



# Whitstable Junior School

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## Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone and welcome to all our new children and staff. It's been a fabulous first week and the children have settled in beautifully. They all looked super smart in their uniforms, thank you so much for ensuring they come to school looking this good.

Over the summer holidays we have been working hard to make sure the school environment looks top notch too. We've had new flooring, some areas have been painted, lots of gardening and tree pruning (although a nesting pigeon meant the fig tree at the front is a bit wonky because they had to stop half way through) and also some fabulous new signs have gone up around the school. The signs show your wonderful children against our school values and code of conduct. Feel free to have a look around the school when you come to "Meet the Teacher" on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 3:15pm-3:45pm.

We have also added some safety aspects to the car park. There are now yellow walkways and a mini zebra crossing. Children will only use these to get to the school office. With safety in mind can we please ask parents and carers to report to the office before entering the school building without a member of staff. I'm hoping the children will have told you about some of these changes, including the Lower School boy's toilets that now have fish seats!! It's the small things that please.

### Whitstable Junior School Vision



**Our Vision**

Our Vision is to be a school that is considered excellent by all the people and groups that have a part to play in helping us to achieve our success.

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### Whitstable Junior School Code of Conduct and Values



### Our School Values

#### Respect, Fairness, Trust, Responsibility, Determination, Caring

Children can collect evidence to show they can demonstrate these values by joining the Whitstable Junior School Royal Native Citizenship Award. More information will follow about this from Mrs Migden.

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

On the first day back to school 3 children proved themselves to be truly caring and responsible people. There were 3 pieces of rubbish left on the playground with a special note attached. No one was told about this. Those children that chose to pick up the litter without being asked received a prize in assembly- a donut shaped cushion! Congratulations to those 3 children. Everyone else-keep your eyes peeled for the next Do "Nut" litter Prize. (Thank you Mr George for this ace name)

## 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.

### A few other reminders....

#### **Mobile Phones -Upper School children only (Years 5 and 6)**

All mobile phones must be switched off on the school premises and handed to the class teacher for safe keeping during the school day.

#### **School Dinners**

The cost of school dinners is going up to £2.30 and the credit limit allowance is changing to £10. Please pay via parent pay-details will follow.

Free School Meals - If you are entitled to Government benefits then please complete the free school meal application forms that will be sent home this week. Please return these to Mrs Amos in the office.

#### **Sickness absence**

Please telephone the school on each day of absence before 10am to let us know your child won't be coming in, otherwise we worry. Thank you.

#### **Collecting your children after school**

We understand that emergencies happen and sometimes you have been held up and need to change collection arrangements. If this happens please telephone the office as early as possible, ideally before 2:45pm. Thankyou

#### **Clubs**

Clubs will start week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. You will receive the club choices shortly.

#### **Parent Communication**

As an eco-school, we are constantly looking at way to reduce the amount of paper we use. Therefore we aim to send as much information to parents via email or text message. If you don't have access to emails or need a letter printing please let the office know and we will make sure you get a printed copy.

#### **Mini bus travel**

At WJS we are lucky enough to have two minibuses; both with fully fitted seatbelts. These are used on a regular basis for trips out to the beach, the woods and many other exciting places. Before your child is taken out on the minibus, you will be told in advance and have the opportunity to make any queries.

### Important dates for Term 1

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Roald Dahl Day 2018

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September-school clubs start

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September -Meet the teacher – (3:15-3:45)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Class Photos

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September-PTFA MacMillan Coffee morning from 8.40am in the Studio

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Kent Test Results

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Information session - Secondary application process (year six parents invited)  
2.30pm school hall and again at 6.00 pm school hall

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents consultations-school finishes at 1:30pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October- Last day of term 1**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - First day of term 2**

## School Staffing for 2018 2019

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Headteacher</b>	Mrs Annie Knoupe
<b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	Mrs Kate Roy
<b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	Mrs Kirsten Collin
<b>SENCO</b>	
<b>Senior Teacher (Lower School Phase Leader)</b>	Mrs Beth Harris
<b>Teachers</b>	Mrs Sarah Tucker Mrs Jo Hitchmough Miss Rebecca Lodge Mrs Erika Wiltshire Mr Dave Peal Mrs Holly Migden Mr Tom Anderson Miss Beth Oliver Mr Ryan George
<b>Technician/Teacher</b>	Mrs Sam Epps
<b>Sports Coach</b>	Mr Chris Kidd
<b>Learning Support Assistants</b>	Mrs Stella Fry Mrs Sue Westwood Mrs Christine Dean Mrs Ann Browning Mrs Nicky Sydenham Mrs Alison Barnet Mrs Luigina Webb Mrs Natalie Barden Mrs Karen Meyler Mr Keith Guilder Miss Liberty Case Miss Shannon Wells Mr Chris Seppala Mrs Charlotte Lay Mrs Rachel Burnett Miss Nicole Baker Mr Lee Howlett
<b>Well Being Team/Family Liaison Officer/Play Therapist</b>	Mrs Naomi Kernighan
<b>Well Being Team</b>	Mrs Leanne Barlow
<b>School Business Manager</b>	Mrs Sarah Amos
<b>Office Manager</b>	Ms Katie Hayes
<b>Clerical Assistant/Receptionist</b>	Mrs Renee Grier

<b>Caretaker</b>	Mr Rick Walsh
<b>Cleaners</b>	Ms Lorraine Turner Mrs Michele Anderson Mrs Francis Tomlin
<b>Chartwell (Kitchen) Staff</b>	Mrs Tammy Jones  Mrs Lorraine Turner

### **Governors**

<b>Chair</b>	Mr Ged Smith
<b>Head Teacher</b>	Mrs Annie Knoupe (staff)
<b>Co-opted</b>	Mr Paul Brown Mr Gary Edwards
<b>Foundation</b>	Mr Jerry Hughes
<b>Parent</b>	Mrs Megan Leggett Ms Emma Slater
<b>Staff</b>	Mrs Beth Harris
<b>Associate Members</b>	Mrs Kate Roy Mrs K Collin Mrs S Amos
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Sue Rogers

### **Finally.....**

Our door is always open. We have a wonderful staff team, teachers, support staff, well being staff and office staff. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have anything you would like to discuss. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year ahead working with you and your children.

Warm wishes,  
Annie Knoupe  
Headteacher