



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



## Week ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly can I thank you for so willingly joining in with all the little added extras we have asked of you this week. Odd socks day to start of Anti-bullying Week, Tombola Thursday (I just loved seeing all the parents and carers trying to hide bottles of wine inside their coats as they walked to school!!) and then Pyjama Day for Children in Need. All we have had from all parents is completely positive comments. This means a lot to us.

I also need to thank Mrs Migden for organising all the Anti-bullying planning and getting the week off to an amazing start with a very simple but superb way of showing the children the effect bullying can have on anyone. Ask your children how she did this.

The children have produced the most touching poems I have ever read and all in Benjamin Zephaniah style. We have a booklet in reception with pieces of children's work in and these will go in there. I will also add them to the school website and you will be able to find them in the Children's Zone, Our Year Groups. They really are worth searching out and reading.

I also wanted to share with you a little bit of "learning magic" (the moments that happen when you are a teacher and know this is why you do the job) that happened in school during WWI week.

The Peace Babies (Jelly Babies) were being shared out in a Year 3 class when one little girl said,



*"It's a bit like when Nelson Mandela said we are like Jelly Tots. We are different colours but we all taste the same."*

The class had been learning about Nelson Mandela during Black History Week and it had clearly made an impression. This is exactly the impact we had hoped our new focus on understanding and embracing cultural diversity would do.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and if you fancy a wander around the school we have our Open Day tomorrow from 10:30am to 1pm.

Best wishes,  
Annie Knoupe

### This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



### PTFA ....

This is a very busy time of year for the PTFA. They would welcome some more helpers for the Christmas fair on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December with open arms. They also need some volunteers to help out with the very popular Christmas shop on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you can help please let the office know.

They wanted me to say a massive thank you for all the Tombola donations this week.



### Thank you....

**Our Christmas tree will be arriving on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

**We can't wait to get decorating.**

**Thank you to Coombs the builders who have kindly donated it.**



## Governor Vacancy.....

Do you want to support the school?

We have 2 vacancies on our Governing Body. These are not Parent Governor vacancies but if you are interested you can still become a governor. Please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Knoue.

## Attendance and punctuality...

**Whole School  
Attendance**  
**96.3%**



**Highest % Attendance  
Winners**  
**Tarik Tiger**



**Class 5P**

**100% Punctuality Winners**  
**Polly and Petur Penguin**



**Classes**  
**6T, 5W,**  
**6CR**

## Whitstable Junior School and our community...

Whitstable Junior School have been involved in an art competition with Care UK who are currently building the new Care Home on the Thanet Way called Harrier Lodge. We have found out this week that our children's art work will be displayed there and be visible for all to see. Then today came some more amazing news – one of the names from Whitstable Junior School was selected as a suite name for the new care home! With tough competition from other schools, the Care UK team whittled it down to seaside themed names for the suites and selected two schools as winners.

**Congratulations to all those children in year 4 who took part!**

## Internet Safety

## Road safety

**S**

**Stay  
Safe**

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



**M**

**Don't  
Meet Up**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



**A**

**Accepting  
Files**

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



**R**

**Reliable?**

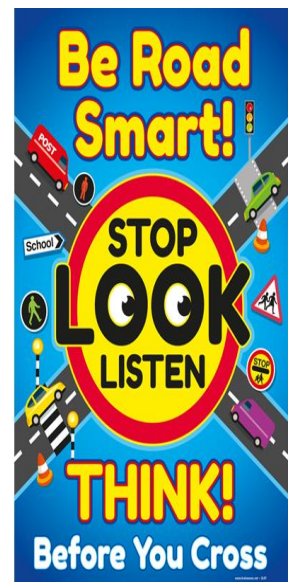
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



**T**

**Tell  
Someone**

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.



## Letters that have gone out this week ...

- Swattenden Explanation Letter
- WJS Newsletter Week 3 Term 2
- Year 6 2020 Residential Information Meeting Letter

## Important dates coming up...

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-1pm.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 5 Space day

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**-Whitstable Junior School PTFA Christmas Fair-3:15-5pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2:15pm and 6pm.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**- Children's Christmas Lunch.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**- Last Day of Term 2.