



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 26th April 2019



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone I hope your break was just what you needed to recharge your batteries for the exciting and busy term ahead. The gorgeous weather certainly helped me feel summer was on its way during that final Bank Holiday weekend.

I have some special mentions in this newsletter. Last term we said a sad farewell to Mrs Kerr who taught in Year 4. She has moved to France, her native country and we will miss her very much. Mrs Kerr was instrumental in ensuring the French lessons the children are taught were up to scratch and that included many lessons for teachers on how to pronounce the words correctly! This term we welcome back Miss Oliver who is now teaching the Year 4 class Mrs Kerr has had to leave behind. We are so pleased to have her back on the team and as she taught the class whilst Mrs Kerr was on maternity leave the children are just as excited to see her return too.

I wanted to thank you all for your extremely generous and positive feedback on the report reply slips. The teachers really value these and it is so good to hear how pleased you are with the school.

This term also sees our magnificent Year 6 children sit their SATs (Standard Attainment Tests). These take place during the week beginning Mon 13th May and we wish them all the best. These tests do give the children an opportunity to show all that they have learnt in their time with us. However we do need to remember they only give the children a chance to show their English and maths skills and your children are SO much more than that. We don't need tests to tell us what resilient, independent, curious and adventurous children they have become. Children who never cease to amaze us with their compassion for helping others and for their understanding of being part of a community.

We have so many things to look forward to this term and you should have received a Year Group Curriculum Letter this week which gives you loads of information on everything your child will be doing this term.

You will have also received a letter regarding some Parent Workshops we will be running during Terms 5 and 6. To book a place simply return the reply slip (it should say 4:30pm start for the 2 later workshops) or phone the school office.

If you use social media don't forget to keep an eye on the school Facebook page this term where we post lots of photos showing your children in action! The link is below. We also add these photos to the website as soon as possible.



Warm wishes,

Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Spellings...

Spelling Shed

Remember to ask your children how they are getting on using Spelling Shed. We can see how much it is helping the children to get better at spellings.

Times Tables...



The teachers are all having a go at TTRockstars. Their scores will be in the league tables. Can your children Beat the Teacher?

Attendance and punctuality...

Whole school attendance since
Sep 2018 is 95.9%
This week's attendance is **97.35%**

We care enormously about the learning experiences your children have at school. Unfortunately some parents continue to take their children out of school during term time for holidays. 😞

Online Safety...

Follow the link below to see some of the new Apps your children might be using in 2019.

Apps to Watch Out for in 2019

- BIGO LIVE - Live Stream. Kind of like Twitch and YouTube, BIGO LIVE lets teens stream live video of themselves that other users can see and comment on in real time.



<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/apps-to-watch-out-for-in-2019>

Twitt and Twoo's Riddle....Can you solve it?

**People buy me
to eat, but never
eat me.
What am I?**



Can you work out the riddle? Tell Twitt or Twoo on the gate next week.

Letters this week...

School Meal Menu term 5 & 6
SATs Letter for parents 2019
WJS Parent Workshop letter
Year 3 Term 5 Curriculum Information 2019
Year 4 Term 5 Curriculum Information 2019
Year 5 Term 5 Curriculum Information 2019
Year 6 Term 5 Curriculum Information 2019

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website.

The link is below.

<http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Important dates coming up...

29th April – 2 x Year 3 Synagogue trips
1st May – Dead Horse Morris Dancing in the playground
1st May onwards – Junior Samba Band Starts
2nd May – Year 3 Synagogue trip
8th March – Sportshall athletics competition
13th May – 16th May – SATS Week for Year 6
17th May – Year 6 Reward Day
22nd May – Year 4 to Battle Abbey
23rd May – Class Photo's
24th May – Hi 5 Netball Competition
24th May – 24rd June - Art Exhibition at the Turner Contemporary Gallery
24th May – End of term 5

Save the Date

Term 6
3rd – 7th June – Year 6 residential trip/Activity Week
Saturday June 8th PTFA Summer Fair
Parents Consultations:
Tuesday 18th June (finishing 5pm)
Thursday 20th June (finishing 8pm)

12th July – Sports day @ CCW
12th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco, times TBC
22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Alphege Church, times TBC