



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



## Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term has come to an end and I just can't believe we are half way through the school year already.

The children have worked incredibly hard all term and deserve some well-earned rest and relaxation, as do you.

I want to say a big thankyou to all parents and carers for your unwavering support of the school. Today's world is incredibly busy and we really appreciate how much time you spend supporting your children with homework, reading, learning spellings and tables and also having to rustle up the odd costume (A HEADS UP THAT A COSTUME WILL BE NEEDED FOR WORLD BOOK DAY ON MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>).

Unfortunately though children are still being taken out of school for unauthorised holidays during term time. This not only impacts on their progress but also affects the school's attendance as a whole, which you can see below. It is really important that you take holidays during the school holidays. Thank you.

I'd also like to thank our amazing PTFA for their dedication and all those invisible people who give up their valuable time for the school.

Thanks of course need to go to our amazing staff team who work tirelessly to give your children the best possible experiences and outcomes. We wouldn't be the school we are without them.

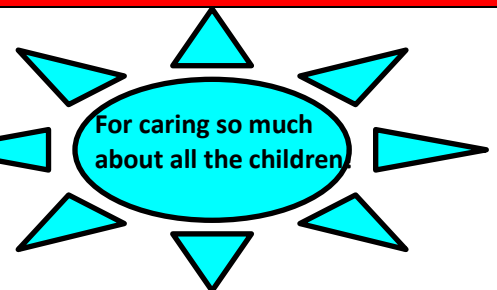
I'm hoping those of you who enjoy using social media have found our new Facebook Page interesting. It has certainly had a lot of likes. If you are struggling to find it the link on our website will take you straight there.

Our Number Day raised £201.57 for the NSPCC, thank you for your generous donations.

Next term has some fabulous "memory making moments" lined up and we all look forward to seeing you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February for the start of the new term.

Warm wishes,  
Annie Knoupe

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



### Spellings...

#### SPELLINGS

Syd the Sequinned Super Spelling Snake.

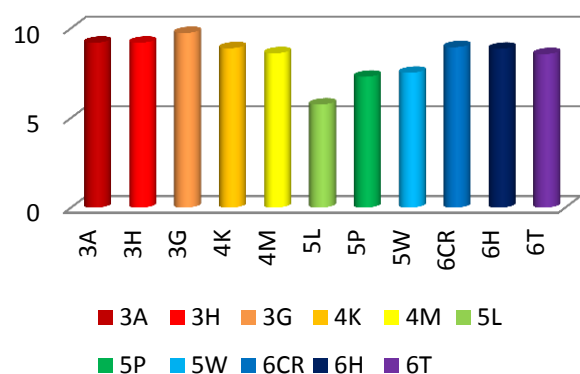
Look how much better you are getting!		
	The start	Now
School Average	8.02	8.75

The new spelling focus has made a real difference to the children's level of spellings. HOORAY!!

We have more confident spellers and children itching to learn the words that keep getting the better of them. Well done everyone!! Syd is impressed!

**SPELLING SUPER STARS!!**

#### Spelling Average for Week Ending 8th Feb



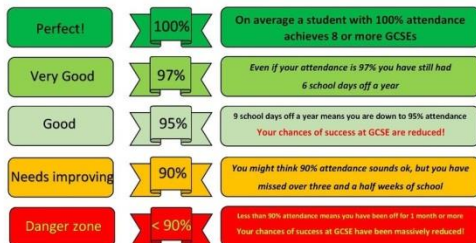
## Attendance and punctuality...

### End of Term 3 Whole School Attendance 96%



#### Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



## School Rule Reminders....

- No footballs, basket balls etc to be brought in from home.
- No dyed hair please!!
- Wear school uniform.
- Tie hair back.
- If absent phone before 9am.

## Sports News...



We hope you have enjoyed this terms Sports Newsletter that was emailed, celebrating your children's sporting endeavours.

## Online Safety...

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

These are software and tools which you can install on phones or tablets, games consoles or laptops – and even your home broadband. You can also use them to help you block or filter the content your child sees when searching online, and family friendly public WiFi can help when you're out and about.

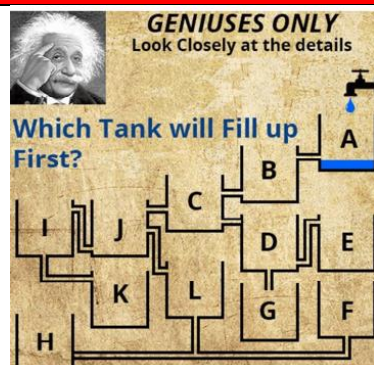
Parental controls are also available to help you to plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for, stop them from downloading apps they are too young for and to manage the content different members of the family can see.

## School Uniform...



Don't forget to replenish your uniform stock over the holiday. Seasalter Christian Centre will have second hand uniform available on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb and St Alphege on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. Times are 10-12.

## Twitt and Twoo's Maths problem....Can you solve it?



Look carefully at the diagram. Work out which tank will fill up first.

Tell Twitt or Twoo the answer on the gate on Monday morning when term starts again.

## Letters this week...

Book Week Letter-with World Book Day Information on about dressing up.

## Important dates coming up...

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February- Term 4 starts

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Week

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day – dressing up as a book character

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March- Forest School Visit for Year 4

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Forest School Visit for Year 4

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - National Shakespeare Week - Shakespeare workshops for Year 5 and a whole school performance on Monday

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – UKC Sports Centre - 30 Year 6 children to complete W4W

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Live lesson for all classes on Plastics in the ocean

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - PTFA Plant sale

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Reports out to parents

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term