



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

**Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**



## A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week at WJS. The year 3 teachers are very proud of the way in which the new Year 3 children have joined our school. It is like they have always been here! They have shown resilience in learning the school routines and taken on the challenges of new learning with determination. New friendships have been formed and there have been lots of happy, smiling faces. Well done Year 3! In science Year 4 have been learning all about solids, liquids and gases using lemonade and raisins, the mind boggles. I know they have had a lot of fun learning about this.

In upper school Year 6 have been immersed in the amazing book by Katherine Rundell 'The Explorers' and have been imagining canoeing up the Amazon River, making rafts from resources in our timber trail and then writing instructions for other possible stranded explorers! In addition to this they have been exploring what it means to be a Global Citizen and how their actions have a far bigger impact on the wider world than we can ever imagine.

Year 5 have been learning about Stuart Haygarth, our rapidly disappearing coastlines and immersing themselves in the fantastic book by David Wiesner 'Flotsam' by imagining they have found themselves on the beach, being drenched by the waves and discovering a curious black box.

Next week has lots more learning fun in store. We also have a visit to look forward to from Wayne and Koda. Wayne is a gentleman who is walking the coastline of England with his dog Koda picking up litter. Taking care of our environment is close to our heart and we can't wait to hear about his adventures.

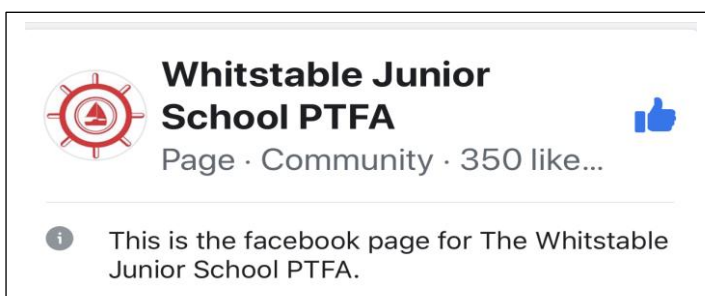
Apologies for any trouble you may have had booking clubs this week. I understand it was harder than booking tickets to Glastonbury!!! Now that's saying something!! 😊

I'm hoping we have ironed out all the problems now and that anyone who was having trouble was responded to quickly. A few reminders for next time: be sure the club you are trying to book on is available for your child's year group. Also please make sure you return the Data Collection sheet sent out this week. This will ensure that we have all the correct contact details for you.

Warm wishes,  
Annie Knoupe

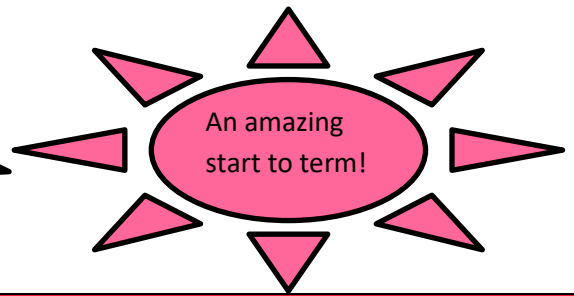
## WJS PTFA...

### Can you spare some time to help our wonderful PTFA?



Our fabulous PTFA are looking for new members. You can be guaranteed a warm welcome and a lot of laughter. They help the school enormously and we value everything they do. Please contact the school office for further information or find their Facebook page by clicking on the link on the right.

## Supporting ...



## Attendance and punctuality...

### Whole School Attendance

**97.58%**

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**BE SMART BE THERE!**  
Percentages based on 190 academic days

### Tarik Tiger



**Highest % Attendance Winners**  
**Class 6T**

### Petur

### Polly and Penguin



**100% Punctuality Winners**

**Classes 3H,3G,3MC,4O,4W.5L,6RM**

## Riddle Time...Can you solve it?

Can you work out the riddle? If you can, don't forget to tell us on the gate next week or your teacher.

What am I? - Riddle for Kids

I am first in earth,  
second in heaven,  
I appear two times in a week.

You can only see me once a year,  
although I'm in the middle of sea.

What am I?

## Supporting charities...

### Whitstable Junior School

In conjunction with  
Whitstable & Herne Bay Lions Club  
Are collecting for the

### Hurricane Dorian Appeal



Lions Clubs of the British Isles launched an appeal to support the people affected by the devastation of Hurricane Dorian. Lions Clubs provide vital assistance where it is needed.

**EVERY PENNY GOES TO THE APPEAL**

This Saturday WJS Charity Car Parking is raising funds for the Dorian Hurricane Appeal. Every penny raised will go towards the relief effort. Thank you to The Lions for raising the awareness of this crisis.

**WEAR JEANS CHANGE LIVES**

MON 16 - FRI 20 SEPT

SIGN UP

JEANS FOR GENE'S DAY

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September- Wear jeans or non uniform to school and bring a donation!**

## Online Safety...

<https://parentzone.org.uk/digitalparenting>



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

## SPELLINGS

Syd the Sequinned Super Spelling Snake.

Don't forget to learn your spellings and get active on Spelling Shed. Syd wants to come and spend the week with you in your class.

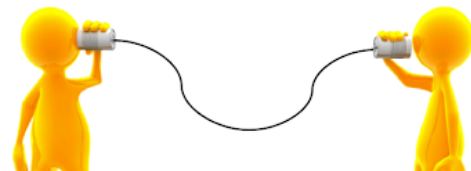


Letters this week... Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. <http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

- Club Grid and Letter September 2019
- Kent Test Letter Year 5
- Creepy Claws Animal Club Letter
- Sports Camp Flyer October 2019
- Girls' Sports Club Sep 2019
- Secondary School Open Day Letter Year 6
- Transfer to Secondary School Leaflet
- Year 3 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019
- Year 4 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019
- Year 5 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019
- Year 6 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019

### + Effective communication

The right people,  
getting the right information,  
at the right time



## Keeping our school in tip top condition...

Congratulations to **Noah** in 3H who found **“Do Nut Litter”** this week. Children are encouraged to keep our school playground tidy and as a reward if they happen to pick up the litter with the special message on they win a prize for being so caring about our school environment. Everyone else-keep your eyes peeled for the next time “Do Nut Litter” is on the playground. It could be any day!!

### DO “NUT” LITTER



Thankyou for picking up this piece of litter without being asked.  
Bring this to assembly and you will receive a prize for being so caring about our school environment.

## Children with Allergies....

We do have a few children in school with allergies. We want to remind parents and carers that products with nuts should not be brought in to school as snacks or in lunch boxes. This helps to eliminate some of the chances of a child having an allergic reaction. Thank you for your support in this.

## Important dates for Term 1

September	16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Jeans for Genes (non-uniform)
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Photos - Individual pupils and staff
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Education Taster Session – WJS Studio (pm)
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Music For Schools Workshop 3:15pm
	27 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Cake and Ice-pole sale for MacMillan- 3pm in the playground.
October	14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Black History Week
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Hello Yellow-Mental Health Awareness Day

	14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm PESE talks to parents 6pm PESE talks to parents	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations (3:30-6pm)	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations (5:30-8pm)	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Term 1 Ends	
	<b>31st</b>	<b>Term 2 Starts</b>	