



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Term 6 17th July 2020

FINAL NEWSLETTER

A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are at the end of a rather unusual academic year. One that has looked nothing like I had ever imagined a school year would look. It has tested everyone's resilience and ability to adapt and I'm happy to say that it looks like our WJS community has weathered the storm magnificently. In fact I'm pretty sure that some positives have come out of the whole experience.

The year 6 children, at home and at school, have had great fun this week putting the final touches to the long awaited Leavers Film 2020. Even though we could not all be together it was important to our community to celebrate Year 6's time with us and give them their moment to shine. The children have had great fun recording their memories and sharing final farewell messages. Watch out for the links (one to link for you to watch and another for you to download as a keepsake) when it goes live tomorrow. We have also produced a wonderful Class of 2020 Book for all Year 6 which we hope they can treasure forever.

Yesterday I presented (socially distanced) our Year 6 with the special awards and prizes that we normally hand out during their Leavers Celebration. A huge congratulations to all those who were awarded a prize (see the chart later in the newsletter showing you who was awarded each prize). Good luck to all of you in your new school and when things become more normal we hope to be able to have you all back for a proper goodbye.

It was so lovely to see all the children's smiling faces at the "Say Hello Wave Goodbye" sessions today. We were so pleased the weather was good and hope they all enjoyed their time with their current teacher and their new one.

We will be welcoming new families in September but no new staff this year. However we are saying a sad farewell to Mr George and Mrs Williams both of whom are moving on to new jobs and new adventures; we wish them luck and will miss them very much.

Finally I want to thank you for all the generous gifts and cards we have received over the last few weeks but mostly I want to thank you all for your continued and unwavering support of WJS and I hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Warmest wishes,
Annie Knoupe

Year 6 Leaver Celebration...

Congratulations to the following Year 6 children:

Prize	Why have the children been nominated?	Who has received the prize?
BERNARD BROADBRIDGE PRIZE	For always putting your learning first, regardless of the situation and for smiling every day!	Katie
BRENDA CONNELL PRIZE	For demonstrating a love and enthusiasm for reading throughout your time at WJS	George
ELLINGHAM CUP	For always demonstrating teamwork, keen leadership skills and amazing sporting ability, no matter what the sport.	Marcie
CARETAKERS CUP	For looking after our school environment; setting a great example to others.	Mia
WOODINGTON AWARD	For producing awe-inspiring pieces of Artwork that demonstrate great creativity.	Tyra
HEAD BOY	For representing our school as Head Boy; always leading by example and showing others such kindness.	Noah

HEAD GIRL	For representing our school as Head Girl; always being so inspiring to others.	Ella
DEPUTY HEAD BOY	For representing our school as Deputy Head Boy; showing consideration and empathy towards others	Ethan
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL	For representing our school as Deputy Head Girl; showing great leadership and determination.	Saffron
TILLEY PRIZE	For being an absolute asset to our school; for working hard, being a super young person who is kind, caring and a great member of our school community.	Max
Children from other Year Groups also received prizes: BRENDA CONNELL PRIZE - For demonstrating a love and enthusiasm for reading throughout your time at WJS- Sammy in Year 3 VEALE CUP - For making phenomenal progress in Year 5 this year, across all subjects; showing such enthusiasm for learning. – Nathan in Year 5		

Attendance Prizes...

We have awarded attendance prizes this term which seems odd given the strange times. However we felt we could still recognise this to some degree.

55 children across years 3 to 6 achieved 100% attendance this year (taken up to the time of school closing for most children). In Year 6 nine children (names in the certificate) achieved an Outstanding Attendance Certificate for a % attendance of 95% or above during their entire time at WJS. Well done everyone.



COVID 19 Swab Study...

This week the “participants” of the COVID19 swab study took part in an additional antibody study that PHE have just developed. PHE have told us that they will be reporting the results of the antibody test to all those who agreed to take part, but it may take a few weeks before the results become available. I am not sure if you will all be contacted directly or if the school will. It’s a wait and see for this one.

Letters this week...

We have had rather annoying Gremlins in our email system over the last few days. Apologies for the various links to letters that decided not to play ball. If you haven’t been able to open any we have asked you to contact the school office but obviously we will be closed from today. All letters are saved onto the website so I hope these will be able to be opened.

If you are still unable to open them please email the school office and when we do start reading our emails again we will attempt to re-send them.

September Opening Information for Parents

<https://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2848&type=pdf>

Letter to parents September Opening

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Remember you will find all the letters sent out on the school website in letters.

<http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Important dates next term...

Wednesday 2nd September- First day of Term 1

Friday 23rd October- Last day of Term 1

Thursday 5th November - First day of Term 2

Friday 18th December- Last day of Term 2