



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 16th October 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are nearly at the end of term I already. The time has flown by, probably because it has been so lovely to have the children back in their rightful place. It has been an absolute pleasure this week to chat to the children and find out what they have been enjoying learning about.



The responses have been so varied from roasting marshmallows at Quex Park Forest School, filtering dirty water in science, mastering difficult calculations, and using figurative language in rainforest descriptions. I'm always so impressed by the children's enthusiasm for the lessons they have been doing.



I have also spent some of this week getting all our Virtual Open Events ready for prospective new Year 3 parents. Unfortunately, we are being advised not to run any face to face tours this year. All schools in Whitstable are following the same advice. Please pass the message on to any friends and families who you know have a child in Year 2 and point them in the direction of our website where there is a dedicated page to Virtual Open Events.



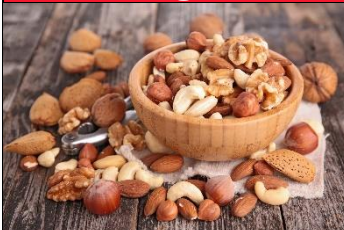
There will be a 360 Virtual Tour where you can click on different parts of the school and look around the school and grounds, you might like to take a look yourself. We have a parent, Tom Banbury, to thank for the beautiful panoramic aerial photo of the school right at the start of the tour. There are also some videos with the children telling us a little about life here. They were super stars as the photos above show. I got the feeling they were very proud to be part of the WJS community and I feel just the same.

A quick shout out to the Year 6 children who took the Kent Test this week. You were all amazing. I hope everyone in Year 6 liked the breakfast treat they were given. I meant to try some but forgot!! Finally, I want to say thank you for your patience and understanding with our first ever Virtual Parents Evening Video Calls. The evening went very smoothly with only a few technical hitches. For those parents who were unable to make the technology work your child's class teacher will be in touch to arrange a phone call before the end of term.

Happy weekend everyone.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

Nut allergies...



PLEASE DO NOT BRING PRODUCTS WITH NUTS TO SCHOOL

A reminder that we do have some children with allergies to nuts. Therefore, we ask that any snacks or packed lunches are nut free. Thank you.

Headteacher award... This Week



Scarlett was awarded the Head Teacher's award this week. She has been a super star learner, with great listening and fabulous ideas. Well done Scarlett.



Secondary School Admissions...

Applications for 2021

DON'T FORGET!!!

Secondary school applications opened on 1 September 2020 and close at midnight on the evening of 2 November 2020.

[Apply online](#)

If you cannot apply online, please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Autumn Multi-Sports Camp...

All team Sports- Suitable for ages 5—15 years. Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th November 2020. 9am — 3pm, £20 per day or £50 for 3 days. If you would like to discuss any aspects of what would be on offer then please contact Mr Kidd either via Whitstable Junior School office or via email chriskidd1976@btinternet.com



Chartwells School Dinners...

Tasty News!
YOUR ROUND UP OF THE LATEST TASTY NEWS FROM CHARTWELLS

Eat, Team to Defeat, Team!
We're delighted to announce that the Super Yummy Kitchen are a company with 100% renewable energy and 100% ethical products.

The Sugar Crackdown
In the world before COVID-19, obesity was arguably the world's largest health crisis. With our new initiatives to provide healthy, balanced food for our young people, our priority and drive to make our menus as nutritious as possible. So far, we have reduced sugar by 25% across our menu - that's 625 sugar cubes per child per year!

Welcome Back!
It's been a strange time recently but we are so happy to start welcoming you and your children back to school. We want to make returning to school as easy as possible whilst keeping everyone safe. We've been working hard behind the scenes so keep reading!

Great food in a safe place
We take the priority of our pupils, our staff and teaching colleagues very seriously which is why we have introduced social distancing and new cleaning procedures measures to help keep everyone safe. Take a look at our short video to see how we will be re-opening safely.

Medical diets
Our team of Nutritionists have developed tasty allergy aware menus for your school menu which are free of the 14 EU allergens. Our catering teams have been fully briefed on the allergy aware menus and medical diets process to ensure we can safely cater for your child.

The Super Yummy Kitchen
How-to cooking videos
We have recently launched our brand new YouTube channel packed with fun, cook-along videos. Chef Andrew Culinary Director, Chef Aileaga McEvedy (MBE) and Chefs from across the world have come together to create fun videos supported by educational activities linked to the curriculum to keep the nation's children entertained whilst providing them with yummy, healthy snacks made using ingredients from the cupboard.

[Link to School Meals Menu](#)

So many tasty meals that cost only £2.35 and you can pay using Parent pay or send cash in to the school office.

Letters ...

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website.

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

Term Dates...

Term 1

October

19th Geometry Week

21st Early parents Eve-3:30-6:30pm (information has been emailed)

23rd Term 1 ends

Half Term Holiday-Monday 26th Oct to Wednesday 4th Nov

26th – 30th October – AMPM running holiday club, so please contact them if you need to use it

2 – 4th November – Mr Kidd Sports Camp – please contact the office for information/see our website

November

5th Term 2 starts for staff and children

w/c 9th November – Mr Kidd's after school clubs start running

w/c 9th November – Individual music lessons start again

w/c 9th November – Bikeability for year 6

11th November – 4O Micro Forest School sessions in school

12th November – 5L Micro Forest School sessions in school

18th November – 5M Micro Forest School sessions in school

25th November – 5T Micro Forest School sessions in school

26th November – 6H Micro Forest School sessions in school

2nd December – 6RM Micro Forest School sessions in school

18th December – End of term 2

4th January 2021 – Start of term 3