

# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

### Newsletter

Week ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019



#### Life at WJS this week

Another busy week as the term draws to a close. The children have had opportunities to visit the River Stour, make clay coastal erosion features, some have been to forest school and so much more. But there really is one thing that stands out this week and that is the fantastic response the children and staff had for World Mental Health Day on Thursday.

The Wear Yellow theme was perfect for bringing so many rays of sunshine in through the school gates, along with a few giant bananas! The children were really interested and so understanding of how important this day is for raising the awareness of mental health. Well done WJS and thank you to Ms Collin for organising it.



Next week sees us come to the end of the first term. How on earth did that happen? Don't forget we have a longer half term break than normal and return to school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. I will remind you of dates next week too.

Warm wishes, Annie Knoupe Headteacher

#### Headteacher's Award



Zephyr in 5L for showing, commitment to her community, and resilience in her attitude to work. Congratulations.



#### Attendance and punctuality

Please phone the school office before 9am if your child is going to be absent.



Whole School Attendance 96.84%

# Tarik Tiger Highest % Attendance Winners



Class 6RM

#### Polly and Petur 100% Punctuality Winners



Classes 3H, 4O, 4W, 5M, 6RM

# What's coming up next week (beginning 14th October):

### Black History Week

#### Monday:

2pm- Entry to Secondary School Information Meeting for Yr 6 Parents and Carers 6pm- Entry to Secondary School Information Meeting for Yr 6 Parents and Carers

#### Tuesday:

Parents Evening- 3:30pm – 6pm 6T to Thornden Woods

#### Wednesday:

#### Thursday:

Parents Evening- 5:30pm - 8pm

#### Friday:

Last Day of Term I

#### Letters this week

- Athletics Team Training Oct 19
- Boys District Football 2019 Competition Letter
- Boys Football Matches Permission Letter Oct 2019
- Choir Club Oct 2019
- Girls District Football 2019 Competition Letter
- Girls Football Matches Permission letter Oct 2019
- Governor Vacancies Letter Oct 2019
- Keeping Up With The Children Maths Poster-3
- Parent Governor Election Nomination Form Oct 2019
- PESE Admission to Secondary School Parents Information Meeting
- Year 5 into Year 7 2021 St Edmund's Flyer

#### **PTFA News**



★ NEWSFLASH ★ Yr 3 parents please come along for a coffee → & croissant on 15 October after drop off. We would love to meet you.

https://www.facebook.com/Whitstable-Junior-School-PTFA-125723597622581/

#### **Secondary School Applications**

The deadline date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2019.

Please note: you can apply online or use a paper form.

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/school-places/secondary-schoolplaces#tab-2

You can apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference.

For advice call 03000 41 21 21 or email <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>

#### Workshops

Kent Adult Education

Keeping Up With The Children Maths

Venue: Whitstable Junior school Date: 5<sup>th</sup>,12<sup>th</sup>,19<sup>th</sup>,26<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 12.45 -2.45

Contact WJS office if interested. 01227 272385



#### Half Term fun- Winter Multi - Sports Camp



Cricket/Football/Hockey/Netball
Suitable for ages 5—15 years Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd
October 2019 10am — 3pm £15 per day or £40 for 3 days
Selected group activities run by qualified coaches providing a week
of fun sports in a safe environment

Please contact Mr Kidd by school office 01227 272385 or via email chriskidd1976@btinternet.com

## **Online safety**



https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parentguides

Above is a great link for parents. It helps you with all the safety and privacy settings for social media apps and also will give you some guidance on online gaming crazes.

# Important Dates Ahead Dates Ahead Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October- Start of term 2.

Bikeability week for Year 6 starts

Deadline day for secondary school place applications.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**- New Parent Tours- 9:30pm **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**-New Parent Tours- 1:45pm

**Monday 11**<sup>th</sup> **November**-Start of Anti-Bullying Week.

New Parent Tours- 9:30pm

**Tuesday 12**<sup>th</sup> **November**- New Parent Tours- 1:45pm **Thursday 15**<sup>th</sup> **November**- PTFA Tombola Non-uniform Day.
Upper School bring a bottle. Lower School bring chocolate. **Saturday 16**<sup>th</sup> **November** – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-12pm.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 NHS Height & Weight Checks – details to follow

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – PTFA Wreath Making Workshop - TBC

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**-Whitstable Junior School PTFA Christmas Fair-3:15-5pm

w/c 9th December - Bikeability Week 2

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 6pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Panto In School. Non Uniform and wear something Christmassy if you like.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-** Children's Christmas Lunch Flu Jabs – Whole School – details to follow **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December-**PTFA Christmas Shop **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December-**Last Day of Term 2.