

# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

**Term 5** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020



## A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I imagine like me you can't believe that we are now in May which seems impossible. I hope that you have managed to see that I have recorded another video message <a href="https://youtu.be/ca2yniELdoE">https://youtu.be/ca2yniELdoE</a> to the children. It can be found in google classrooms, on the website and on our FaceBook page. It's just a little video showing the children the school grounds and next week I hope to show them inside the school too.

Next week is a 4 day week due to the Bank Holiday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. There will be some activities going into google classrooms related to VE Day which we are sure you will find fun.

Next week sees the end of the second period of lock down so I hope we will have some clarification about what it might look like after half term for schools. As soon as I know anything I will be letting you know too.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes, Annie Knoupe

#### A message from the Chair of Governors...

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the school Governors I would like to thank all the teachers, teaching assistants, admin and support staff for their fabulous response to the closure of the school during the coronavirus pandemic. The changes to our lives and how we teach and learn have been enormous – and in such a short space of time!

Keeping the school open for those children who have needed it – including across the Easter holiday, and setting up the 'virtual' classrooms to enable home schooling have been massive challenges. Mrs Knoupe and the whole team have done a great job, which is a real testament to their commitment and professionalism – especially as they have families and friends to worry about like the rest of us.

At the time of writing we do not know when the school will be able to re-open and how it will be done but I know that we all hope it will be soon! The Governors will continue to support Mrs Knoupe, in any way we can, through the crisis and into the 'new normal' – whatever it looks like. In the meantime I hope you and yours can stay safe and healthy.

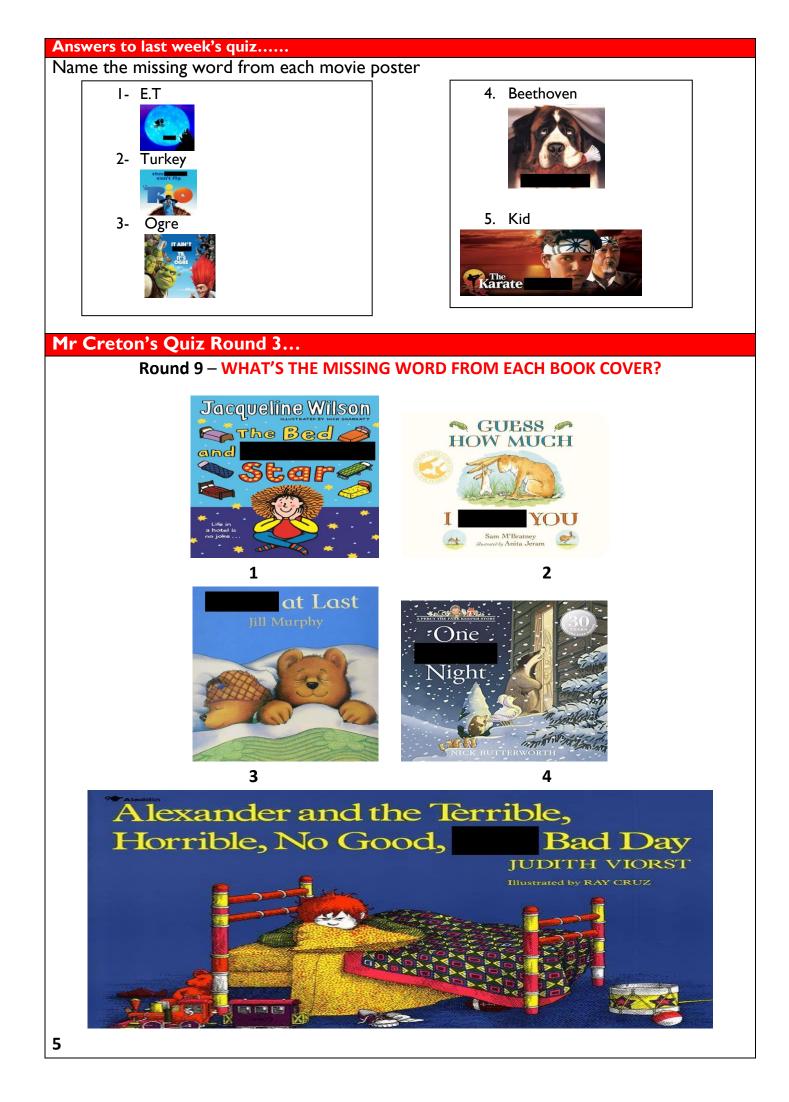
Ged Smith Chair of Governors

### Headteacher's Award...



WJS Children To all you lovely children, we miss you so much. Working so hard Just being awesome Staying safe





#### Keeping everyone safe and well... Below are some links and emails to organisations who are out there supporting families who may be having a tough time during this period. Please don't hesitate to contact school if you need to chat to someone. We are always here to help you and point you in the right direction if we don't have the answers. Canterbury Food Bank - https://canterburyfoodbank.org/ Changing Minds - The Lifeboat project-colin.rouse@changingmindskent.co.uk Family and relationship Support-https://livewellkent.org.uk/ Letters this week.... Remember you will find all the letters (and a video message) sent out on the school website in letters. http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/ Important and Interesting dates coming up... May The month of May marks 'National Share a Story Month'. National Nurses Day - Wednesday 6th May VE Celebrations - Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday National Clear-up your room Day -Sunday 10th May National Vegetarian Week beginning: Monday 11th May National Share a Limerick Day - Tuesday 12th May National Chocolate Chip Day - Friday 15th May National Endangered Species Day - Friday 15th May Last Day of Term 5 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 Half Term Holiday Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed