



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 9th November 2018



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow!!! What a wonderful week celebrating 100 years since the end of WWI. The work the children produced was just fabulous and they were so inspired by all that they were learning. I had several children bring me work they had been doing. One particular piece of art work from Henry in Year 3 made me quite emotional. The costumes they wore were marvellous and I felt like I had gone back in time when I was showing a group of potential new parents around. We even bumped into Churchill (aka Mr Seppala in year 4). I want to thank all the parents and carers so much for your efforts with this, I know from experience that dress up days can bring challenge into a home.

Next week is national "Anti-bullying Week" and this year the focus is "Choose *Bullying* Respect". Children are asked to come to school in odd socks on Mon 12th November to mark the beginning of Anti-bullying Week. We also have Year 2 children from Westmeads Infant School and St Alphege Infant School coming to spend some time with our Year 3 children, We hope they have lots of fun.

Don't forget odd socks day, non-uniform and pyjama day!! It's a lot I know but all for a good cause.

Best wishes,

Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...

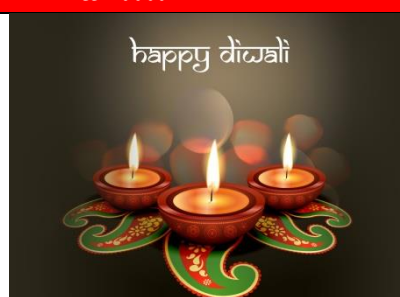


Congratulations....

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate 3 members of our super staff who have recently received the fantastic news that all their hard work and commitment has paid off. Mrs Tucker has been studying and working for the NPQML (National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders) and Mrs Roy and Ms Collin have been studying and working for the NPQSL (National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders). These involve a great deal of work and more importantly involve the teachers leading on new initiatives within the school. They have all done this to an exceptional standard and as a result the school has benefited hugely. Thank you and well done to you all.



Diwali....



This week there other celebrations the children learnt about. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights, which is celebrated every autumn in the northern hemisphere. One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance." We hope all our families who celebrate Diwali had a wonderful time.

Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance 96.2%

If your child is at school for 169 days out of 190 that's 89% attendance. Your child has been off for 4 weeks and 1 day and may find it hard to keep on track.

Highest % Attendance Winners Tarik Tiger



Class 5W



100% Punctuality Winners Polly and Petur Penguin



Classes
3A, 3H, 5P,
5W, 6CR

Well done to all these classes and the children who have got to school on time, ready to start a great day of learning. Arriving late for school puts children at a disadvantage. Being on time is important.

Parent Survey...

Many thanks to everyone for completing the survey. It is really important to us that we know how you feel we are doing. It's so pleasing to see that 96% of parents would recommend Whitstable Junior School to another parent. I'm always keen to find out how you feel we deal with bullying and it's good to see that 90% of parents feel we deal with it effectively or can't comment because their children haven't experienced any. This is obviously something we would like to say 100% in the agree column. The full summary has been emailed separately or sent home to you if you require a paper copy. It will also be on the website.

Internet Safety

Stop Speak Support Anti-Cyberbullying Day
This Anti-Bullying Week we will hold our first ever anti-cyberbullying day, on the Thursday of Anti-Bullying Week (15th Nov)
<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/stop-speak-support-anti-cyberbullying-day>

Road safety



PTFA

I've heard that there are parents and carers out there who want to support the school in a hands-on way. A great way to do this is join our brilliant PTFA. If you'd like to do this just contact the school office and speak to Sarah Amos. Any parents who think they could support the school in other ways please give me a ring.

Letters that have gone out this week ...

- Basketball Festival
- Christmas fair Poster
- Sports Flyer December 2018
- December Sports School Booking Form
- Reading and Rock Stars
- School E News Christmas 2018
- Swattenden letter
- Year 3 Into Film Festival

Year 4 Swattenden trip...

Unfortunately the Year 4 Swattenden Residential Trip for May 2019 will now not be taking place. We have thought long and hard about ways we could enable this to happen but the only outcome has been to cancel it due to the numbers who wanted to attend. We are heartbroken to have so many disappointed children but want to remind them they will have the opportunity to go on a residential trip in Year 6. We also plan to provide other opportunities for enrichment activities through the year so I'm sure they will all have lots of chances to have some of the experiences offered at Swattenden and to make those treasured memories. A more detailed letter will be winging its way to Year 4 parents early next week.

Important dates coming up...

Monday 12th November-Start of Anti-Bullying Week- Odd Sock Day- **wear odd socks** to school if you want.

Thursday 15th November- PTFA Tombola Thursday-**non-uniform** in exchange for a bottle donation

Friday 16th November – Children in Need Day- **wear pyjamas** to school and bring in a donation.

30 Year 3 children go to Thanet to see the film-Early Man.

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

Tuesday 27th November- Christmas Jumper Day- Pantomime at school and PTFA Tombola Tuesday non-uniform for chocolate/pamper gifts for tombola

Thursday 6th December-Whitstable Junior School PTFA Christmas Fair-3:15-5pm

Monday 10th December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2:15pm and 6pm.

Wednesday 12th December- Children's Christmas Lunch.

Friday 14th December- Last Day of Term 2.