



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 28th September 2018



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The temperature is dropping and I wanted to reassure all parents and carers that the heating in the school is in full working order! I can hear cheers. Being such a wonderfully old and “Hogwarts” like building, we sometimes succumb to Victorian plumbing, but Mr Walsh (our caretaker) and Mrs Amos (school business manager) have made it their life’s mission to make sure this winter we are cosy and warm.

Next week we have a really exciting week and the children will be learning all about the achievements and contributions of black people around the world as part of Black History Month. The week will start with Year 3 taking part in a Caribbean Dance workshop (run by Malachi Spaulding) and they will share their dance with the school in the afternoon. We can’t wait to see it.



If you’d like to learn more about BHM I’ve pasted in a link to the newsletter. I know I’ll be exploring it with my sons. <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

We also have some celebrating to do as we have achieved **Music Mark** which is in recognition of the school’s commitment to providing high quality music education for all children at Whitstable Junior School. Well done everyone!

A big thankyou as well for wearing denim last week and raising £261 for Jeans4Genes.

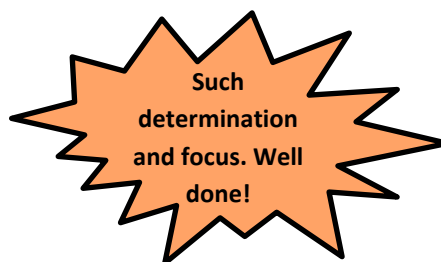
Warm wishes,

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Annie Knoupe



This week’s Headteacher Award goes to.....



Attendance and punctuality.....

Whole School Attendance

98.6%

It’s climbing!! Well done WJS.

Highest % Attendance Winners
Tarik Tiger



Class 3A

100% Punctuality Winners
Polly Penguin



Classes 3A, 3H, 4O, 5L, 5P, 6H, 6T
WOW!

Petur, Polly’s brother is on his way to join her and should be here next week.

Information for Year 6.....

Year 6 parents. I have pasted a link to a booklet Kent provide for parents and carers of children who will be moving to secondary school in Sep 2019. You may find answers to many of your questions in here.

http://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/17930/Secondary-admissions-booklet-all

[areas.pdf](#)

Secondary School Open Days- we have sent out a list of open evenings and days that we are aware of.

Internet Safety	Road safety	Reminders
<p>Agree with your child rules for Internet use in your home</p> <p>Here are some tips to get started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Discuss when and for how long it is acceptable for your child to use the Internet•Agree how to treat personal information (name, address, telephone, e-mail)•Discuss how to behave towards others when gaming, chatting, e-mailing or messaging•Agree what type of sites and activities are OK or not OK in our family•Follow the rules yourself! Or at least explain why the rules are different for adults.	<p>STOP LOOK, LISTEN and THINK.</p> <p>https://www.think.gov.uk/education/resource/do-you-sllt-kahoot/</p> <p>Do your children know how to stay safe when crossing the road?</p> <p>If you follow this link you will be able to find some great learning resources to help your child stay safe.</p>	<p>Dinner money the allowable credit limit is £10</p> <p>Contact Details -PLEASE tell the office if your contact details change. It's really distressing to try to contact a parent and find the number is no longer valid. The same for addresses and emails.Thankyou.</p> <p>Hair-if your child's hair touches their shoulders please tie it back. This keeps the "little nit critters" at bay.</p> <p>Play time snacks-healthy snacks are very much encouraged but no crisps or chocolate biscuits please. Remember children can buy fruit tokens for 40p.</p> <p>School Library- If you have any children's magazines /comics in good condition and/or hand puppets (especially animals) for story-telling activities we would love them for our library. Please hand to us on the gate.</p> <p>School Photo Money- Due in by Friday 5th October please.</p>

Competition time.....

Young Cooks competition – Any budding chefs out there?

Young people are invited to take part in the south east's annual MasterChef-style event.

To enter they need to prepare a dish they have created, which they think is delicious, healthy and showcases their cooking skills.

The Young Cooks judges love to see local produce being used so thought should be given to this.

Any child or young person aged between 6 and 19 years old may enter Young Cooks and our 13 finalists will be invited to cook their dish for our VIP panel at the live final at the end of November at East Kent College in Broadstairs. For information on how to enter, and on terms and conditions, please visit Kent cooks website www.kentcooks.co.uk.

Don't forget you can find all the letters sent out this week on the school website .

Some important letters to look out for:

- Swattenden deposit letter
- Year 6 Secondary School Information Evening

Dates for next week:

Monday – Year 3 Caribbean dance workshops

6H – Visit to The Whitstable School-Japanese workshop

Tuesday – Silver Tuesday- Elderly Citizens Tea Party (we are welcoming some residents of Bradbury Grange to share some stories and have a cup of tea and a slice of cake with some Year 6 children).

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Wednesday – Sports Crew Training at Herne Bay High School

Important dates coming up...

Mon 15th October- Year 6 parent's information meetings about the Kent Test process 2pm and 6pm. Please telephone the school to let us know which meeting you are attending. Many thanks.

Wed 17th October- Parent Consultations.

Mon 29th October- Bikeability week for Year 6-info to follow.

Fri 9th November- Year 6 children go to The Horsebridge to see the film The Eagle.

Mon 12th November-Start of Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 16th November -30 Year 3 children go to Thanet to see the film-Early Man

Saturday 17th November – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-1pm