beginning to find out about the Stone Age and Rocks and Soils. Their brains have been busy doing lots of brainstorming about their previous knowledge, and they started to develop their scientific investigation skills by looking carefully at different types of rocks. They have also enjoyed learning how to play some new notes on the glockenspiels.

This week Year 4 has been conducting Science experiments to show differences between Solids, Liquids and Gases. They have also been exploring the life and artwork of Chris Ofili and the children have enjoyed creating their own patterns. Year 4 will also be having fun starting ukulele lessons next week. Finally, I have the job of sharing some sad news with you all. Naomi Kernighan our Family Liaison Office, Play Therapist and Well Being Team member will be leaving us for new adventures and today is her last day with us. Naomi has been at WJS for 16 years and helped numerous families and children over her time with us. We wish her all the best and she will be very sadly missed.

We are however in the lucky position of being able to ask Leanne Barlow, who you all know, to take on the role of the Family Liaison Officer. We also have a new member of the Well being Team, Shannon Wells, who some of you may have already met on the gates. We have been really lucky to also bring on board a Play Therapist who knows the school well having worked here alongside Naomi. I wish everyone all the best in their new roles and with their future adventures.

Warm wishes,  
Annie Knoupe

## Attendance...



Don't forget the WJS website has lots of helpful information regarding the big question.

**"WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD OR SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY IS UNWELL?"**

Follow the link and you will find flow charts that should help.

[Link to WJS Website for Information if Unwell](#)

This week we had a % attendance of 96.2%- we are managing to keep those bugs at bay!

## Celebrations...

## Your School Gardening Award Level 1 evidence

### Congratulations to us!!

WJS have achieved the first gardening award. Many thanks to Miss Moss for gathering the evidence and enrolling us in the scheme. Silver Award here we come.

### Reminders...

#### Parking

Please park safely and sensibly when dropping your children off or picking them up. We absolutely understand the challenges that the changes to these ends of the day are presenting but none of them are worth endangering a child's life. The zig zag yellow lines and double yellow lines are there for a reason. Parking there endangers life.

#### Climbing on the war memorial

The school has received some complaints from members of the public who have told us the younger children are climbing the War memorial outside the library when they are waiting for our school gates to open. Please can you remind your children that this is a special place for many people and must not be climbed on. Thank you.



#### PE Kits, bringing sweets and cakes etc into school

I'm afraid the guidance is clear that schools need to limit the number of things brought into school to minimise children sharing things. This is why we are asking children to come in wearing their PE Kits. This eliminates the risk of children putting on another child's clothing (yes this really does happen ☺). This also means we are not able to allow birthday sweets to be brought in or anything of a similar nature. I have explained this to the children in assembly and said I know they are being very kind and it is sad they can't do this.

### Letters this week....

- Class Teachers Email Addresses

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. <http://www.whitstable->

### Term Dates...

#### Term 1

##### September

14th Genes for Jeans Week (Non-uniform and wear something "jeany" if you can.)

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 3
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 6
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 5

21st Recycle Week (assemblies)

##### October

5th Black History Week

12th Raising awareness of Mental Health Day

15th Kent Test Day - Year 6

Late parents Eve-5pm-7:40pm (information to follow)

19th Geometry Week

21st Early parents Eve-3:30-6:30pm (information to follow)

23rd **Term 1 ends**

**Half Term Holiday-Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**

##### November

5<sup>th</sup> **Term 2 starts for staff and children**