



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Week ending 21st September 2018

A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly apologies for any communication breakdowns last week. We are working hard to get a better system in place for club allocations and we are also in pursuit of the Gremlins in our email system!!

We have had another exciting week which started with a presentation to the school of £250 worth of books kindly donated by W W Martin Construction. The school won this for having the most number of children participating in the KM Walking to school on Wednesday (WOW) last term. Fantastic effort everyone.

Today I wanted to tell you a little bit about our school priorities this year.

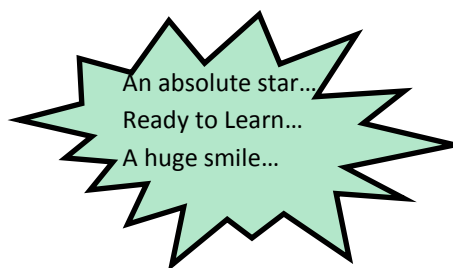
As you know we live in a world which is rich in culture and diversity. Part of the school's aims this year are to embrace this diversity and learn to become citizens who are caring, respectful and knowledgeable about the world and community they live in. Our aim is to give your children the opportunity to learn about the world and understand how we can all live alongside each other embracing our different views and beliefs. We want the children at Whitstable Junior School to understand about mutual respect and tolerance. We hope you will help us to achieve this with your children. One of the ways we can do this is to recognise when other faiths and cultures have special celebrations. Children are very curious to know about their friends exciting events. Below are the celebrations I am aware of, if you know any others please let me know and I'll add them to the next newsletter. I'm looking forward to learning about all the different things going on around the world and in our town.

Best wishes,

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Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to.....



The wider world...

Sep 19th Yom Kippur Jewish holiday

Sep 21st Ashura Muslim

Sep 24th First day of Sukkot Jewish holiday

September Harvest Festival

Attendance and punctuality.....

Whole School Attendance

98.5%

Even better than last week. Well done WJS.

100% Attendance Winners
Tarik Tiger



Class 3A

100% Punctuality Winners
Polly Penguin




Class 3A
Class 3H
Class 5P

Some interesting information...

Kent Music- We have been informed that Kent Music have a Kent Music Bursary which provides financial support to 5-18 year olds, living in Kent and Medway who meet their financial criteria. If you have a budding

pianist, violinist, drummer etc. but find the cost of lessons are just out of reach take a look at the link below you may find you are eligible for assistance. <https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>

Kent First World War Centenary Service-Sunday 23rd September –FREE ENTRY- This is taking place at The Spitfire Ground in Canterbury. It looks like there will be loads to do. Full details can be found on www.kentcentenary.co.uk

Internet Safety	Road safety	School Website
<p>Parental controls are an important way to keep your child safe online.</p> <p>Parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. And the good news is parental controls are really easy to set up. It's simple to get started. And, along with talking to your child regularly, using parental controls is one of the best ways to help keep children safe online. You'll find lots more information by clicking this link https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/</p>	<p>I understand what the morning rush is like but PLEASE think about your actions when you are dropping your children off at school.</p> 	<p>We are no longer using the School News App as we have had our website updated to be user friendly on mobile devices. Every letter will be saved to the website under parent's information, school letters. If you are unsure if you have missed any please check the website.</p> <p>We are hoping to have Whitstable Junior School Facebook Page for those of you who enjoy using social media, but I can assure you that if you don't use Facebook you won't miss any important information.</p>

This week's letters/emails sent out and on our website...

- Year 5 Able Writer- Selected Year 5 children

Dates for next week:

Monday 24th September

6T visiting The Whitstable School for science workshops

Tuesday 25th September

6H visiting The Whitstable School for photography workshops

Wednesday 26th September

Able Writers Day-selected Year 5 children

Thursday 27th September

Friday 28th September

PTFA- MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tray Bake Cake Sale for MacMillan charity (50p a slice)

6CR visiting The Whitstable School for science workshops

6T visiting The Whitstable School for Japanese workshops

Important dates coming up...

Mon 1st October – Year 3 Caribbean Dance Workshops-more info to follow

Mon 15th October- Year 6 parent's information meetings about the Kent Test process 2pm and 6pm.

Please telephone the school to let us know which meeting you are attending. Many thanks.

Wed 17th October- Parent Consultations.

Mon 29th October- Bikeability week for Year 6-info to follow.

Saturday 17th November – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-1pm