



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 21st June 2019



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well this has been an exciting week for WJS!

As you all know we had our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday. It had been over 4 years since our last inspection and we were so pleased she came to see everything we have been doing since then. As soon as we hear the outcome we will let you know. What I can tell you is that Margaret Coussins, our Lead Ofsted inspector, wanted me to pass a message from her onto your children. She asked that I thank them all for being so welcoming. She said they were so friendly, kind and courteous. They held doors open for her, greeted her warmly and were happy to talk to her during their lessons. We are so proud of your children and know that you are too.

Many thanks to those parents who completed the Ofsted Parent Survey and apologies that you had to repeat it at Parent Consultations. We just felt that the window of time to complete the Ofsted Survey was quite short and our own survey may enable us to gather the views from more parents and carers. Your opinion really matters to us. Back to the day to day fun of life at WJS. This week was Outdoor Learning Week. The children have spent a lot of their time outside doing their maths lessons, literacy lessons and all manner of other learning. It has been a joy to listen to the sounds of excited children coming from every possible outside space. As you know this is something we want to do more of next year and this week we have been able to give the go ahead for the works to be done in the Timber Trail that will make these experiences even more enriching. We have the fundraising from the PTFA to thank for this and they want us to pass on their thanks to you for being so generous. We have just been told the final amount raised:

**“the summer fair raised a whopping”
£2300!!!**

Our plan is to have a “Micro Forest School” down in the Timber Trail, with a Mud Laboratory, a Bug Hotel and a whole host of other exciting activities for the children to experience.

Mrs Harris’ husband has given us some wooden pallets which we want to use to build the Mud Laboratory.



We are thinking big and the photo to the left shows the kind of thing we would like to make. Do we have any parents/carers or friends of WJS who think they would be able to build this for us?

If I don't ask I won't know. 😊

I also just wanted to mention the recent weather forecast for next week. We are predicted to have some very high temperatures. Children have access at all times of the day to mains, cold water and we ask that each child remembers to bring to school with them a water bottle so that they can re-fill at any time of the day to keep hydrated. Please can you also make sure your child comes to school with a sun hat and that they have had sun cream applied before school. We will be keeping a close eye on the children outside and if needed we will open up the classrooms at break times.

Lastly I'd like to thank our wonderful staff this week for all the hard work and dedication they show to WJS. I'm sure you will agree with me that we have an amazing team.

Kindest Regards,

Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Online Safety...

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents-and-carers>

The link above takes you to a website that has loads of advice on how to keep your child safe on the internet. It also helps keep you up to date.



Walk to School Winners...

Class 3H had THE most exciting walk to school today!!

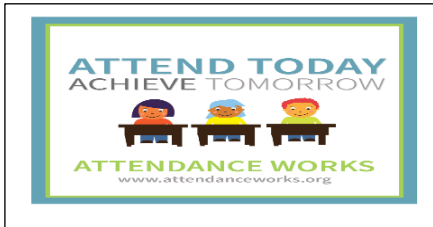
3H were the Walk to School winners and were accompanied by a Brass Band on their walk to school. They caused quite a stir along the route with lots of people popping out to see what all the excitement was all about.



Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance 95.96%

Take a look at the chart below. How good is your child's attendance?



Highest % Attendance Winners Tarik Tiger



Class 3A

100% Punctuality Winners Polly and Petur Penguin



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

Scrambled words....Can you solve them?

Can you unscramble the words? If you can, don't forget to tell us on the gate next week.

Scrambled Words
Dpon, toertgr,
getxicni

The answers to last week's scrambles words were:
rain, weather, wet.

Letters this week...

- 3H Brass Band Walk to School
- Bysing Wood Football Letter June 2019
- E-Safety Year 6 June 2019
- Mixed Kwik Cricket 26 June 2019
- Year 5 Mosque Trip June 2019
- Letter Term Dates for 2019 2020 updated
- 2019 Year 6 Prom Contribution Letter

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. <http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Important dates coming up...

Term 6

Year 5 Parents:

3rd June- Kent Test Registration opens

3rd July Kent Test Registration closes

Monday 24th June-CAT tests for year 3 this week.

Friday 28th June- Children and Parents informed of teacher for next year.

Monday 1st July - Parent Workshops

- 9-10am-Transition to Junior School
- 4:30-6pm- Transition Support-managing change.

Week Commencing Monday 1st July-Year 6 children visiting new schools- dates are dependent on which schools.

Thursday 4th July- Children meet their new teacher.

Monday 8th July-Health and Fitness Week begins

New Year 3 Parents information Meeting- 6pm

Friday 12th July - Sports day @ CCW

Friday 12th July - Year 6 Leavers Disco, 6pm-8pm

Tuesday 16th July- 2pm Year 6 Performance to Parents

Wednesday 17th July- 6:30pm Year 6 Performance to Parents

Monday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Alphege Church, times TBC

Tuesday 23rd- Water Fight for Year 6

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