



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

**Week ending 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



## A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. I'm sorry I have not been on the gate much this term but I broke my big toe spectacularly last Friday and getting about is a bit of a challenge in my lovely medical boot!!

To brighten the dull January and February months, we have ensured that there are many fun and inspiring themed days for the children to look forward to.

We start with World Religion Day, next Friday, where we aim to continue our task of widening the children's knowledge and understanding of the many world religions practiced today. The day will be child led, promote empathy and equality for all and enable the children to decide what aspects of their religion they wish to learn about. Year 3 - Sikhism, Year 4-Buddism, Year 5 -Taoism and Year 6 -Hinduism.

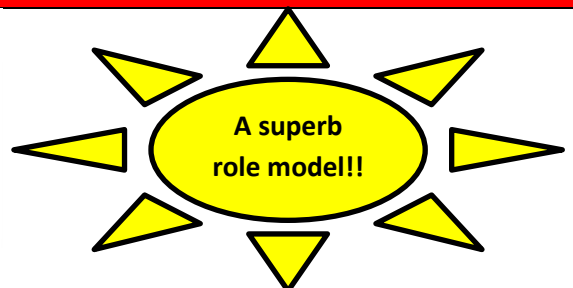
During the week of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January, we have National Story Telling Week and Number Day. This week will inspire our children's love of telling and listening to stories. We will be launching the week with an assembly from a local Story Teller, Helen Tozer, who loves to entertain the children with high energy stories and will be working with all of the children during the course of the day.

Children will also be studying and recommending favourite authors and have the opportunity to select which teacher is reading a story of their liking and go and listen to them in the afternoons. During the Friday of this week, we have our much awaited Number Day, where the children will have fun pattern seeking and code breaking and learn about famous mathematicians.

In addition to this the Blue Planet work from Term 2, which focused on the Plight of Plastic damaging our environment, will be going on display in the Horse Bridge; many thanks to all the staff, children and especially Mrs Fry who have worked tirelessly to ensure our artwork is amazing. Watch this space for dates and times for you to go and see their work. The children will be visiting the Horsebridge during the end of the term to see their work in all of its glory.

Warm wishes,  
Annie Kroupe

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



## Spellings...



### Syd the Super Sequinned Spelling Snake.

Syd the Super Sequinned Spelling Snake or (Ssss for short!!) and his friends will be slithering into the lives of your children from next week. Ssss is a fantastic speller and will be rewarding the class with the highest average spelling score each week. So be prepared for your child to be asking you to help them practice their spellings.



## Attendance and punctuality...

### Whole School Attendance 96.4%

The challenge is for us to get to 97% this term. The class with the highest overall attendance this term will be receiving a special treat.

### Highest % Attendance Winners

Tarik Tiger



**Class 5L**

### 100% Punctuality Winners Polly and Petur Penguin



**Classes  
3A, 3H, 3G, 4M,  
6CR**

## Keeping our environment tidy...



Congratulations to Masie who won the "Do Nut" Litter prize this week. Maisie found the Do Nut litter in the playground and helped to keep the school tidy. Well done!! She has won herself a squishy and the Do Nut cushion to sit on for the week.

## Congratulations Whitstable Junior School...


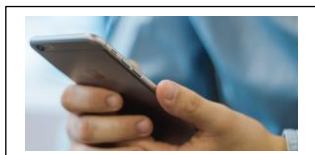


I received a letter just before the holidays from Matt Dunkley the director of Kent Education. The letter congratulates the staff and pupils for their achievements last year. I have passed this on to Mrs Steward and she was very pleased too. Well done everyone.

## Screen time...



Screen time is in the news again, but parents are still getting mixed messages about how much is 'too much'. You might find the link below useful.

[https://parentzone.org.uk/article/5-things-parents-should-know-about-screen-time?utm\\_source=Mailing%208%20Jan&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=PZ%20screen%20time%20article](https://parentzone.org.uk/article/5-things-parents-should-know-about-screen-time?utm_source=Mailing%208%20Jan&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PZ%20screen%20time%20article)



Enabling Dyslexic individuals to fulfil their life's potential

Thanks to the generosity of the Canterbury Dyslexia Centre, Whitstable Junior School now have 4 brand new iPad to support children with learning needs. This means such a lot to the school. Thank you.



## PTFA...

PTFA has provided us with two gorgeous toy golden retriever puppies to be used as 'surrogate' reading dogs in our lunchtime sessions. Some of our wonderful library monitors have come up with the idea of having a school competition to name the pups. More information to follow. Massive thanks to the PTFA for these and their generous donation for library books.

## Community Clubs...

PLYR Football Academy. For more info: 07563551479 or visit PLYRFA.COM



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COME PLAY FOOTBALL IN A FUN & SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE FOCUS ON PLAY, LEARNING & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

OPEN TO GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES AGE 5 TO 11

VENUE / THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL 3G TIME / 1230PM TO 130PM EVERY SATURDAY

STARTS SATURDAY JANUARY 12

FIRST SESSION IS FREE (5 / SESSION AFTERWARDS)

## Letters this week....

Year 6 Trip Harry Potter Letter  
Letter Sportshall Athletics Comp Jan 19  
Term Dates for 2019 2020



**CHARTWELLS SCHOOL MEALS: Come And Join Us For Our Children's Favourites Theme Day**  
**Thursday 17th January 2019**  
**Beef Burger in a Bun or Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza**  
**with Jacket Wedges ,Sweetcorn ,Baked Beans and Jam Doughnut**

## Important dates coming up...

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January – World Religion Day at Whitstable Junior School  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Martin Luther King Day  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February – National Story-Telling week.  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Number Day-more info to follow  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February –Valentines Disco in the evening  
*Lower School 5pm-6pm*  
*Upper School 6:15pm – 7:15pm*  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Last Day of Term 3 for children.